

TOWN OF JEFFERSON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 28, 2013

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday January 28, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Kevin Meehan, acting Chair and Tom Brady member comprising a quorum of the Board.

Others Present: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Kate Savage, Treasurer; Mary Gross, Joe Marshall, Biff Wyman, Heidi Wells, Sherry Merrow, Debbie Dubois, Library Committee;

Kevin Meehan opened the meeting at 7:05. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week and signed the warrants. Kate Savage was in to pick up signed warrants and sign checks. The Highway Department report was reviewed.

Norman Brown was contacted via telephone to discuss the land acquisition at the corner of Route 2 and North Road being proposed by the Library Committee.

Norman asked if the Committee had exhausted all possible location. The information that had been provided shows that the Town property is not suitable. There was a piece of property off of the Starr King Road that the Committee had looked at then this property became available, which was a better location. Biff Wyman said that the US Forest Service had been contacted. Craig Young of the Forest Service had stated that it would be a convoluted process to go through. It was asked if the Route 2/North Road property is the best location and not a last resort out of frustration. Joe Marshall stated that this property far exceeds what the Moulton property would have been. There were going to be a lot of restriction at the Moulton property and no room for expansion. The problem with the Starr King property other than the purchase process/land swap, was access, permits needed to cross the brook, bridge, these cost would exceed what is being offered for the Route 2 property.

Norman said that he would to hear what Tom Brady's thoughts are after his viewing the property. Tom stated that he would still like to find a use for the Town property at a later time. There is site issues at the Town property that he was not aware of, the biggest is the culvert crossing Route 2. Tom said that he is in favor of the Route 2/North Road property. The property has a lot to offer, it is much nicer once you get on the property than just looking at it from the road. Heidi Wells states that the Town property does not provide for any future expansion.

Norman asks where the Town's Master plan calls for the expanded office space for Town employees would it be possible to have this expansion with the new library. Joe said that when the Committee started this project that office accommodation had not been part of the project. The design as it is now would not accommodate offices. The lot is 3.75 acres and would be suitable for a second building to be built. Tom states that the lot appears to have two sections. The lot is suitable for expansion. The lot would have to have a septic system installed and a well dug. There is a spring that feeds the lot but it is not usable for public use. Tom said that in the near future the school building will probably be available. Norman said that in his inspection of the school building he does

not think the Town could afford the maintenance cost. Joe said that with everything the Committee has done and looked at this property is the only one available on Route 2.

Norman stated that with all the information that he has been given and after talking with the Committee he would support the purchase.

The Selectmen were asked if they would recommend the warrant article to purchase the land for the Library. Yes.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2013 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and carries.

Tom said that he would recommend that the Board meet every week between now and Town Meeting. Tom stated that he had several people mention that there was no consistence as to when the Board is meeting these days. Kevin agreed.

There was a discussion on the structure of the Fire Department. It was explained that at one point fire fighters were not paid for attending meetings and were only paid after three hours on a fire or accident. Now they are paid \$10.00 per training meeting and \$8.00 per hour for fire or accident calls from the start. Officers rate of pay is \$10 and the Chief is \$12, mechanic time is paid at \$15.

Tom asked about the structure of the Highway Department. Mark Dubois is the foreman, reporting to the Selectmen. The Selectmen should be giving direction to the foreman and working together to determine what major projects need to addressed.

The February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 6:00 pm to allow the Board to attend the School deliberation meeting being held at 7:00 pm.

The budget hearing will be held February 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm, prior to the regular Selectmen meeting.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8.15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,