

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday August 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen

Thomas Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week and signed the warrants. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The warrants were signed and bills approved for payment.

Norman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 28, 2014 Selectmen minutes. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Linda Cushman reported that Mr. Phillips brought in a check on the 30th and said they intend to keep the monthly schedule.

Tom reviewed the minutes of the newly created North Country Scenic Byways Council(NCSBC). Tom stated that this may be a much better approach for funding to do a crossing at Santa's Village. The letter from Geoffrey Sewake is asking the Town if they would like to do one of three options regarding the newly created council:

- 1)agree to participate, but not designate a representative to the NCSBC, or
- 2)agree to participate, and designate a representative to the NCSBC, or
- 3)decline to participate and affirmatively reject membership in the group

Tom said that he feels that the Board should reply to this letter stating that we wish to join and will designate a representative very soon. There was some further discussion regarding the make up of the council, where the byways were located and such.

Norman made a motion to join the NCSBC and appoint a representative. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

Norman made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the letter of intent for the Transportation Alternatives Program grant. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Norman stated that the letter of intent did not comment the Town to anything, don't know if it is viable or not. The Board should do whatever they can to improve public safety. Kevin stated that it should be put in the letter that the Town would not be responsible for the 20% of the project. We are not filing the application only saying that we would like to file an application. Tom stated that he he believes that \$350,00 is unreasonable. There is going to be more work entailed than what has been stated. Who is going to pay for the engineering cost. Norman said that \$350,000 is an estimate. Tom said that he would rather see a letter of intent be sent for sidewalks in town from the Soldiers Monument to the

North Road turn where the new library will go. It was stated that in putting in new sidewalks that right of ways will have to be purchased. It was also stated that having sidewalks really are not going to do much good if a crosswalk cannot be established. This could be done in two phases, first redo the current sidewalk then when the library is built do the second phase. Tom said that he would like to sent a letter of intent for the sidewalk. The Board agreed that two letters could be sent. Tom said that he wants it stated that there will be no municipal funds spent on the crossing project. He said that he and Kevin both have had persons voice concerns that they don't feel Town money should be spent on this project. The only other thing is that all Selectmen should sign both letters.

The motion was amended to include a second letter of intent for phase I sidewalk project. The amended motion was seconded and carries.

The motion to authorize two letters of intent be signed and forwarded to NHDOT for the TAP funding carries.

Linda was asked to draw up the LOI for the sidewalk project and ad all Selectmen names to both letters. Everyone will be available Tuesday to sign the letters. Tom said that if he got out of his Tuesday meeting in time he would take the letters to Concord, but mail them just in case.

The Library Committee chair, Mary Gross has asked the Town to be the sponsor for the Committee so that they can apply and receive funds from the Tillotson Fund. There has been an issue with the Friends of the Library's tax exempt status otherwise they would do this. The Town would receive the funds on behalf of the Committee. The funds will cover the cost of Kathleen Kelley's work regarding fund raising. The Chairman was authorized to sign the sponsorship agreement.

The Selectmen signed the TAN note for the amount of \$750,000 at an interest rate of .85%. Funds are only taken as needed.

Norman reported that he will be meeting with a Presby representative, who is a combat vet to look at the work that needs to be done on the retaining wall at the Honor Roll. DOT has some granite curbing for sale. It is \$1.75 per linear foot. Norman said that he is requesting up to \$225 to purchase some of this curbing. The curbing can be used for dividers at the Honor Roll. Kevin made a motion to authorize up to \$225 to purchase granite curbing from DOT. Norman seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Tom asked if there has been any work done at the Starr King Cemetery to redo the pillars. Norman said that they have redone one pillar with bigger stone which is more comparable.

The next meeting will be August 11, 2014. Linda said that she will be out of the office on August 12 and 14.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,