

TOWN OF JEFFERSON  
SELECT BOARD  
July 23, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday July 23, 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; Mark Dubois, Hwy Foreman; Mary Gross, Tax Collector

Cindy Silver opened the regular Select Board meeting at 7:04 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Select Board meeting as presented. Tom Brady 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 30, 2018.

A building permit from Wendy Majkut was reviewed for a 16x24 shed was approved.

A notice from the Rotary Club of Lancaster was received informing the Board that they would be holding their annual Mustang Raffle on Thursday August 2, 2018 at the Bellevue Barn. There may also be a 50/50 drawing, silent auction and/or a bucket drop for donated items.

Mark Dubois presented a quote from Central Paving to pave the entrance at the intersection of Turnpike and Route 116, This would include both entrances for a cost of \$11,000. It was asked if this had to be bid out. No there is no policy that requires bidding. Mark stated that this is about as good a price as you will get. Kevin agreed.

Kevin made a motion to accept the quote from Central Paving in the amount of \$11,000 to pave the entrances at the Turnpike intersection with Route 116, with \$10,000 to come from the Highway Maintenance CRF and \$1,000 from the general budget, and authorize the Chair to sign the quote. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mark reported that they have been ditching on the Walker Road. The ditches had gotten filled in from previous years and needed to be cleaned. There is more ditching and work that needed to be done on the Valley Road. More gravel needs to be hauled for road coverage.

Mark asked the Board if they wanted to put the JCB backhoe out to bid. There was some discussion as to what a minimum bid should be. The machine is thought to be a 1996 and it has 9000 hours on it and is a 4-wheel drive machine. It was decided that a minimum bid of \$13,000 would be appropriate. Linda and Mark will put together a bid request. Once the bid is prepared the Board will review it before being sent to the papers.

Mark said that they would start work on the bus turn-around. The work will be done when not working on the other roads. It will be slow work as there needs to be gravel hauled in, graded and sloped. It will be a couple of years before it is ready to pave and money in replenished in the CRF.

Mary Gross was in to discuss the possible tax deeding and bankruptcy that has been filed. Mary said that the bankruptcy required a proof of claim and had a deadline to file. The deadline was missed. What this means is that the Town can not take the property until after the bankruptcy has been completed or the person defaults. This filing is on the 2017 taxes. The interest still accrues. The pending deed list was presented. There are 11 properties that still owe 2015 taxes. One is the Paul Deignan property which the Town has instructed the Tax Collector not to deed per RSA 80:76 II-a and III. Six properties should be paid before the deadline. Three properties the owners have not made any attempt to pay taxes since the property was deeded to them. They have received the certified mail so notice has been given. One property the owner has two parcels the parcel on the pending deed they paid part of the bill and the balance remains unpaid. Notice has been sent regular mail and certified with no response. August 8, 2018 is the pending deed date.

The Board reviewed the "quitclaim deed" for the school property as presented by Attorney Spector-Morgan and Attorney Loughman. If this deed is acceptable to the Board our attorney will notify the District's attorney. The Board approved the deed as written.

Linda reported that she had contacted North Country Council regarding possible facilitating any cottage meeting the Board may hold regarding the school property. Michelle Moren-Grey had several questions as to what the Board was looking for. Ms. Moren-Grey was willing to come into a meeting to talk with the Board. Linda said that she scheduled Ms. Moren-Grey for the meeting July 30, 2018. The Board though this would be good to talk to her.

Cindy presented the list of questions that she had drafted. It was decided as Ms. Moren-Grey is coming in next week to hold off full review of the questions until after meeting with her.

Liz Milligan, Library Trustee will also be in on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

It was asked if Linda was going to be on vacation next week. No just Friday. Tom asked if Linda was not at a meeting if someone would be available to take minutes. Linda said that the type recorder is there with a new tape and that Charlene Wheeler may also be available.

Cindy said that the employee succession plan could be tabled for now.

Santa's Village had contacted Cindy to see if they could use the Forrest Hicks Field on July 25, 2018 for an annual outing the Village does. There is no problem with this.

Cindy asked if there was electricity in the Mead property next to her property? Linda said that the Town has no way of knowing. Eversource should be contacted to verify.

It has been suggested that a flood light be installed at the fire hydrant at the Waumbek. It was stated that the fire trucks have lights so it should not be an issue.

The next meeting will be July 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,