

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 17, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday August 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Bruce Hicks; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer

Norman Brown opened the regular meeting at 6:10 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 in later to pickup signed warrants and sign checks.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Selectmen Meeting. Norman seconded the motion, the motion carries.

Mark Dubois reported that the ditching on the Ingerson Road has been done and they started grading today.

Mark asked what the Selectmen wanted him to do with regards to the Airport Road. Norman said that the ditching should be done to keep the water moving and the brush should be cut. Norman suggested to get a price to pave the hill as it seems to be braking up.

Regarding the letter from Whitefield Power & Light which states that Jefferson has no right to restrict traffic that could adversely effect their business. The RSA 231:191 that they reference Norman said he does not think applies. The RSA references maximum weight limits. As for the court case, the court found in favor of the business, however it did allow for the town where the road lay to bill the benefiting town where the business was located for repairs to the road. Norman said that he would do a letter to respond.

The Whitefield Selectmen letter dated 8/12/15 is stating that they were disappointed with the August 3rd meeting. Whitefield feels that Jefferson does not intend to do any maintenance to the Airport Road. They also feel that they can not maintain a road that is located in Jefferson and provides access for Jefferson trucking businesses into Whitefield. They do say that they are still willing to try to resolve this issue.

Kevin stated that when he and Tom Brady, and Mark Dubois went to the meeting in February it was agreed that Jefferson would plow the Airport Road if they were in the area and it needed to be plowed. As for other maintenance it was said that Jefferson would help do the summer work if needed. Kevin felt that meant that when Whitefield was doing ditching that if a truck was needed Jefferson would provide it. Mark asked what the Board wanted him to do. Norman said that the road needs to be brought up to speed. See if Central Paving will give a quote to pave the road especially the hill down

to the trailer. Kevin said to keep track of what is done there and the time spent doing it.

Mark asked how much gravel the Selectmen wanted to purchase to put on the Ingerson Road. Norman said whatever the amount is needed to make a good cover. When the bridge is done we'll see what else is needed.

Bruce Hicks was in to update the Selectmen on the Hicks ball field. The field itself is finished. He is in hopes of getting a playground done this fall. Bruce asked if the Selectmen were in favor of doing the playground and support the effort. The Forrest Hicks fund has about \$3000 and there is another \$7000 in the Athletic Assoc. Fund. Bruce said that he would like to use these fund in support of applying for a grant from the Tillotson Fund. If he can get a \$10,000 grant, with the funds that the Town has and is in the Hicks fund that would give \$20,000 to put in a good playground. Hopefully the playground would be used by the Town's people other than when game are at the field. The Selectmen told Bruce that they do support the efforts to put a playground at the ball field.

Bruce said that the revenues from the snack bar have gone into the Forrest Hicks Fund. It is his feelings that in doing the playground it has to be done right the first time, with the purchase of good equipment.

Bruce asked the Board about the inspector that has been appointed. Why does the Town want this kind of responsibility. There are State inspectors how should be doing inspections, not the Town. Bruce was told that the party had been assisting the Fire Chief to reduce his work load. It is the approach that isn't good. Norman said that they are not aware of any other complaints other than from the Carlisle Place.

The decision of the court case for Mr. & Mrs Phillips was reviewed. The court found in favor of the Town. There is a 8-day appeal period. If no appeal is filed the court will final decision after that date.

Linda reported that Mrs. Gary Savage has been in to inquire what the pay off would be for Mrs. Phillips(stepdaughter). Norman and Kevin stated that before any settlement is made that Mrs. Phillips should come to the Board. She needs to understand that the Town will not go through this process again. If the taxes are not paid the property will be taken by tax deed. Kevin said that he was not in favor of a settlement that did not include the Town's cost. The legal fees to date are \$1500. Kevin and Norman agreed that if \$4500 was paid this would clear what is owed to the Town, however they did not want to make a final decision until Tom Brady was here.

Norman presented the permit for Aldine Tillotson to have access to the Ingerson Family cemetery for the purpose of setting a headstone. The permit was reviewed and signed. Linda was asked to contact Tom Brady to have him come in and review and sign the permit before mailing it to Mr. Tillotson, Mr. Zajic and Barry Normandeau. Included with the permit are the RSA's and a descriptive of the stone along with a time frame for the work.

Kevin asked who was heading the Athletic Assoc. Jason Call is right now. He has been looking for someone to take over because he would like to give it up. Kevin said that someone has been trying to contact Jason about starting a soccer club. Kevin said that he would follow up on this.

Norman said that he has completed the background check on Patrick Carr who has applied to be a part-time police office for Jefferson. Mr. Carr will have to pass a P/T test before December 31, of this year. A P/T has to be performed ever three years. Mr. Carr has assured Norman that he will be able to pass the test. Norman said that he would not recommend any new purchases for Mr. Carr until he has

passed the P/T.

Kevin made a motion to hire Patrick Carr as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$12.20 per hour for regular duty and \$40.00 per hour for special duty. Norman seconded the motion, motion carries.

The next meeting will be August 24, 2015, at 6:30 pm.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted