

# TOWN OF THORNTON

## August 8, 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); Marty Wilson, Burd Engineering

Building permit application. Selectmen Freeman and Perron requested the TA is to request elevations for a proposed building for R. Welch on Hidden Acres Road to verify that the roof overhang (the entire building) will meet the 15 foot setback requirement from the boundary line.

Mill Brook Road Survey proposals. Selectman Perron explained for Mr. Wilson that the Board had chosen the best proposals from the companies that had submitted, as they were most in line with the request for proposal. Additional clarification had been requested from Sabourn Surveying and Burd Engineering Associates. The responses indicated that Burd would hold their price of \$28,300 firm including subcontracting the wetland delineation. Sabourn Surveying estimated an additional charge of approximately \$1,000 for the wetland delineation. This would change the Sabourn Surveying proposal to \$29,950 including the wetland delineation.

Selectman Freeman stated that the difference between the proposals is close enough that it should not be an issue. He continued that having been on another local board and having worked with Sabourn Surveying, he was comfortable with their work.

Selectman Perron stated he was leaning toward Burd Engineering due to the difference in pricing.

Mr. Wilson stated that Burd Engineering has been in business for 30 years and he has owned the company for the past 4 years. His crew chief 22 years of experience and the land surveyor has 23 years experience. He referenced work that Burd Engineering has done for The Trust for Public Lands and the Sisters of Holy Cross. Worked with town and trust. Additional references will be submitted upon request.

Selectman Freeman made a motion to hire Sabourn Surveying for the Mill Brook Road Surveying project. Selectman Gross stated that would lean toward approving the lower price, and would choose Burd Engineering. Selectman Perron made a motion to contract Burd Engineering for the Mill Brook Road Survey project. Selectman Gross 2<sup>nd</sup>, Selectman Freeman voted no. PASSED - 2Y, 1N.

Minutes of the August 1, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting were approved as amended. (x3)

It moved to allow Dave Hilliard to sign for grants relative to Transfer Station operations.  
PASSED (x3)

APPROVALS:

Work Agreement w/Quality Insulation      Firehouse blown in insulation

Building Permits:

16 1 13	R&L Murray	landscape stairs to river
16 4 32	K.McNamara	demolish & replace trailer
16 1 8GS13	W.Nykvist	8x8 deck and stairs w/DES approval
16 1 7GL05	F&L Sexton	3br house

Intent to Cut

15 4 9      R.Merrill

NOT APPROVED:

10 1 5-03      R.Welch      elevation drawings are requested to  
ensure that garage roof does not impact setback requirements.

6:10    It was moved to adjourn. PASSED (x3)

**The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting  
Will be  
Tuesday August 15, 2006  
5:30 PM at the Municipal Building**