

JEFFERSON SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2023

Present: Pamela Grotton, Robert Clark, Jr., Claudia Orff-Reed

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm.

Meeting Minutes: November 6, 2023 – meeting minutes approved (3-0)

Handouts: Audit letter from William Brewer

ROAD COMMISSIONER:

- Winter Sand/Salt
 - All the sand has been received as of today (11/20/2023).
 - The light still needs to be fixed in the shed. Tim Woods never called back. Lynne to call Mike LeDoux to see if he's willing to do it.
- Egypt Road
 - There are some very large potholes on the road. The Road Commissioner will check on them and possibly fill them with gravel for the winter.
- North Mountain Road
 - The Fire Department went to Jones Road to blow the culvert, the Road Commissioner clarified the proper culvert, and the Fire Department will go back and blow the necessary culvert.

MESERVE MILL DAM COMMITTEE:

- The Committee provided updates on the estimates:
 - They never heard back from Hagar.
 - They received a written estimate from D.R. Flagg & Sons for \$17,900.
 - Wayne Johnston stated the road needs to be built up to get to the dam.
- The Committee is looking into getting grant funding to alleviate some of the Town burden.
- * **There was discussion about putting an Article in the Annual Town Warrant to move some funds from the Alewives account to the Meserve Mill Dam account.
- Pam inquired about the equipment for the dam operation she believed to have been ordered by Josiah Winchenbach and approved by the Select Board. – Research to be done.
- The Committee inquired about purchasing some tools for the dam operation. The Select Board said to make the purchases, within reason regarding prices, and give the receipts to Lynne.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN CORRECTIONS:

- The Dam Operator will be The Meserve Mill Dam Committee, not an individual.
- The Incident Commander will be Jefferson Fire and Rescue.

FEMA:

- Emily will come to the Town Office and give the NIMS course to the Select Board for their certification. Date and time will be coordinated.
- The Select Board discussed the appointment of Alexander Ciskowski as the new Jefferson Emergency Management Agency Director. A vote was taken and approved. (3-0)

DAVID TALLEY:

- David Talley would like to pay off the amount owed on the property the Town tax acquired from him, utilizing a payment plan.
- The Select Board discussed accepting a payment agreement and approved by vote an agreement of 50% by 12/31/2023 and 50% by 03/01/2024 for the full amount total. (3-0)

TAX ACQUIRED HANDOUT:

- Lynne provided the new laws regarding tax acquired property to the Select Board Members.

QUITCLAIM DEED:

- The Select Board signed the Quitclaim Deed for Ben Vaughan.

ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS:

- The Select Board signed the abatements and supplementals.

Approved Town Expense Warrant in the amount of \$399,783.31

The Select Board meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Pamela J Grotton
Claudia Orff-Reed