

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday September 8, 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 August 25, 2014 Selectmen minutes. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Motion carries.

A request from Nicholas Saragosa to amend the setback for building permit #2014-06-06 was reviewed. Mr. Saragosa wants to move the building so that the setback from the west boundary is 60-feet instead of the 120-feet as first stated. The request was approved.

Sherry Fox had requested an extension to the building permit for the property that she has purchased from King Arrow. The Selectmen decided that as Ms. Fox now owns the property that it would be appropriate for her to file a building permit in her name instead of granting an extension. The plans as submitted by King Arrow can still be used.

Norman suggested that before the Selectmen approve a cemetery policy that the public should be asked if they have any input to the policy. It was suggested to hold a hearing on the policy at the next Selectmen meeting on September 22nd. Linda will place an ad in the local papers.

At the 2015 Town Meeting a warrant article will be presented to appoint the Selectmen as Cemetery Trustees per RSA 289:6 II-a. There is no record of this ever being done.

Norman reported on the TAP meeting he attended in Plymouth. Norman explained how the funds for the TAP grants would be distributed. The funds will be allocated according to population, so out of the 5.5 million smaller communities will get small allocations. They will not fund a partial projects, it must be complete. The project needs to be mapped. North Country Council will be able to do that for the Town. The other thing is that because of the way that the highway may have been laid out a sidewalk may not be in the right-of-way. If once the study is completed and we find out that the \$275,000 estimated will not complete the project we will not be on the hook for the money as long as a letter of acceptance has not been signed. The other thing that has to be done is that a full-time employee must take be certified as a Local Public Agency. Once some is certified it is good for three years. The next training will be in October. It was suggested that Linda look into getting registered for the class.

Norman said that he stopped by the Town Garage today. They have most of the rewiring done. Two new ground rods were installed, all of the old wiring is being pulled.

Linda reported that she had a call from the State regarding appointing someone to a new council the "North Country Oil Spill Preparedness". This person would work with a group of appointees from Lancaster, Randolph, Gorham and Shelburne along with the State to establish a preparedness plan to have in place should there ever be an issue with the Portland Pipeline. The Selectmen said that they would like more information before making an appointment.

Tom asked if there was any progress on getting the material for the pillars at the Starr King cemetery. Norman said that he had talked to Aaron at A&P. He is looking at a different product that could be staked and glued. He is to get back with some samples.

Linda reported that Allen and Melissa Phillips have not made the last two payments as agreed for the property repurchase. The Selectmen agreed that a letter demanding the full payment of the past due and the current month payment to be paid October 1 and future payments must be paid on time. If this payment is not made then the Town will proceed with the eviction process.

Patricia Arnesen has repaid all but \$1900 of the balance on the repurchase of her property. It is recommended that the property be put back on the tax roll. The Selectmen agreed that the property should be returned to the tax roll and that Ms. Arnesen notified of this action. Ms. Arnesen should be informed that the \$1900 is owed and must be paid. She is also to be informed that should the property be taken again for tax deed that it will be put out for sale.

The next meeting will be September 22, 2014.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,