

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
October 26, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday October 26, 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; Joe Marshall, Library Committee; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer

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 October 19, 2015 Selectmen Meeting. Norman seconded the motion, the motion carries. Tom Brady abstained.

Norman presented the Board with a letter of response to the Town of Whitefield regarding the maintenance of the Hazen Road. Jefferson is suggesting a three year agreement, a 80% Whitefield and 20% Jefferson refurbishing responsibility and addressed concerns of bring the road up to current acceptable condition. Jefferson plans and will do the summer maintenance on the road. After review of the letter it was signed by the Board.

Mark Dubois was asked to get the work done on the Hazen Road as soon as possible.

Mark reported that he has the stove pipe for the furnace at the garage and plans to get this installed while the lift is available.

Joe Marshall was in to ask the Selectmen if they had any idea as to what it would cost the Town to own the new proposed library. Norman said that he did not believe that the cost would be outrageous. The building committee has said that the building is going to be energy efficient. There are still many unknowns such as security lighting, what type of security system or alarm system. As for plowing the increase cost would be minimal, current insurance rate for building and contents is 65-cents per thousand. Once the actual building materials have been determined then maintenance cost could be figured. In the past long term funds have been established to cover of building maintenance.

It was suggested that when design of the grounds around the building are being done that the Highway Foreman should be consulted with. The parking lot should be designed so that snow removal can be done and not interfere with such as the leachfield and having to cross Route 2.

Joe thanked the Board for their input.

Joe was asked regarding Eversource moving the poles on the Ingerson Road at the bridge project if the poles had to be moved. If the pole was to stay there it would require push braces which would require

more tree removal and be out of the right-of-way. The land owner does not want any more trees cut. Norman said that it appears that if the pole is moved back to the west side of the road that it is going to be in the middle of the ditch. Joe said that he will discuss it with Marcel to see what they can come up with.

Mark said that he has removed the old bridge. He only had to cut the bolts that held the pieces together. As Beattie Enterprise is being compensated for their work for digging the post holes for Eversource, Mark said he is not sure if they are still interested in the bridge. The blocks that were at the bridge have been taken to the garage and a ramp will be built using them. If there is any interest in the bridge the party can make an offer to the Town. The bridge was engineered and constructed to meet highway standards.

The culvert by Donovan's has been changed. The manhole cover for the sewer system that was on Route 2 was raised and was paved today. Mark asked if they should doing any maintenance to the sewer system. No, only keep the tanks pumped. Mark was asked if while they were doing the cover if the line looked clean. Yes. It was suggested that the tanks be scheduled for pumping. Linda will call.

Mark said that he has two more culverts to replace, one on Whipple Road and the Valley Road.

Central Paving is still planning to pave Israel's River. It was stated that it may be better at the time to just wait and do the paving first thing in the spring. Mark will talk with Mr. Stanley.

Fredrick Lovejoy has made an offer to purchase the lot that the Town owns on Belle Hunt Road in the amount of \$2000.00. There was some question as to if the Town could sell the lot as there has been question as to whether the lot is accurate as assessing records show. Mr. Lovejoy has mentioned that he is aware that the lot may not contain the full 1.6 acres.

Kevin made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Lovejoy in the amount of \$2000 for property at map 9 lot 34. Tom seconded the motion, motion carries.

Attorney Whitley has recommended that the Selectmen not accept the deed of the Paul Deignan property due to liability(RSA 80:76 II-a). Tom made a motion to accept the recommendation of Attorney Whitley and instruct the Tax Collector not to process the tax deed. Kevin seconded the motion, motion carries. The Tax Collector will continue to lien the property taxes and at such time the the Selectmen determine the Collector can be instructed to take the tax deed per RSA 80:76 III.

Norman said that he would contact Adult Protective Services to see if there is anything that they can do for Mr. Deignan.

The Selectmen will do budget workshops on November 23 and 24 at 6:30 pm in the Town office.

The next meeting will be November 2, 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 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted