

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
August 14, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Mark Dubois, Road Foreman; Dana Southworth; John Braga

Tom Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:03 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2017 Select Board meeting as written. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

The invoices were reviewed and approved for payment August 21, 2017.

Dana Southworth and John Braga were in to discuss Mr. Braga's projects at his property at 268 Meadows Road. Mr. Southworth explained that an 8x10 foot addition to the cabin is needed as a utility room to house the inverter for solar power. The cabin is off the grid. Mr. Braga explained that his plan is to be moving to the property in the future and electricity is necessary. The solar array would be to provide power to the cabin. The second building on the property is a storage shed. There was a question about having a second dwelling. Kevin explained that the change to the land use ordinance had to do with accessory dwellings. This is similar to an in-law apartment, it has to be part of the original building.

The Board said that there should be no problems with what has been present by Mr. Southworth and Mr. Braga. Kevin did mention that when a solar unit is installed that the Fire Department should be contacted to view the setup. This is so that the Fire Department knows what to expect should there be an emergency at the property and know where the disconnect is. The only other issue is that the access to the property needs to be improved. Mr. Braga said that he would check into this and talk with the Fire Chief.

A building permit will be needed for the addition.

Mr. Southworth and Mr. Braga thanked the Board for their time and information.

Mark Dubois said that he had called Dig Safe to mark the Stag Hollow Road before he does any work there as there are underground utilities. Once that is done he will check to see what needs to be done for ditching. Mark said that does not think there is a lot that can be done,

The Chairman asked Mark if he had any information on the delivery of the new backhoe. Mark stated that he has contacted the salesman but did not have an answer yet.

There was discussion about the grass growing around the pavement on the west entrance of the Ingerson Road and the effect it could have on the pavement. Mark said that they could spray the grass to get rid of it.

Mark was asked where he thought that the additional Highway Grant money would be best used. Mark said that purchasing gravel for the roads would be the best use of the money. Most of the Town roads need gravel to bring them back up to a good condition.

Cindy asked if there were any bridges or culverts that would be better to put the money towards. The amount of funds will not do enough to complete a project. The Chambers Road bridge or Larcomb Road bridge to make any improvements to would cost many times more than what we have received.

Mark was asked to prepare a list of what roads and the amount of material needed to bring the base up to a good condition and bring it back to the Board next week.

A letter from Brian Lombard, Railroad Operations Engineer for NH DOT has notified the Town that the Town is responsible for the repair of railroad crossings per RSA 373:3. There was some question as to the RSA as it references overhead bridges and underpasses. Linda was asked to contact the NHMA in regards to RSA 373:3 and report back to the Board next week.

Building permits were reviewed for Helen Couture and Tohkomeupog Real Estate Holdings LLC. Both permits needed approval from the Board of Adjustments for setback variances. The variances were approved.

The permit for Helen Couture to construct a 24x24 garage was approved. Tohkomeupog RE Holdings permit for widen existing deck and move exterior stairs was also approved.

Bruce Hicks reported that the playground equipment and mulch has been completed.

Cindy asked if the Board was going to include an email link on the new website. The cost was estimated to be less than \$20 a month. After some discussion it was decided not to include the email link. If there is enough of a request for the link it could be budgeted for next year.

The next meeting will be August 21, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Cushman