

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
September 23, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Select Board Office Monday, September 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathi Marshall, Assistant to the Selectmen. Jeff Young was also present.

Members of the board signed warrants for payroll and accounts payable. Invoices were approved for payment September 23, 2019. The board also approved two building permits: An array of solar roof panels for Rodney Houghton and an equipment shed for Fred and Marilyn Hozeny. They also signed the TAN-note agreement from Passumpsic Bank for \$750,000 in lieu of taxes. The board also signed the transaction for payment of the new town truck.

Meeting Minutes Approval: Cindy moved to accept the Select Board public meeting minutes for September 16, 2019, as read, and Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Kevin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Business

Jeff Young said he has no internet service. He called Spectrum and they said they do not service this area. Kevin said we have dealt with several representatives from Spectrum, and not one has responded favorably, if they responded at all. He mentioned the latest Spectrum representative, who did agree to a phone conference, but when he was provided with available dates and times, he did not reply. Kathi mentioned she had contacted him for the third time, and there was no response. Tom mentioned that he has tried a new internet provider—TCC Skywire. To date, he said it seems to rival Spectrum. His service has been great. The phone number for the company, in Brockton, MA, is 508-408-1411. Kathi asked if the service was for any resident of Jefferson. Tom said they will check the map for your location and let you know if they can deliver service to you. They won't know for certain until they get to you, but they have a pretty good idea. They can put a receiver on your roof, but often place one in the trees since they are much higher and better for reception.

Report of Departments and/or Boards

Highway: Mark was not present, but Kathi let the board know the new truck arrived and paperwork had been given to Polly so it could be registered. The vehicle was not on the road because it was having the plow and truck body mounted. Kathi said she was going to call Primex to make sure the truck was insured, and Mark would go to Twin Mountain Department of Motor Vehicles to have it registered.

Office:

Kathi asked if it would be possible for her to close the office for a day, so she could sit with Linda and take detailed notes on all the issues that have come up that she was not able to handle. She said she is working with computer programs she has never worked with before. She said she would like to take detailed notes so she knows how to execute within the programs, understand the issue she is dealing with and know where to go if she has made a mistake in order to rectify it. They decided to close the

office Wednesday, and Kathi said she would post it on the outside bulletin board as well as on the website.

Old Business

ADG: The last time the board met they discussed the bulk mailing, placing two ads in the Democrat and one ad into the weekly paper featuring the invitation to Jefferson townspeople to attend the meeting October 10 when the board will present their updated proposal for the layout of the school. Kathi wanted to confirm before sending the ads to the papers that the meeting was set in stone for October 10, at 7:00 p.m. Kathi said she checked with Michelle Morin-Grey to see if she could make the meeting, and Michelle said she was 80% sure she could get here. Kevin sent an e-mail to Chris with the board's proposed plan. He said it looked like ADG was on board—he received an e-mail just asking for time and location of the meeting.

Cindy asked if ADG received the plans Kevin sent, but Kevin had not heard back from them at meeting time. Kathi said the bulk mailing would go out September 26, and she would have to take a batch to Lancaster Post Office for all the rural deliveries in Jefferson, and another batch to Jefferson Post Office for all the post office boxes.

Non-Public RSA-91-A:3

Cindy moved to go into a non-public RSA-91-A:3 II. “The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected has a right to a meeting and requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.” Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no minutes taken at the non-public meeting.

There is a possibility when the budget and the town report come due, that Kathi will need help from Linda. Regarding Linda's salary, Cindy made a motion that effective November 1, 2019, Linda's salary will be \$20.50 an hour with no New Hampshire retirement benefits or health benefits. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Public Input: (None)

New Business

Any Other Business:

Cindy gave an update on what John Silver has been doing at the school. The boiler had a new water valve installed, and he fixed the pipe to the expansion tank, but it was the wrong size. The bladder in the tank is no good. They may need one size larger to handle the BTU, but John will let the board know. (Cost could be around \$1,500.) He disposed of 7 tractor buckets of pellets last Thursday and there are another 15-16 tractor buckets to take out. John put them into a big hole on the property. He will take the rest of the pellets down to the town shed—they are all biodegradable. He tried to change the faucet in the janitor's room, but the faucet that was found did not fit correctly. John will chisel out a small portion and adapt it.

Cindy went on to discuss the plans for Linda's party. She reached out to Josie at Israel River Campground to find out about obtaining ice cream. Hershey's will supply it but needs a minimum \$125.00 order. Josie has assorted containers and ice cream toppings the town can purchase from her. Cindy also e-mailed several people in town to see if they will help decorate and complete the arrangements. Cindy wondered where we might obtain an ice cream cooler. John has a huge cooler that

could hold tubs of ice cream with a lot of ice around them. Kevin said he had done that before and it worked out fine. The party will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Kathi said she would do a press release for the Democrat. She said she would also order the gift for Linda and see if she could have them do a horse-related theme. Tom asked if they could include the town logo, and Kathi thought they could.

Cindy then asked about the contract regarding Lancaster's police coverage at Santa's Village, that the lawyers had to rephrase. She asked who bore the cost for that legal bill. Tom said they had previously decided that any fees like that regarding Santa's Village should be the responsibility of Santa's Village. Tom said we should make it a policy that if a private business needs something drawn up legally, it's not fair to ask the citizens of the town to pay it; it should just be policy that the business needs to incur that expense.

Cindy asked if the town had seen the insurance binder from Great Northwoods for baseball. Kathi said she has not seen anything to date.

Tom asked Kathi to have Mark check the aprons on the roads around town. Many have quite a few rocks, and they should be swept off. Kathi said she would.

The next meeting will be September 30, 2019.

Adjournment - Cindy made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,