

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday July 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Norman Brown, Chairman; and Tom Brady members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Roy Parkhurst, Ron Medeiros, Gil & Sherry Finch, Les Hilton, Maurice Dubois, Kim Perry, Doris Perry

Norman Brown opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The warrants were signed. Terri Larcomb was in to pickup signed warrants and sign checks.

Tom Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 Selectmen meetings as presented. Norman seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The June 29, 2015 meeting was canceled.

Roy Parkhurst introduced himself as president of the newly formed Jefferson OHRV Club. Mr. Parkhurst listed the clubs officers and board of directors. It was stated the the OHRV club is separate from the Waumbek Methna Snowmachine Club. There were a number of snowmachine members that were interested in starting an ATV club. In creating the new club Mr. Parkhurst states that the support of everyone is needed. The newly formed club will be meeting again to develop bylaws as well as determining how to be registered and what needs to be done for the Towns approval. At this point in time no trails have been established, this will be a work in progress. The object for the new club in Jefferson would be to connect with Lancaster and Gorham. This would allow for connection to the Ride the Wilds system. It was stated that there are three campgrounds, two motels and gas station in Jefferson and it would be the intentions of the OHRV Club to connect to all of these businesses. The hardest thing to accomplish is developing a trails system. The Club wants to make sure the the Town is informed, and to get help from the Town as well.

Norman Brown said that a trails system should support the local businesses and not just be a connector to the all ready established Ride the Wilds system. There will be private, State and Town accesses that will have to be acquired. Mr. Parkhurst said that they will need to work with public from all aspects. Private property owners will be covered by the same insurance as the snowmachines are now.

The OHRV club members can be trained and do trail patrol. They will not have the same authority as law enforcement, however they can inform riders of the rules of the trail. Most of the use would be on the weekends. Les Hilton said that in talking to other clubs like Milan and Gorham they have gotten some good ideas as to how to go forward with making this work.

Doris Perry states that she live within fifty feet of the current rails trail(the old railroad bed) and that when the State took over the railroad beds that the State had promised that there would be no ATV use of the rail trail. There are numerous water lines that run under the old railroad bed. Jefferson does not

need ATV's, it is a rural community. They will cause property values to decrease.

Norman states that this is what this process is all about to continue discussion on everyone's concerns. This is only a concept nothing is set.

Gil Finch stated that there is grant money the club would apply for that would cover the cost of building and maintaining a trails system. There is no anticipated cost to the Town.

Tom Brady said that any trail system will need to connect the local business or there will be opposition. Mrs. Perry said that ATV will decrease the property values. Tom said that in many cases having access to the trails have increased the value of property. Businesses have to find new ways to survive. As far as ATV's and pollution, they have to go through the same pollution controls as other vehicles.

Maurice Dubois stated that the rails trail does not have to be used. This is why we need to be able to work with the Town. Ron Medeiros said this is why we(the club) want the Selectman's help. Other Towns let the clubs use town roads.

Tom informed the public that he was a County Commissioner as well as a Selectman. He worked to get trails from Berlin north. There were problems in Errol that the County Commissioners were able to find a solution for. We need to find out where the problems may be and a way to resolve them.

Mr. Parkhurst thanked the Board for their time and stated that he would keep the Town informed as to how they were progressing.

Alan and Melissa Phillips have not vacated the property on Bailey Road. The eviction notice was served in May and June 15, 2015 was the date for eviction. The Selectmen agree that Attorney Whitley should proceed with the necessary court papers. Linda will contact his office.

Two pistol permits were approved and signed.

To update the Board regarding the power line relocation onto the Bergum property. Mr. Bergum met with Eversource, Beattie Enterprise and Clayton Christie. After viewing the site and listening to the concerns of Mr. Bergum it was determined that the lines would only be moved on a temporary basis. When the bridge work is done the lines will be moved back to the west side of the road.

A building permit for Erik Bergum to construct a new house on his property at 190 Ingerson Road. Tom questioned what was going to be done with the cabin on the lot. Linda stated that Ben Southworth had told her the cabin was being removed and that started a week ago. The building permit was approved.

The next meeting will be July 13, 2015, at 6:00 pm.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Norman seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,