

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 7, 2013

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen; Eric Higgins, MWRA Rep.; Terri Larcomb, Treasurer

Kevin Meehan opened the regular meeting at 7:00 The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week and signed the warrants. The Highway Department report was reviewed. The warrants were signed. Terri Larcomb was in to sign checks and pick up warrants.

Building permits were reviewed and approved for Kenneth Mayers to erect a garage, Elliott Salkins for an addition and Ken Onofrio to erect a garage.

Tom Brady made a motion to accept the minutes as written for the Selectman's meeting of September 30, 2013. Kevin Seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Eric Higgins was in to discuss the Mount Washington Regional Airport agreement. Eric stated that there is an issue with the Town of Whitefield not wanting to allow the expansion of the runway. Without this runway expansion the use of the airport is limited. Executive Councilor Ray Burton, David Presby, Representative Marcia Hammon and others concerned about the Airport have met with the Whitefield Selectmen to try to convey the importance of the Airport to the region and the economy for the region. David Presby said that he has customers that use the airport and that if the runway is not enlarged he will have to pull his business out of Whitefield. This would effect the local economy with the layoff of many employees.

The Town of Whitefield collect about \$16,000 in taxes from the hangers at the airport. It has been suggested that the per capita should be increased that would almost double each member town's share of the cost. Jefferson would increase to \$1,685.43, while Whitefield would decrease to \$3,414.42. Whitefield has a federal loan obligation for over a million dollars. Whitefield is concerned about having to maintain the vehicles. They have not established any sort of a fund for the operation and maintenance of the equipment. It is believed that the Airport could be self supporting with the expansion through user fees and the sales of fuel.

Eric is recommending that Jefferson notify the Town of Whitefield that they are no longer interested in participating in the Airport Commission and will be withdrawing.

It was suggested that perhaps the Selectmen from the member towns could meet with the Whitefield Selectmen to discuss their concerns. Eric was thanked for his input on this matter.

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

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.