

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
November 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer; Mark Dubois, Highway Foreman; Liz Milligan, Library Trustee Joy McCorkhill, Chris Milligan, Fire Chief

Tom Brady opened the regular meeting at 7:01pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. The Treasurer was in to sign checks and pickup signed warrants

Cindy Silver made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Select Board meeting as written. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. The motion carries.

The accounts payable and payroll warrants were signed.

The invoices were reviewed and approved for payment November 27, 2017.

Liz Milligan and Joy McCorkhill were in to present the purposed 2018 Library budget. The purposed budget is \$3300 more than the 2017 budget. Liz explained that they are asking for an increase in the Trustee Allowance in the amount of \$1200 to cover additional book purchases, equipment, memberships, and supplies. The Cliff grant won't be available another year as it is tied to the school. The other increase is for time that Joy covers events outside the library, \$312, and \$100 for continuing education.

Liz asked if the email she had sent earlier had been received, requesting the remainder of their money. Yes. When the check for \$5000 was paid it was all the money that was requested by the Trustee Treasurer. The Town did not withhold any funds. 2016, was the only year the Trustees had received \$6000. Joy stated that they gave up \$500 to cover her increase. A check for \$500 will be cut.

Liz was asked to provide a copy of the Trustee's budget. She said that if the Board didn't mind her work copy she would leave that with them tonight.

Once the Board has had a chance to review the request, if there are any questions the Trustees will be contacted to come in to a meeting.

Mark Dubois reported that they have some work to do on Sunset Paradise to repair the washout.

The Transfer Station is back together, there is some finish work that needs to get done. There should be an electrician come in to make the final electrical hookup.

The beaver are working the brook by the Israel River Campground. Mark said that he has been keeping watch on it. He will see if he can get to the dam and remove it. There isn't anyone trapping that Mark is aware of.

Mark said that as far as the budget for 2018 he feels that it can stay the same, \$147,000. It appears that the current budget will run over. There were several things that are effecting the overage. The purchase of chloride, cutting edges for the plows and grader, as well as there were some major repairs to the Int'l. These items should not have to be purchased again in 2018. Also the additional materials that were purchased to make repairs after the October storm. The only thing that had been discussed about purchasing was an additional tank for chloride. This can be put off for a year.

Chris Milligan was in to present budget request for the Fire Dept., EMS and cemetery budgets.

The operating fire department was presented at the some figure as this year, \$35,000. The Haz Mat team appears to be going to dissolve as there is no one interested in continuing the training required to have a team. If this is the case the group will determine how to disburse.

Chris stated that the Motorola they currently have are considered obsolete and are not repairable. Tac-2 has two different radios one which is the top end would cost \$3500 each, and the second basic radio \$2100 each. Chris said that he does not believe that here is a need to purchase all top end radios, maybe 3 or 4, then the remainder could be the basic. There are currently 14 radios in the department, three are not repairable.

The chassis has been ordered from Freightliner. It should arrive at Toyne early in 2018.

Chris said that Fire Tech has turnout that he would like to check into. It is reported to be better than the Bergeron gear.

The gas meter needs to be replaced the cost would be \$1375. Two gated-Ys at a cost of \$295 each need to be purchased. Chris stated that he will be ordering these item right off.

Chris recommends that a new radio be put in the new fire truck the cost is estimated at \$4000, from Tac-2.

He has budgeted for replacement of some of the pagers. Chris said that he would like to purchase new Scot Air packs that are light weight. Two air packs with two extra cylinders would be \$13,410. The other thing that would like to be purchased is a new battery operated extrication tool estimated cost \$12,000.

After review of all the items presented Chris said that the first thing he really would like is the radios.

As for the EMS budget Chris stated that there is no need for an increase in this budget if kept at the same as this year.

The Cemetery rates stay the same, the hours rate will be \$14.00 per hour. There is a cedar tree at the Starr King Cemetery that needs to be removed. He and Larry Kenison can remove the tree for \$750.00. There are three more foundations that need to be replaced at a cost of \$250.

All the stones are cleaned at Riverton Cemetery. There are five stones that need to be replaced, John Hanks is putting together a cost for the work.

Chris said that he would like the next project cemetery to be Hillside. There are several of the larger stones that need new bases. He and Larry Kenison should be able to do the work cost would be between 6 and 8,000 dollars. A lot of the cost is in concrete.

The Board voted to continue with the quote from Health Trust for health insurance coverage. NHIT had come back with a revised quote based on actual usage costs.

Cindy asked when it would be appropriate to start a dialog with the Towns people about the Jefferson School. After some discussion it was determined that until the School District has made a decision as to what the District is going to do with the building there really wasn't anything to discuss. The study that was done by the District recommended that the District utilize the building. There are no time limits.

The next meeting will be November 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,