

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday August 3, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Duane Hall, Mark Lufkin, Whitefield Selectmen; Shawn White, Whitefield Road Agent

Norman Brown opened the regular meeting at 6:00 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 will be in later to pickup signed warrants and sign checks.

Tom Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2015 Selectmen meetings as presented. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Mark Dubois stated that the chloride arrived last week. He has picked up some culverts from Presby Steel. They are steel culverts, because a lot of the plastic culverts are not holding up, they are crushing. The steel culvert have a 30-year life span.

The Frank Kenison Road needs to be graded and ditched. A&B is making more of the 3/4" gravel which will be a good product for the Town to use on the roads. Norman asked if the material that is on the road in front of the Cook property on the Ingerson Road could be skimmed off and used around the bridge and new material put down. Mark said no, because it is only covering the rocks that are there. The new material will be put over what is there. Mark said that he plans on working on the Ingerson Road this week and will haul gravel and be cleaning the ditches.

Norman asked Mark what the cost to Jefferson would be to maintain the Airport Road. To maintain the road for regular traffic would not be that much. The cost increase would be if the road is to be maintained for the truck traffic going into Whitefield. If Jefferson is to maintain the road weight limits should be imposed and posted no through truck.

Mark commented that he does not have an issue working with Whitefield to do some of the work on the road, however, Whitefield needs to take the lead. If we go in there and start doing the work we are going to have to continue.

Norman said that he had spoken to Presby Steel, their trucks only weigh about 10,000 pounds and don't use the road often. He also spoke to the Whitefield Power, they would like at least a 2-week notice if any change is made.

Tom asked what roads are going to be graded. Mark said that he would be grading the Frank Kenison Road and Ingerson Road from Pond Safety to Cook's. Tom asked if the ditches are going to be clean as

well. Yes the ditches will be done just as soon as possible from Winsor's down through. Mark was asked if the quote for paving the ditch on the hill had been received yet? Not yet, Mark has asked Central for a quote and will have them include the cemetery entrance.

Duane Hall, Mark Lufkin and Shawn White of Whitefield were in to discuss the maintenance of the Airport Road. Mr. White said they were here because of the letter that Jefferson had sent regarding the road. Mr. Hall said that he felt the letter was a threat. Norman said that the concern of Jefferson is the road and preserving the road. The agreement from the Town of Whitefield in 1990 and the confirming letter of 2001 state that Whitefield was to maintain the road.

Mr. White said that he had done some checking with the original signers of the agreement and found that the State was the party that had requested that the Airport Road be used to access the Power Plant not Whitefield. They wanted to keep the traffic out of the center of Whitefield off the State road. Back then Jefferson did not have the funds to up grade the road so Whitefield agreed to do it and the State paved the hill. Over the years with the help of the former Jefferson Road Agent, Whitefield has maintained the road. Mr. White says the past couple of years things have changed. In the Spring of this year Jefferson Selectmen came to Whitefield about the road. It was agreed that Jefferson would help maintain the road. In talking to Mark Dubois, Mr. White said that Mark told him that the Selectmen didn't want him to do anything on the road. Mr. White said that he had graded the road last week. Norman again said that the concern of Jefferson is to maintain the road base, the ditches have not been cleaned and the wash out has not been repaired.

Mr. White said that if Jefferson insist on restricting the weight limit on the road that it is going to effect major Jefferson residents more than anyone else as they use the road to get to the Power Plant. He asked if Jefferson got Highway Block Grant money, this money is to be used for highway maintenance. Norman stated that the amount of money received for a quarter mile of road wasn't enough to maintain it.

Mr. Hall said that we are done with this agreement, and they left the meeting.

The Selectmen said that in fairness to all business that they would be noticed before any changes are made. Letters will be sent to Presby Environmental, JWS Logging and the Whitefield Power & Light. There will also be an ad placed in the local newspapers. After some discussion September 1, 2015 will be the effective date of the change. This will give time to get the signs and them installed.

In discussing how the road should be posted, Mark said that he believes that all trucks should be kept off the road. That can not be done because service trucks have to be able to service the two properties located there. It was suggested that a weight limit suitable to cover a loaded fuel truck should be posted(12 tons). Linda was asked to check.

It was decided that posting effective 9/1/15 of the Airport Road would be "no thru truck" and "weight limit 12 ton(or suitable fuel truck weight).

Tom asked if any other roads in Jefferson have the same restrictions. Yes, Israels River Road, Whipple Road and the Turnpike Road.

Chris Milligan has gotten the quote back for the rock facing to do the pillars for the pillars at Starr King Cemetery. The cost to do the wall and pillars would be \$9100. Repair on one stone foundation, which would include the dismantling the sphere and replacing a 3' by 3' by 3' foundation is estimated at \$600.

It was asked if this would complete all the work at the cemetery. Linda said that she thought it would. Tom said that he would prefer that Chris be here before making any decision, that way all question can be answered. Linda will contact Chris asking him to attend the 8/10 meeting.

The next meeting will be August 10, 2015, at 6:30 pm.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted