

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF JEFFERSON
February 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen's Office Monday, February 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bruce Hicks, Chairman, and Kevin Meehan, members comprising a quorum of the Board.

PRESENT: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen, Peter & Esther Estabrooks, Jim & Kathy Glidden

Bruce Hicks opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week and signed the warrants. Wendy Wells will be in Tuesday to sign checks and pick up the signed warrants. The Highway report was reviewed.

The minutes of the February 9th meeting were approved with corrections. (third paragraph last sentence add issue; change through to throw)

Jim Glidden was in to discuss a plan of action to remove the debris from his property on Cherry Mountain Road. Bruce Hicks said that the Selectmen had drawn up a proposal and would like to go over it with Jim. Mr. Glidden asked what the cost for a sub-division would be. Kevin Meehan gave an estimate of \$150. This does not include surveying. Mr. Glidden stated that he has lumber, heating, plumbing, and electrical supplies on the site. These materials are intended for use in repairing the house. Mr. Glidden asked if these materials had to be removed. Bruce stated that they should be stored in such a manner that they are not all over the property.

Mr. Glidden stated that if his backhoe had not broken down he would have had to cellar cleaned out and a chimney rebuilt in the house.

Mr. Glidden said that the land that he is looking at to sub-divide would be 2 acres at the upper end of the property.

Bruce reviewed the proposed cleanup schedule. Mr. Glidden said that he had many of the boats cut into sections for disposal.

Mr. Glidden asked if the sub-division schedule could be changed. He does not believe that he can get into the property to get a perk test done. The Board agreed that this date could be changed. The submitting of the sub-division plan will be changed to May 1, 2009, June 1, 2009 for the completed sub-division, and May 18, 2009 will be the date for submittal of an inventory of all items on the property.

Bruce asked Mr. Glidden if in changing these dates if he felt that the plan was doable. Yes. Mr. Glidden and the Selectmen signed the plan of action for cleanup of the property with the date changes.

Mr. Glidden asked what he would need to do to operate a fish farm on his property. He was told that he would have to contact the Board of Adjustment as well as obtaining any State permits. He asked about the water project he had previously been working on. He was told that DES permits would be needed for any work in the brook. Mr. Glidden said that he has State permits. He was told that it was thought that he would have to get new permits. He may also need to contact the Jefferson Conservation Commission.

Mr. Glidden said that he has a water tank at his property that he had intended to use to transport fish. He asked if he had to dispose of this as well. There was no decision made on this.

Peter and Ester Estabrooks came in as a follow up of the February 9th meeting.

Mr. Estabrooks stated that he would be proposing an amendment to the operating budget at Town Meeting. He will request that his amendments be voted on by written ballot. He plans to start with requesting a 20% reduction. If that does not pass he will ask for a 10% reduction, if doesn't pass then a 5% reduction.

Mr. Estabrooks stated that he also intends at the end of Town Meeting under the article for any other business to propose the reduction in the sewer tax. Mr. Estabrooks was told that he would have to talk to the Moderator regarding his intentions. Bruce said that he did not know what the proper procedures were.

Mr. Estabrooks said that he wanted to comment on some of the statements that were made at last weeks meeting. He says that he took exception to the comment made by Kevin Meehan regarding the septic system. Mr. Estabrooks says that there is hardly any maintenance need for the system. He tells Kevin that Kevin was not here when this system was done and Kevin doesn't know what he is saying.

Kevin stated that he has worked with septic systems larger than this one. He does have experience in this field.

Mr. Estabrooks asked how the Library Committee was formed. He asked Bruce if he appointed Mary Gross as Chairman. Bruce stated he nominated her as chairman. The committee was a volunteer committee. It was formed when the talk began about having a new library. Mr. Estabrooks says the committee should be abolished. It is redundant. Now there is a good group of Library Trustees, they can do the job. There is a lot of conflict of interest on the committee. Biff Wyman has a contractual agreement with Dave

Moulton. Bruce stated that there would be no moneys exchanged for the Moulton property.

Mr. Estabrooks says that they would like to settle this court case. It is costing money on both sides. It is not Norman Brown's fight. Bruce said that all the Town wants to do is to enforce the ordinances. There is nothing personal about any of this. Mrs. Estabrooks disagrees it is personal. Mr. Estabrooks says that they can't pursue their life plans and deal with the court case. The one thing they wanted to accomplish was to make the offer to settle this case.

There was discussion as to what effect the Governor's proposed budget cuts would have on the Town. Linda Cushman stated that she has contacted DRA to find out if these cuts would effect the Towns 09 budget.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,