

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
May 7, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday May 7, 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 7:00 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 30, 2018 Select Board meeting as presented. Tom Brady seconded the motion. A grammar correction and change wording 5th sentence on page 2 were made. Motion carries as corrected.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

Invoices were approved for payment May 14, 2018.

Cindy said that she had spoken with Biff Wyman and asked him to come in to relay his thoughts regarding the school property to the the Board.

Mr. Wyman said that he has talked with a commercial real estate agent who has said the selling schools and churches have a two to ten year turn-a-round depending on the market. It is a struggle to sell odd types of properties. The other issue is the responsibility to the Town in overseeing the management of the property until it is sold.

Mr. Wyman asked how do people make a decision without specific information.

Kevin stated that it should be up to the Town's people to tell the Board what they want for information. There may be nothing wanted if the people do not want to accept the property. Why go to the expense of getting information if it is not needed.

The first question that has to be answered is does the Town want the property. If the property is taken then Town's people will have many considerations to consider.

Mr. Wyman stated that there is a liability in taking the building. There will be a lot of questions that are going to need to be answered. Taking the property could cost the Town more than expected.

Mark Dubois said that they were working on grading the Turnpike. Mark was told about the washout on the Ingerson Road above the cemetery. He will check it out.

Regarding the Int'l, Mark said that he had been helping Burt with the repairs. Burt said that the repairs should be about \$17,000. He has ordered a new head, once all the parts are in it should be about 2 weeks to complete the work.

The Board discussed the issues on the Larcomb Road and at the Israel River Campground. The culverts need to be cleaned out as well as the ditch. The run off from the pond and the overflow pipe create some problems.

The Board decided to ask Josee Cote owner of the Campground to come in to discuss the problems and perhaps some fixes that she and the Town could accomplish. Linda was asked to do a letter.

Alex Belense of North Country Council held a hearing this evening regarding the addition of Route 116 between Jefferson and Whitefield to the Presidential Range Trail Scenic Byway. There was no public attendees at the hearing, other than the Select Board did attend. The addition will complete a northern loop of this byway that will provide access to amenities in Jefferson and Whitefield. The only restriction to this area would be no new off-site advertising allowed.

The Board agreed that the addition of Route 116 from Jefferson to Whitefield to the byway system would be good for the area. The Board will support the addition to the byway and write a letter to North Country in support.

Two building permits were reviewed. Carol Ribner will be having a solar array installed. The permit was approved and a copy will be given to the Fire Chief.

Nichlas Saragosa submitted a permit to construct a barn. The permit was approved.

Cindy reported that Lucas Simino will get the door replaced this summer at the snack shop at the ballfield. The cost should be about \$300. He will donate his time.

Atlantic Recycling is offering a 10% discount on compactor maintenance for May. The full cost is \$1350 less 10% for a total of \$1215. The compactor is due for maintenance. The Board approved the maintenance at \$1215.

Linda reported that the recycling container has to be replaced, the floor is beyond repair. There is money in the CRF fund to cover the purchase. Linda asked the Board for permission to get a quote. She will check to see if there is a possibility of someone else needing a container in the area, perhaps the freight cost could be shared. The Board approved the request.

The next meeting will be May 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,