

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 9, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday December 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Kevin Meehan, Chairman; Tom Brady and Norman Brown members comprising a quorum of the Board.

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer

Kevin Meehan opened the regular meeting at 7:05 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week and signed the warrants. The Highway and Transfer Station report was reviewed. Terri was in to pickup the signed warrants and sign checks.

Norman Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2013 Selectmen meeting as presented. Tom Brady seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The Selectmen reviewed requests from the Gateway Chamber of Commerce and the Child Advocacy Center of Coos County. As businesses all ready support the Chamber the Selectmen feel that it is a duplication for the Town to also donate. As for the Child Advocacy Center, the Town supports CASA. The Advocacy Ctr. Has not provided services to Jefferson in the past two years. The County has approved funding for the Advocacy Ctr.

Norman made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with LighTec, Inc. and expend \$1444.09 to replace the lights in the Town Hall/Office, Fire Station and Town Garage. Tom seconded the motion. Motion carries. This is an energy efficiency program and Public Service Company of NH will be covering half of the total cost.

As there continues to be problems with the compactor at the Transfer Station, Norman has suggested that a "demand notice" be sent requesting replacement of the compactor. A "demand notice" letter was reviewed by the Selectmen. The letter was approved and signed by the Selectmen.

The replacing of the bridge on the Ingerson Road was discussed. Norman suggests that \$50,000 from surplus be requested at Town Meeting to be added to the bridge maintenance CRF. There is \$4,952 in the bridge CRF and \$40,960 in the highway repair CRF. If the two CRF funds were combined it would total \$100,000. It is possible that some funds could be gotten through grants. A warrant article asking to approve borrowing up to \$100,000 for the bridge replacement. It may not be necessary to borrow any money, however the option would be there if needed.

The Selectmen asked that Linda find out how to change the use and/or combine the bridge maintenance and repair CRF and the highway repair CRF.

Norman said that he had confirmed with A&P Landscaping that the \$4000 quote did include the repair of the wing wall. Aaron said that the only reason there would be any increase would be if there is not enough material on site to complete the work.

A&P submitted another quote to replace the fence at Forest Vale Cemetery. This quote would be using pressured treated 6x6 post and 8-foot 4x4's. Norman said that he believes that if the rails were set to give the diamond appearance this type of fencing would be the best alternative for this location. The quote is for \$9,989.

The cost for the work at the Starr King Cemetery is estimated to be \$7875, not including the remainder of the stone cleaning and repair. The remainder of the work at the Riverton Cemetery is estimated to be \$19,000 cleaning and repairing the stones. If we want to complete the work at a cemetery we need to decide which one and how much money to spend. There is about \$10,000 in the ETF. Chris Milligan is getting a quote to complete the stone work at Starr King.

The Selectmen discussed making a change in the manor that the fire personnel is compensated. Instead of one rate for training meeting and another for service calls it was suggested that a flat rate could be used. Having different rates does make bookkeeping more difficult. Linda was asked to make a comparison using the flat rate as approved on 12/2/13.

Norman said that he has read the Land Use Ordinance to find an answer to Tom's question last week. In the preamble it says that the ordinance is looking at new vs old, the energy compliance is for renovations that would use fossil fuels and be at least 150sq. ft. and spend more than 50% of the current value in alterations. Page 6 article 5, #8, page 9, and page 14 article 6, C, all address some point regarding changes. Page 14 article 6 item C state no approval needed. Some of these articles are conflicting. Tom stated that what they are looking at doing is just taking some of the current cabins and making them into sleeping units. There will be no kitchen or toilet facilities in the cabins. The bath houses for the water ride will be available. Norman said that in his opinion that no additional permit would be needed.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,