

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday August 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Chris Milligan, Sexton; Christian Gainer; Jack Tillotson; Cindy Colby; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer

Norman Brown opened the regular meeting at 6:45 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 later to pickup signed warrants and sign checks.

Tom Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2015 Selectmen meetings as presented. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The Board reviewed a email from Executive Councilor Joe Kenney regarding the Airport Road. David Presby had contacted him saying that Jefferson and Whitefield could not work out issues to continue the inter-town agreement for the use of the Airport Road to provide truck access to the businesses in Whitefield located on the Airport Road. Norman said that he would respond to Councilor Kenney.

Joyce Dupont of Lancaster has asked if there could be an exception made to the price of a non-resident cemetery plot in the Kilkenny Cemetery. Her sister-in-law would like to have a plot in the same cemetery as her brother. The Selectmen said that if they start making exception now that it will set a precedence. The reason for the non-residence price is to account for continual care.

Chris Milligan was in to answer questions regarding the quote to do the work at Starr King Cemetery. Norman stated that we are trying to get to an end point at one cemetery before moving to another. Will the \$9700 complete the work at Starr King. Chris said that at some point there a couple of small foundations that should be replaced, this would be routine maintenance. There is one section of stones that need to be cleaned which is planned for this year. The cleaning comes out of the operating budget. With the work that has been proposed this will finish the cemetery. At some point the front wall should be done but it is nothing that should be done in the near future. A local resident has said they would like to do the wall work at some point. Norman asked what condition the vault was in. It is in very good condition. There are some fence sections and the broken stones that were replaced from the Riverton Cemetery.

Kevin made a motion to accept the quoted of \$9700 to finish the work at the Starr King Cemetery. Tom seconded the motion, motion carries.

Chris said that the State Fire Marshall had completed their inspection of the Bellevue Barn and has approved the facility. Chris stated he has issued the occupancy permit. Every thing has been done as

required.

The TX2500 radios that the Fire Department and the EMS are using are reaching their life expectancy. Chris said that he would like to purchase 2 new VHF radios for the EMS people, the cost would be \$936 each programmed. He said that he will start scheduling a limited number of replacements each year so that there won't be a large expense all at one time. The Selectmen agree to the purchase of 2 radios as long as there is money in the budget.

Chris reported that the fireman did a great job at the barn fire Saturday morning keeping it from spreading to any other buildings. The fire was at the Foster property on Bailey Road. At this point there has been no determination as to the cause.

Jefferson Fire Department responded to the tent collapse in Lancaster last Monday. Chris stated that as it happened to be most of the Firemen were in Lancaster attending the wake for member Mark Corrigan's wife. They are having debriefing and after action reports.

Christian Gainer was in to ask some question as to what he would need to do looking at expanding the Lantern Campground. Mr. Gainer asked about what is a structure, is a concrete pad a structure, what about pavement, is a utility hookup considered a structure. He was told that a structure is anything that built that would be a type of building. No, a utility hookup is not a structure. Regarding pavement and concrete pads this would depend on the use, it could be assessed in the assessment of the property. Mr. Gainer asked about setbacks from a brook or stream. He was told that that is regulated by DES not the Town. As far as layout and site work these issues should be taken to the Planning Board. If cabins are going to be added this may be an issue that needs to go the Board of Adjustments. Kevin said that Mr. Gainer should make an appointment with the Planning Board with his question, they will work with him to make sure he is on the correct track.

Mr. Gainer asked about Current Use penalties and how they were assessed. He was told that the penalty is based on the true and fair market value of the property that is being taken out of Current Use. If a lot already has a portion that is not in Current Use an additional land taken out of Current Use may be assessed as excess land and valued at a lower price than the original building site.

Mr. Gainer also asked about a possible repeater tower for cell service. This question would have to go to the Planning Board and/or Board of Adjustments.

Mr. Gainer was told that the Selectmen only review and approve building permits and enforce the regulations. The Planning Board and Board of Adjustments are the planning boards.

Mr. Tillotson was in to ask the Selectmen where they are in the process of issuing a permit for his access to the Ingerson Family Cemetery so to set the stone. Norman told Mr. Tillotson that he was waiting for a time schedule from Barry Normandeau. The Selectmen want to be able to outline a time schedule in the permit before issuing it. Mr. Tillotson said that he would meet with Mr. Normandeau and get the schedule. He asked how long it would take the Selectmen to issue a permit once they have the time schedule. Norman said that it would be ready for review at the next meeting.

Norman will be attending the eviction hearing for Allan and Melissa Phillips Tuesday. The Selectmen agreed that if a settlement could be reached they would accept payment of the 2013 and 2014 taxes with out penalty. The property would go back on the 2015 tax roll.

The next meeting will be August 17, 2015, at 6:00 pm.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted