

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
April 30, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday April 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Cindy Silver, Chair; Kevin Meehan and Tom Brady members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Biff Wyman

Cindy Silver opened the regular Select Board meeting at 7:02 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 23, 2018 Select Board meeting as presented. Tom Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

Invoices were approved for payment May 7, 2018.

Mark Dubois reported that they will start grading this week the frost is starting to come out.

Regarding the Int'l, Bert Gilbert has it torn down to change the head gasket. There is no guarantee that the problem is the gasket. If we are going to keep the truck it is recommended to rebuild the engine. It had been suggested that we have two trucks, that being the case where the motor is torn down now is the time to rebuild it. The cost would be somewhere around \$20,000. A brief discussion followed.

Kevin made a motion to have the motor rebuilt at a cost up to \$20,000 without further approval. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mark said that he had checked the erosion that was reported near the Larcomb Road. Mark said that in his opinion that the erosion is below the bridge and does not threaten the Larcomb Road. He looked at the pictures that were provided. There are two spillways for the runoff from the pond that keep getting filled in. The Town has cleaned, however someone keeps filling them in again therefore the water has no place to go but through the campground. Mark asked the Board to go with him to view the site. The Board will meet Mark at the site May 7th at 6:00 pm.

Biff Wyman was in to discuss with the Board how they were going to go about informing the public the options of the school property. Mr. Wyman believes that the Board should investigate whether there is a market for the property if the Town was to take the property with the intention of selling it. Mr. Wyman says that he has seen a number of school properties that are just sitting unused. Mr. Wyman thinks that the Towns people need to know what all the options are before making any decision as to whether to accept the building or not. Cindy told Mr. Wyman that there would be informational meetings before the meeting to vote was held.

The loan papers for the fire truck was signed in the amount of \$190,000. The Tax Anticipation Note was also signed for the amount of \$750,000 to be used as needed.

Kevin brought up the school property saying that he thinks that before any time and money is spent investigating the best use of the property that it would be appropriate to hold the meeting to see if the Town's people want the property first. There was a discussion on this matter. Tom and Kevin agreed that the meeting to determine if the Town wants the property should be held first.

Cindy will contact Mr. Wyman to let him know of the change.

The Board discussed the time frame to hold a "special town meeting. The Board decided to have the meeting Tuesday May 29, 2018 at 7:00 pm. If this date doesn't work for everyone then the second choice is June 5, 2018. Lynne Holland, moderator will be contacted as well as the Supervisors. Linda will check on the posting requirements.

The Planning Board is in the process of updating the road standards. The engineer Burr Phillips, that is working on the standards has said that in some towns the Selectmen accept and approve the road standards and determine when the standards apply. One question that is being asked is if the new standards should be applied to previously accepted roads.

Kevin said that the Planning Board is trying to get a clear and up to date set of standards going forward for the sub-division regulations.

The Select Board said that they would think that any new standards would be applied to all new roads. They do not believe that you can go back on a previously accepted road.

Mr. Phillips has said that he is available to attend the Planning Board meeting on either the May meeting. The Select Board would like to attend the meeting and May 22nd would work the best. Linda will let the Planning Board secretary know.

Cindy said that Josh Smith had contacted her saying the Cystic Fibrosis group would like to use the Couture ball field May 26 through 28 for the softball tournament fund raiser. May 28 will be the rain date if needed. The Board approved the request.

Cindy said that she had gotten the pole information from Kate Savage and Dan Gates and that Kate would be forwarding an attachment sketch. This information should complete the application. CEDC approved the \$500.00 grant request for the pole banners.

Tom made a motion to authorize the chair to sign the application to Eversource to allow the installation of the pole banners. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion Carries.

An estimate for fencing at the Forrest Hicks ball field for batting cages on each dugout was submitted. Cindy said that there is no safe place for batters to practice. The batting cages will be on the end of the dugouts with a door into the dugout and three sides. The total cost is \$1680. Aaron Gross said that there is \$500 left in the funds that Bonnie Hicks has. Jason Call said that where this is a capital improvement the funds in the Athletic Fund would be an acceptable use. Cindy was asked if the Athletic Association had any funds to put toward this purchase. Yes.

Kevin made a motion to approve the amount of \$840 and withdraw the same from the ATF to cover half the cost of batting cage fencing. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries.

North Country Council will be holding a hearing on approving part of Route 116 as part of the scenic

trails system. The hearing will be at the Town Office Monday May 7, at 6:30.

The next meeting will be May 7, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,