

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday July 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Jennifer Foster; Bruce Hicks

Tom Brady opened the regular meeting at 6:36 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.

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2016 Selectmen Meeting as amended. Tom Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Tom Brady turned the meeting over to Kevin Meehan upon his arrival.

Mark Dubois reported that the chloride system is working good and should make a big difference in the roads. He will be working on getting the culvert in on the Ingerson Road. Tom suggested that it may be a good time to try to widen the corner out to make it safer. There was some discussion regarding the right-of-way for the road. The pins for the property boundaries should be at the edge of the right-of-way. That being the case Tom said that there is plenty of room to widen the road out. Mark asked the Board if they had made any decision as to the material they would like him to use to resurface the road from roughly the bridge back beyond the Cook property. The Board did not have a preference as to what material to use. Mark was asked if he thought mixing the gravel and ledge pak was the best solution. Mark said that each material separately has it's own issue. If the gravel and ledge pak is mixed he believes that the base will be what is needed. The Board agreed with Mark to try mixing both materials.

Mark said that he has to replace a culvert on Enman Drive and Turnpike Road. Cindy asked if Mark would look at the culvert on Israels River Road to the west of her driveway. There is a double culvert and one is filled with sand. Mark said that he had asked the fire department to try and flush it out. He will speak with Chris Milligan again.

Jennifer Foster was in to discuss the assessment of the greenhouses on her property. Ms. Foster had spoke with John Trumbull back in the fall regarding the assessment and received a letter from the Selectboard in January. According to the RSA a commercial greenhouse is tax exempt if not permanently fixed. Ms. Foster states that there is no fixed floor, no electrical or other fixed fixtures. The letter received from the Selectboard states that is their decision that the greenhouses are affixed to a foundation and has electrical service. This is not the case, you need to have something for framing to hold the hoops. The only thing that is permanent is the retail section in the front of the large greenhouse. Ms. Foster asked if the Board would reconsider this assessment. She would like to if at all possible take care of this next week as she will not be available after the 30th. She did say that her

brother Bruce Hicks would handle things for her if it could not be done before the 30th. Also in looking at the current assessment card she questioned what the assessment for a hearth was. She said the only thing that she has is a brick pad under the wood stove that goes directly into the chimney. The Board said that the assessor would look at that when he revisited the greenhouse and explain it to her.

Linda was asked to contact John Trumbull to meet with the Board and Mr. Foster on July 28 if at all possible.

Cindy said that she would like to be kept up to date on anything regarding the Hicks Field. She was not aware that Mark Dubois was not going to do the playground. Bruce Hicks had said that Forrest Hicks would be doing the playground after all.

Frederick Lovejoy has responded to the abatement decision of his property on Belle Hunt Road specifically lot 37. Mr. Lovejoy says that lot 37 does not exist. There was some discussion regarding the letter. It was asked if this issue was addressed in the original abatement. The Board requested that John Trumbull be contacted about this issue.

The next meeting will be held Monday July 25, 2016 6:30 pm.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,