

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
September 21, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday September 21, 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; Bruce Hicks

Norman Brown opened the regular meeting at 6:37 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.

Tom Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Selectmen Meeting. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion, the motion carries.

Bruce Hicks presented a playground package from American Play Ground that he would recommend be purchased for the Forrest Hicks Ball Field. The company will allow 50% down now and the balance by April 2016. There is money in the Athletic Fund for the playground and money in the Hicks fund to cover the cost of most of the work at the site. This set has a wider range age 2 to 5 or 5 to 12 with a 4-foot fall height. The total cost is \$14,469, the Hicks fund has \$3700 and the Athletic Fund \$12,000. The additional funds could be budgeted in the spring. Norman made a motion to accept the quote from American Play Ground for a playground set in the amount of \$14,469 and authorize the payment of 50% now funds coming from the Athletic Fund. Linda Cushman authorized to sign and be the contact person. Kevin seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Norman reviewed the letter to Whitefield Selectboard regarding the Hazen Road. It is asking Whitefield to outline expectation for maintenance of the road and to maybe draft a new agreement. The letter was signed by the Selectmen and will be mailed to the Whitefield Selectboard and copies to DG Whitefield, Presby Environmental, JWS Timber, Senator Woodburn and Councilor Kenny.

Payment in full was received from Allen and Melissa Phillips, the Selectmen signed a deed without covenants deeding the property at 469 Bailey Road back to Allen and Melissa Phillips. A letter with instructions as to how to file the deed was signed.

There are three properties that the Town has taken for nonpayment of taxes. There has been no attempt by the former owners to repurchase the properties. Norman asked what the Boards wishes were regards to the properties. One is a 1-acre lot located on the Bailey Road, deeded in 2010. This lot is of little value other than to an abutter. Another lot is a 1.6 acre lot located on Belle Hunt Road deeded in 2006, and the other is a 5 acre lot located on Kennett Lane deeded in 2012. The Selectmen agreed that the lots on Kennett Lane and Belle Hunt Road be put out to bid. Linda will do the notification to the former owner of the Kennett Lane property.

Norman reported on the DOT Ten Year Transportation meeting he attended. The Route 2 project in

Jefferson has been taken off the list. DOT said that the two owners with stonewall along the route would not agree to the 20-foot setback that DOT wants. It was stated that at the previous meetings that the owners had agreed to a 11-foot setback. DOT said that they would check on this, but didn't believe it was correct. Norman said that with the 11-million bridge project in Lancaster and the improvements that Maine has done to Route 2 that this section of road not be completed. Acting Commissioner Cass agreed. North Country Council projects that SOT will put the Jefferson-Randolph project back on the list. The reconstruction of the highways in the north country need to be reconstructed not just resurfaced. The work in Conway is stalled, as they can't get by the engineering process. The construction of a round-a-bout at the intersection of Route 16 and 302 is in the works.

Two employment applications were reviewed. There is a need for a person to fill in at the Transfer Station in the absent of one of the two attendants that regularly work. Steve Noyes is due to be out for a few weeks this fall. It would benefit the operation of the Transfer Station to having a full staff. Norman said that if a spare person is hired now and works out that in the Spring they would be sent to get certified.

Kevin made a motion to hire Danny Mallet as Transfer Station attendant at a starting wage of \$8.50 per hour. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The County is waiting to see what Stewartstown is going to do about putting the water in. It may be in the best interest of the County to do their own water, when you look at the cost of the project to do with Stewartstown at about \$700,000 then pay user fees. As for the house where the former Administrators lived the Commissioners have gotten a quote to put the house back on the old well to present to the Delegation.

Tom asked where he would be putting in the culvert for the driveway at the lot above the house on the west side of the Ingerson Road if it would be all right for him to do the ditching along the entire lot. Norman and Kevin said that they would not have an issue with that.

The next meeting will be September 28, 2015, at 6:30 pm.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted