

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
SELECT BOARD
November 28, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Select Board Office Wednesday November 28, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Christian Gainer

Cindy Silver opened the regular Select Board meeting at 7:02 pm. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed.

The warrants were signed for the payroll and accounts payable.

Invoices were approved for payment December 3, 2018.

The Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2018 Select Board meeting. Kevin Meehan seconded the motion. Tom made a motion to amend the minutes making grammar and verbiage corrections. Kevin seconded the motion to amend. Motion carries. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was seconded. Motion carries.

Public input:

Christian Gainer was in to present a building permit for Santa's Village. They would like to expand the water park adding four-water slides ranging in height of 4-feet to 9-feet the longest being 73-feet. The overall area is 8000 square feet. There will be no stairs only ramp access. The water will be 24-inches in depth at the base of the slides the overall pool depth will range from 1-inch to 8-inches. "Polar Paradise" is the theme there will be interactive toys within the pool that shoot out water. The cabanas along the side will be pop-ups. There will be a retaining wall on the south end which will be a barrier onto the Moulton property.

Cindy asked what the tallest water slide was in the park. Mr. Gainer stated that an existing slide is 30-feet.

Kevin asked how do you see the increase of the water park will affect the attendance. Mr. Gainer said that there really is no way of knowing. It would be expected that this would be seasonal passes.

Mr. Gainer stated that the expansion should not affect parking as winter is the only time there is a parking issue. He also said that they are talking with NH DOT regularly to see if there isn't a working solution for a pedestrian crossing. DOT does not want to alter Route 2 in anyway. The idea of an overpass was shut down when Councilman Burton was at the State. He did not want to affect the view. The idea of an underpass would be difficult because of the high water table. Tom Brady stated that he has a letter from DOT explaining any changes to the road in a form of an underpass would be up to the business.

Kevin told Mr. Gainer that he has had several residents contact him questioning how much expansion will be allowed at the Village without having something done to provide better pedestrian access. Mr. Gainer said that he understands the concerns.

Kevin stated that he is not against expansion. With added people the dangers of crossing the roadway are only growing. Something needs to change.

Tom asked how the water would be supplied. Mr. Gainer states it is a feeder system. The water is commercially treated as well as using UV treatment.

The building permit was approved.

Reports of Departments: None

Review of the Budget:

Cindy reported that regarding wages being paid to John Silver Jr. he knows the Board approved \$10.00 an hour and is willing to accept this wage through the end of 2018 since this position is not in the current budget. John said that for 2019 he would prefer \$15.00 an hour. To be discussed at a later date.

Cindy said that she has John's paperwork and will bring it in. Cindy also stated that John has not yet provided the Board a log for doing the building inspection.

Tom asked about a job description for the position that Mr. Silver will be doing. Cindy said that the maintenance/grounds would cover it. It was stated that this position is more specific than the maintenance/grounds job description. Cindy said that she would work on a new job description.

Kevin suggested that the inactive accounts under legal expense be removed.

Old Business:

Review of the job description will be held over until the December 10th meeting.

Linda reported that the equipment on the Chambers Road has been removed for about two weeks.

Tom asked about the electricity at the school. He questioned the necessity of the outside lights being on. Tom said that Linda had brought this up last week. There was a discussion as to reducing the time the lights are on to not having them on. There is a street light that shows on the front of the building. There was a suggestion that perhaps a motion light could be installed at the entrance, or if the entrance light should be left on. No decision was made.

Cindy inquired about the cost of special duty police coverage for Santa's Village. Linda reported that in the income report reimbursement of special duty police that \$385 shows being paid. That figure is what had been billed through June. She has just done a billing that covers July and August in the amount of \$4565.

It was explained that the hours worked are billed out at \$55 per hour. This covers the employer FICA and insurance.

Tom asked to have an exact brake down of what the cost is to the Town for the special duty police.

Cindy asked how the other towns are paid for their coverage at the Village. Linda said that they bill the Village directly. It was asked what the other town's charge for coverage. Linda said she didn't know, it is a private billing to the Village.

Tom stated that he had a request from Julia Gilmore to attend the December 17th meeting. Ms. Gilmore also asked that Tom get a copy of her tax card.

The Board opened the new surveys that had come in as well as the surveys that had been returned because they couldn't be delivered as addressed.

Cindy said that she would get the surveys to Michelle at North Country Council.

Tom brought up the lights at the school being left on again. Was there a decision made. After discussing this more it was decided that Kevin would speak with Mike Meehan and look at what can be done.

The web site was discussed. The statement on the front page for "you opinion matters" is linked to the survey. This should be changed. The following will be made. "Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. The Select Board is working with NCC to comply the results." Linda will contact Notchnet to make the change.

Tom asked that a timeline be done for the Board so that they will know what the timing is for different steps that need to be taken in getting ready for budget hearings, acceptance of warrant articles, etc.

The next meeting will be December 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

No public input.

No non public.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:12.

Respectfully submitted,