

TOWN OF THORNTON

August 29, 2006

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

5:30 The meeting was called to order.

Board members present: Arthur Gross and Lee Freeman

Also present: Administrator Andrew (TA); Nancy Byerly, Dorothy Drake, Marianne Peabody, Mahar Mahmoud, and Parker Uhlman

Hazard Mitigation Plan. It was moved and seconded to adopt the plan as it had been presented at the public hearing held August 17, 2006. PASSED (x2)

Wallace Rd property. An abutter has expressed interest in purchasing a parcel that was taken by Tax Collector Deed in 1998. It was moved to advertise the sale by sealed bids that will be due September 26, 2006 for the .4 acre parcel. This parcel does not meet the Zoning Ordinance minimum building lot size. The TA will verify with counsel prior to advertising.

Minutes of the August 15, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting were accepted. PASSED (x2)

5:45 A motion was made to enter non-public session due a personal reputation issue. Present were Nancy Byerly, Dorothy Drake, Marianne Peabody, Selectmen Gross & Freeman, .and the TA.

6:00 The Board returned to public session.

Welcome to Thornton signs. Selectman Freeman explained to Mr. Mahmoud that every town entrance has a NH Department of Transportation sign (the green reflective town boundary signs). He continued that there are two cost issues, one the purchase of the signs that Mr. Mahmoud offered to pay, and then the issue becomes yearly maintenance expense. Selectman Freeman stated he believes that there are enough signs in the area and too many signs actually take away from the scenery. Selectman Gross agreed.

Mr. Mahmoud inquired if there is a history book on Thornton. The Board responded that Marjorie Broad wrote Thornton Memories, and Dick Bradley did a couple of books about the family farm happenings in Thornton Gore.

6:07 Welch Building Permit Application. Contractor, Parker Uhlman's sketch of the building showed the structure up to the setback. The Board stated their concern is with the overhang encroaching into the setback. Mr. Uhlman stated the plan is for the 1st house on the right on from NH Route 175 on Hidden Acres Road. There is a lot of road frontage, but the house was placed in the corner of the lot making the addition of an

attached garage a problem. The overhang goes about 6” over the setback. The Board agreed that the Selectmen need to reject the Building Permit and request that the Zoning Board of Adjustment interpret setback-if the eaves are included or just the footprint. The Building Permit for R. Welch, Hidden Acres Road was disapproved. (x2)

The Board moved to approve the purchase of tires for a highway truck. (PASSED (x2)

Neighborfest. Selectman Freeman met with Neighborfest individuals, Sharon Davis for the Town of Campton, and Mr. Guldbrandsen, Director of the Center for Rural partnerships. The group is trying to determine a structure that the two towns can live with to come up with an entity that can go to town meeting; a mandate for developing the Neighborfest property. Selectmen Freeman reported he told the group that he is not in favor of a Parks & Recreation Commission. Selectman Freeman stated that Selectmen deal with community needs vs. wants. He used the example of Parks & Recreation organizations as a want vs. the schools being a need. Selectman Gross agreed. The focus should be on an entity away from municipality control. Neighborfest wants to get two towns to take over and they would step back.

Ms. Davis wants to develop the Neighborfest land. Selectmen Freeman is concerned that the land would prove to be a burden vs. a gift. Ms. Davis had a list of Thornton residents that would be amenable to working on a focus group. Selectman Freeman thought that possibly the Thornton Board should designate representatives from Thornton. He suggested that the focus group talk with representatives from ADAPT, and noted that the group needs to set guidelines for the direction of the larger group when it is formed.

It was noted that the Town of Campton needs after school and summer programs. Thornton has the ADAPT organization for those activities. Home schooled children are welcome to participate in the ADAPT programs as well.

Mr. Mahmoud inquired if Thornton has plans for senior housing. The Board responded that there are not currently plans for senior housing in Thornton. A private entity would probably need to bring forward a request. They agreed that there is a need.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Police Officer, Nathan Buffington. A letter of understanding will be mailed to Mr. Buffington. Chief Joyce is advertising for certified officers both part-time and full-time.

APPROVALS:

Building Permits

11 3 5

R.Tuttle

foundation

12 9 4

C&B Wilkie

new house

Letter of Credit

Partial release on behalf of Stephen Shaughnessy

DISAPPROVAL

Building Permit

10 1 5

R. Welch

roofline into designated setback area

6:45 It was moved to adjourn. PASSED (x2)

**The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting
Will be
Tuesday
September 12, 2006
5:30 PM at the Municipal Building**