

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
August 24, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday August 24, 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; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer; Kevin Conway

Norman Brown opened the regular meeting at 6:35 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 to pickup signed warrants and sign checks.

Kevin Meehan made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 17, 2015 Selectmen Meeting. Norman seconded the motion, the motion carries. Tom abstained.

Mark Dubois said that he has gotten quotes for winter sand. Carroll Concrete is \$9.05 per ton delivered and Pike is \$11.00 per ton delivered. The Selectmen approved the quote from Carroll Concrete in the amount of \$9.05 per ton delivered, 1500 tons will be ordered.

Mark was asked to get a quote from Central paving to finish paving Israels River Road and a quote to do only half of what is remaining to be paved. Mark asked what about this fund. There is money enough in the fund to do the paving. Mark said that he thinks that money should continue to be set aside for maintenance, but it should be for all the roads. There is paving on the Ingerson Road as well as paving on the entrances of all the other roads.

There is one more culvert that needs to be changed on the Turnpike to finish that up. Mark said that he is waiting for A&B to get some better 3/4" gravel done. When it is ready he will do the finish coat on the Ingerson Road.

Beattie Enterprise is planing on starting the bridge work on September 8th. Norman said that he would draft a notice and hand deliver it to property owners on the Ingerson Road. He said that either a bridge closed or no through traffic sign will have to be posted at the entrances of the road when work starts. The bus company, fire department and ambulance service will have to be noticed.

Regarding the posting of the Hazen/Airport Road, Charlie Baylies called stating that he had attended the Whitefield Selectmen meeting tonight on behalf of DG Whitefield. It is his understanding that Whitefield is going to have their legal council review the RSA's that have been presented by DG Whitefield. Mr. Baylies asked if Jefferson would consider holding off taking any action to post the Airport Road to see if something can't be worked out between the two towns. Norman said that he did not see any problem holding off the posting for right now. Kevin Meehan said that he would agree with that. DG Whitefield would be willing to support Jefferson. Tom Brady said that he had received a call from Representative Leo Rideout asking what the issue was. Rep. Rideout said that Councilor

Joe Kenny has gotten involved and there may be something that the State can do to take over this section of road.

Norman said that we need to preserve what is there for a road. Mark was asked to check the road over and give the Selectmen an estimate of what the summer maintenance would be as well as an estimate for the winter maintenance. We understand that we would have some regular maintenance cost to the road should we take over the road. We can not interrupt keeping roads open for the school buses.

The letter from Attorney Donald Crandlemire of Shaheen & Gordon on behalf of DG Whitefield was reviewed. He is asking that Jefferson hold off posting the Airport Road so that the parties may discuss this matter further.

Tom made a motion to hold off posting the Airport Road for a short term to see if something can be worked out. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Norman will draft a letter to respond to Attorney Crandlemire.

Mark said that the ditches on the Airport Road aren't bad but should be cleaned up and the brush cut before winter. Mark was told to check with Shane Beattie to see if the machine he uses to do the Pipeline could be used to do the roadside.

Regarding salt for the winter sand, Mark said that he would like to order a load now, so it is there when the sand starts coming in. Linda was asked to check with Morton Salt to see if the price quote is subject to taking the 300 tons as quoted. If it is then order salt from Cargill.

Melissa Phillips did not keep her appointment. Linda said that Ms. Phillips want to know how much time she had to move out of the property on Bailey Road. The Selectmen agreed that 30-days from the date of the final order.

When the assessor was doing work on Red Brook Road he noticed on the Quinney property that there was a garage that hadn't been picked up, in checking no building permit was issued. The owner at 499 Bailey has not gotten a building permit for the mobile home that was moved in there. Linda was asked to send a letter to both property owners letting them know that building permits are required so they are not in violation of the Land Use Ordinance.

The next meeting will be August 31, 2015, at 6:00 pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed letters to DG Whitefield and Whitefield Selectboard. The letter to DG Whitefield is explaining Jefferson's position on the decision to post the Airport Road. The letter to the Whitefield Selectboard is stating Jefferson's concerns with the maintenance and up keep of the Airport Road. Jefferson entered in to the original agreement between the two towns in good faith and believe that the agreement should be continued in good faith.

Norman reported that in doing a background check on an pistol permit applicant, with the information that came back he was not comfortable in approving the permit. He has a letter to be mailed to the applicant.

Kevin Conway came in asking the Selectmen why they were shutting down the Hazen Road. A 16-ton limit is no good for trailer trucks. Mr. Conway was told that Whitefield did not want to continue with

the agreement between the two towns any more that was signed in 1990 and 2001. Jefferson can not afford to keep the road up for truck traffic that is only benefiting Whitefield. We don't feel Jefferson tax payers want to be burden with the additional cost. Mr. Conway said fix it, trucks are going to travel there anyway.

On another subject Mr. Conway wanted to know why Officer Brown made him stop for one pedestrian at Santa's Village. It didn't make any sense to stop a vehicle for one pedestrian. Norman stated that the person had started out into the road. There was further discussion about pedestrians and vehicles. Tom Brady said that it seems that it is getting so that pedestrians just walk out into the street expecting a vehicle to stop with no warning. Mr. Conway agreed.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted