

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
July 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday July 16, 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; Chris Milligan, Fire Chief

Cindy Silver opened the regular Select Board meeting at 7:03 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Tom Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Select Board meeting as presented. Kevin seconded the motion. A motion to amend was presented and seconded. Motion to amend was approved. The minutes as amended were approved.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

Invoices were approved for payment July 23, 2018.

Pole license was signed for Eversource.

The audit representation letter to Roberts and Greene was signed.

A yield tax bill was signed. The yield tax warrant in the of \$14,545.76 was signed and issued to the Tax Collector.

It was reported that Mark Dubois would look at the pot holes at the railroad crossings. The railroad keeps the tracks cleaned out so any gravel that is put in they clean out.

Tom asked that the grass in the paved swale on the Ingerson Road be sprayed. This will prevent the pavement from braking up.

The Board started to discuss some of the questions that have been received and how to organize a survey. It was suggested that a question/statement be made and ask that it be rated from strongly agree, agree, somewhat agree or strongly disagree. Then it was discussed who should be sent the survey, tax payers, registered voters, do you limit the survey to 1 per household or anyone that would like a survey. There was no decision made. It was asked to get a list of all tax payers and registered voters so that the two list could be compared.

Cindy mentioned that Bernadette Nay had called her. Ms. Nay said that about 50% of the residents do not have or use social media to get information. Ms. Nay suggested that a posting in the newspaper would be beneficial to notify people that the Board is looking for suggestions for questions on the survey. One other thing that Ms. Nay said should be on the survey is a projected cost at 50% use of the building at a per thousand cost.

Cindy stated that Tara Giles of the Democrat had called last week asking for an update on the special Town Meeting on the school property. Cindy told Ms. Giles some of the items that were discussed at the meeting as well as the vote results. Cindy called her back after speaking with Ms. Nay and asked if the statement regarding the Board taking questions for a survey be included in the article. Also Cindy said that she spoke to the Caledonia Record and something will be in the paper on Tuesday.

Plan NH does community design charrett programs. They did a very nice plan for Ashland, NH. Their cost is \$6000. It was suggested that someone to facilitate the cottage meetings would be needed. As there is no money at this point that could be used for this it was suggested to check with North Country Council and the NH Municipal Association.

Chris Milligan returned after responding to a EMS call. Chris presented a quote for 6 new radios with speaker/mic, cases and spare batteries in the amount of \$9,778.65. These radios would be used by the officers and are P25 complaint. He said that he had requested funding when he presented the budget last fall. The Board approved the purchase.

Chris stated that on the new tanker they did not get a backup camera installed. The camera will cost \$360 and is scheduled to be installed in the next couple of weeks. While the service person is here the pumps on E1, 2 and 3 will be done.

The Fire Department has had 25 call to date.

Regarding the Hillside Cemetery Chris stated that he has contacted North Country Fence to get a quote on replace the front gate.

Chris stated that he will get to the pillars at the Starr King Cemetery soon. He had planned to have it done by now.

The Board went back to discussing the survey for the school property. Tom stated that he would check with someone at the County to possibly get some names and cost to facilitate any meetings with regards to the school property.

Cindy said that the Board had been given some information that Debbie Dubois had provided. This includes steps for creating a community survey.

After much discussion on the survey questions, how to distribute, who to distribute to Cindy said that she would take the questions that have been submitted and put them into a format for the Boards review. Tom and Kevin agreed. This will be a start.

The walk through for the Jefferson School building has been rescheduled to August 21st at 10:30 am.

The next meeting will be July 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,