

TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 7, 2013

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday January 7, 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; Jennifer Fish, Coos County Administrator; Chris Milligan, Fire Chief; Kate Savage, Treasurer; Mary Gross, Debbie Dubois, Joe Marshall, Biff Wyman, Heidi Wells, Sherry Merrow and Joy McCorkhill, Library Committee; Max Makaitis, AVCC

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.

Tom Brady introduced Jennifer Fish the new County Administrator. Jennifer was hired to replace Sue Collins, the retired Administrator. Tom stated that if anyone has any question regarding the County operations that Jennifer would be glad to try to answer the questions. Jennifer stated that she looked forward to working with the Towns.

Tom made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 28, 2012 meeting as written. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion carries.

Chris Milligan said that after his last meeting with the Board and the Board asking him to look at other options for a new support vehicle he has gotten a new figure. The Fire Department talked with North County Ford in Lancaster and was given a quote of \$26,000 for a chassis compared to the Freight Liner price of \$49,000. This would be a 6.8 liter V10 engine. The chassis would carry a 5 year/60,000 mile power train warranty and a 3 year/30,000 mile bumper to bumper. The body would be a 16-foot box at the cost of \$24,000. Chris said that it is estimated that with the deliver charge and detail painting that the total cost should be about \$56,000. Chris asked if the Selectmen would approve a warrant article taking \$56,000 from the fire vehicle CRF. Tom asked if all the funds should come out of the capital reserve. Linda stated that with the current expenses and with the local economy that it would be the best way to fund the purchase. Kevin stated that the purpose of the capital reserve was for this kind of purchase. The Selectmen approved the request. Linda will include an article for the warrant.

The Library Committee was in to answer question the the Selectmen have about the possible purchase of land. Kevin said that the Selectmen concern was the location. Has all other sites be fully explored. Tom stated that he wanted to thank the committee for putting together the package of information that the Board was giving. It was very informative and showed that a lot of work has been done. He said that the Board would like to have the delineation done of the property across from the Hometown Market. He was told that it had been done in 2008 and the findings was in the package of information that he was given. Joe Marshall said that he talked with John Severence, if an acre of land is disturbed then the Army Corp of Engineers has to be involved. There were not enough positives for the lot to warrant the expense. Kevin asked what the cost was

estimated to be. Biff Wyman stated that he believes the cost 2-years ago was estimated at \$80,000. The Committee couldn't justify the cost to the Town. The quote was to use local soils and if a geo-scientist determines that local soils are not usable the cost would be more.

Biff said that during the process of trying to determine how the Library Committee wanted to approach a new library the Committee visited many other newly build libraries. One thing in common with most of the libraries that were visited is they are all ready looking to enlarge their buildings. The use had doubled or tripled after building the new library. The lot in the center of Town would not allow for any future expansion.

The Committee was asked what would be done to fund this project. We have met with people that are involved with fund raising. There would be a capital fund raising campaign. Hopefully there might be public and private donations. The first thing is to have a goal and plan. A application to the Tillotson Foundation had been submitted. At that time the project was not far enough along to be accepted.

The Selectmen were asked if they would support the Committee in the purchase of land so they could go forward. Kevin stated that he any question that he had, had been answered and he would support the purchase. Tom said that he still had a question as to whether the lot in the center of Town could be used. His concern is that the Library would not be in the center of Town. Tom was told that the Committee has exhausted all possible sites. They had looked a the property in the center of Town and a lot off of Star King Road. The property that is being looked at now has a clear view of access, a excellent view of the area and has the possibility for expansion. Tom said that he would like to view the property. Joe said that he would be glad to view the property with Tom. They will set a time to do the viewing.

Max Makaitis stated that he was not here to ask for money. Mr. Makaitis went on to explain the the GEDC is trying to promote Route 2 businesses. All that is being asked of the Town is to provide a list of businesses. The list that is being used on the Towns new website would be great. There will be 20,000 full size brochures designed and distributed between Canada and Massachusetts. The funding for this project has come from DRED and the Tillotson Fund and ad sales. As Jefferson is part of the Androscoggin Valley region it would be free advertising. Mr. Makaitis was asked how in Jefferson belongs to the Chamber. Josselyn Cabins is the only member. Tom told Mr. Makaitis that he did not believe that 20,000 brochures would amount to anything. The quantity is not enough to last more than a month. It would be a waste of time. Kevin said that he would try to get a volunteer to work with the GEDC.

John Trumbull had met with James Lewis to view the building that has been built on Mr. Lewis' property. Mr. Lewis was told to contact the office regarding a building permit. Mr. Lewis has not contacted the office. The Selectmen said that a letter is to be sent to Mr. Lewis stating that he is subject to up to \$100 a day penalty for not having a building permit. He needs to resolve this issue. The letter will be sent certified.

Santa's Village will be doing some remodeling on the old restaurant building. They want to know if the Town would do the hauling and disposal from there if Santa's Village rented a container. The waste would be taken to the Transfer Station, this way it would go directly to the landfill at no extra cost to the Town. The Selectmen approved the request.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and carries.
Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,