TOWN OF JEFFERSON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Jefferson was held at the Selectmen Office Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Bruce Hicks, Chairman; and Norman Brown, members comprising a quorum of the Board.

Others Present: Linda Cushman, Assistant to Selectmen, Kate Savage, Treasurer

Bruce Hicks opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. The Board reviewed and approved the bills for payment next week and signed the warrants. The Highway report was reviewed. Kate Savage was in to sign checks and pick up the signed warrants.

Kevin Meehan is attending the WMRSD meeting tonight as the Jefferson School closing is on the agenda.

The notice of the NH Highway Block Grant payment for 2012 was reviewed. The payment is $4788 less than the 2011 due to the appeal of the motor vehicle surcharge fee.

Pistol permit for Ron Costa was signed.

The Selectmen voted to appoint Joseph Gilbert as the Town's oldest citizen. A plaque will be ordered.

Norman made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting as written. Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Norman said that he had reviewed the elderly exemptions. He made comparison with other towns within the State and local area. Norman said that it appears that when social security was included in the income that most towns increased the income limits to compensate this change. He has determined that the poverty level for a couple is $15,000 and a single person is $11,000. Norman recommends the following changes be proposed at Town Meeting:

Single Income - $35,000 *Married Income - $40,000*
Single Asset Limit - $50,000 *Married Asset Limit - $75,000*
65 – 74 years of age 25,000
75 – 79 years of age 37,500
80 years or older 50,000

The CIP was reviewed. The Route 115B reconstruction can be reduced to $10,000, a garage at the Transfer Station is not necessary. The purchase of a gravel pit has been included. There was some discussion as to whether purchasing land for gravel would be feasible. If the Town owns more land then the tax role is reduced. The Town doesn't use a large amount of gravel on a regular basis. It was suggested that money be included to make a match for the funds that have been donated for completion of the baseball field. This would be about $7000. The CIP has included a swimming pool. The realist cost would be more in the $300,000 range.

The purchase of a new lawn tractor was approved not to exceed $2800. Linda will contact the dealer.

Norman will contact Robert Garner and Dave Govatski to check the debris under the bridge off the Valley Road.

Bruce said that he has reviewed the Winsor property. This property was built as a camp and has been added on as a camp. The basement is the only room that is finished. The garage is in poor condition, the rooms in the house are not completed, only sheathing on the walls, no closets and the carpet is just laid on the floors. Bruce said that he would recommend reducing the value to $178,600. Norman agreed with the recommendation.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,