

TOWN OF THORNTON

August 1, 2006

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

5:30 The meeting was called to order.

Board members present: Arthur Gross, Ralph Perron and Lee Freeman

Also present: Administrator Andrew (TA); Nancy Byerly and Tyler Stearns

Selectman Freeman commented that the Highway crew is doing an exceptional job on the ditch work on Mill Brook Road.

The Board invited Police Chief Joyce to the next Selectmen's meeting to update them on department happenings.

US Route 3 is scheduled for a shim coat this year and the contract has reportedly been awarded to Pike Industries.

Minutes of 7/18/06 Selectmen's meeting were approved as amended. PASSED (x3)

Mill Brook Road Surveying proposals were opened by the Board:

Sabourn Surveying Inc, Woodstock, NH	\$28,950
Additional hourly rates were noted	
Burd Engineering Associates, Concord & Lancaster, NH	\$28,300 est.
Additional options were noted	
Mountain Mapping, Campton, NH	\$58,500
Does not include professional engineering or wetlands science fees	
Provan & Lorber, Littleton and Contoocook, NH	
Items 1-5	\$13,900
Additional hourly rates were noted	
TFM Design, Keene, NH	\$46,500
Additional hourly rates were noted	

The Board reviewed and discussed each proposal.

There was a question about who would hire an individual/firm to determine the jurisdictional wetlands and if that amount was included in the proposals price? The TA was asked to request a definition for the "estimate" verbiage and an answer to the prior question with a faxed response within 48 hrs. The Board will meet at 5:30 next week for the purpose of continuing review of the proposals. PASSED (x3).

Selectman Perron suggested the installation of a 911 pull box on either the Municipal Building or Thornton Firehouse. There is one at the Campton Fire Station. Selectman Freeman stated the Firehouse might be more visible, but the Police Station would be better due to the fact that someone is usually around. Nancy Byerly agreed it is a great idea and recommended that someone come up at night to check visibility. She continued that the installing company may have an opinion on where an alarm should go. It will be further researched to see whether the town or the department would absorb the associated costs.

Selectman Perron put forward a few names of locals willing to work on the Neighborfest Future Input Committee. Sally Kriebel is from Thornton and Jess & Ian Halm are both Campton residents who also own land in Thornton. Selectman Freeman, stated he is opposed to the formation of a Parks and Recreation Commission. He thinks the conversations should be directed toward how the towns can cooperate with Neighborfest with respect to what can be done with the Neighborfest organization's land. He expressed concern about the additional bureaucracy and costs that may be associated with establishing a joint Parks & Recreation Department. He stated that he would not move in a positive direction for that purpose. He will support using the property for the benefit of the two towns if it does not create another tax purpose.

Selectman Freeman had a few questions about the most recent Income Statement. There were appropriate answers to the questions posed.

APPROVALS:

Letter of Credit/Escrow release:

Lower Tecumseh View/Duncan	\$ 14,000
Mad River Ridge/Giuliano	\$ 4,000
Owl Street Associates	\$157,950

Building Permits:

12 8 9	M&M Aube	Breezeway, garage, bonus room
15 1 39	R. Kavonian	2 sheds
10 9 32	L. Onnembo	house & garage
12 6 10	A&T. White	garage w/conditioned 2 nd flr.
13 6 3	R. Lindblom	garage
13 7 8	R. Lindblom	4BR/2BA house
16 5 2	J. Wallace	shed/garage

Letter on behalf of Jack O'Lantern to NH Bureau of Liquor Enforcement

6:45 It was moved to adjourn. PASSED (x3)

**The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting
Will be
Tuesday August 8, 2006
5:30 PM at the Municipal Building**