

TOWN OF THORNTON

September 26, 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); Nathan Buffington, Road Agent Tom Dubey

5:30 It was moved to enter non-public session for reasons of reputation/personalities. PASSED (x3) Present were Board of Selectmen, Nathan Buffington and TA

5:45 The Board returned to public session as they might be discussing a legal issue. Minutes of the prior non-public session were not sealed. PASSED (x3) Mr. Buffington noted that in a prior Supreme Court Case, when the court found that an award was meritorious, they have awarded court fees in addition to a 10% fine for not having paid wages on time.

6:00 It was moved to enter non-public session to for reasons of reputation/personalities. PASSED (x3) Present were Board of Selectmen, Nathan Buffington and TA

6:20 The Board returned to public session. It was moved to seal the non-public minutes PASSED (x3)

6:20 Police Chief Joyce shall be requested to include the repayment stipulations into future training/employment agreements. APPROVED (x3)

6:25 It was moved to enter non-public session for reasons of an individual's reputation. PASSED (x3) Present were the Board of Selectmen and TA.

6:40 The Board returned to public session. It was moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session. PASSED (x3)

Transfer Station Manager Dave Hilliard has reported that the Campton PTO wants to take over the recycling efforts at the Campton Elementary School. The teachers and janitor reportedly do not want to participate any longer. He is verifying the report. If the PTO takes over the recycling efforts, the check would still have to be issued to the school due to the grant requirements.

Wallace Road property: Two bids were received for the .40 acre parcel

Linda Coit \$500.00

Peter Vaillancourt \$1,111.11

The Board accepted the bid from Mr. Vaillancourt. PASSED (x3) The TA will notify the bidders of the results.

Carleton Kilmer's note relative to Mill Brook Valley Association signs: The Board noted that the posts are still in the road right of way and the Highway department should remove them. Selectman Freeman so moved. Selectman Perron agreed that a letter should be sent giving the association another 10 days to remove posts prior to the town removing the posts. Selectman Freeman stated that should they wish to place the signs on private property, the property owner should submit a proposal to the Planning Board so that they can approve the sign and its content. Selectman Freeman continued it is his hope that the Selectmen would go to the Planning Board meeting to express their concerns and to make sure that all taxpayer rights are protected. The letter is to be copied to Mike Pomerantz and the Planning Board. It was so Moved and PASSED (x3).

Non public minutes: The Board discussed the need to review and approve.

Minutes of the September 12, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting were approved as amended. PASSED (x3)

Budget Committee was established in 1990 at Town Meeting with a 9-member board. The need for volunteers was discussed. The TA will contact town counsel to verify if a Budget Committee less than 9 is legal..

Road issues: Road Agent, Tom Dubey, stated that the mowing is going very well. Everything on the East Side of NH Rte 175 except Sandwich Notch Road and Goose Hollow Road has been done. He noted he has been working on Friday's and he would take off straight time to compensate. The Board agreed that he would utilize overtime-compensatory time. PASSED (x3)

There have been few complaints relative to the roadside mowing - all have come from Sugar Run property owners. Two were satisfied-one was not. A brake job is being done on the 8000 truck. It has been 4 years since the last brake repair.

7:05 It was moved to enter non-public session for a personnel issue. Present were the Board of Selectmen, Road Agent and TA

7:20 The Board returned to public session. It was moved to seal the minutes. PASSED (x3)

Winter Operations personnel: It was moved to hire Jim Sanborn, Jr. for winter seasonal operations and to raise his wage to the step 5 due to his qualifications and past work ethic PASSED (x3). It was moved to hire Chad Downing for winter seasonal operations based on a 32 hr/work week. PASSED (x3)

Winter sand: The Road Agent requested that an excavator and front end loader be rented from Jim Sanborn & Sons to facilitate putting up 5000 yards of sand. The driving personnel will be at \$10/hour and will cost approximately \$1000 additional. The Road Agent is confident that this would be the most cost-effective method and monies are

available under the Winter Subcontractor line. It was moved to hire Jim Sanborn & Sons equipment and personnel to screen winter sand. APPROVED (x3).

Planning Board site visit: Selectman Gross will attend a site visit on 10/5/06 relative to Ira Fraser's subdivision and its possible affect on Blake Mountain Road. The Selectmen discussed if paving should be included.

Selectman Freeman agreed to write the Selectmen's letter for the town report. Selectman Perron suggested including a request for ideas or a contest for landscaping of the Municipal Building property to Rte 3.

Old Home Day: Selectman Perron stated it was a smashing success (even though it was a bit wet) due to the work of the Thornton Historical Society, the volunteers and financial supporters. Thanks to All!! Selectman Freeman agreed and stated he would like to increase the Historical Society appropriation to \$2500 for this next year.

Town Report Dedication: The Board discussed their selection.

Holiday party: Selectman Perron will inquire at the William Tell Restaurant to see if they have availability on 12/14/06 from 5-7 PM. All agreed to the tentative time and place.

APPROVALS:

Building Permits:

16 1 4	M.David	addition
10 3 20	Mt Valley Trust	addition
10 9 36	P&S Lyons	3 season room
10 3 2	B.Benton/R.Goodwin	addition
17 17 3	S.Murphy	new house
17 17 4	S.Murphy	new house
18 9 1-5	M.Robertson	3 season room

Demolition

15 5 1	G.Loring	demolish 8x15
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Abatement:

17 7 49	R.Brothers	building burned in 05
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Intent to Cut

3 3 2	S&M Hall	
11 4 27	P.LaValley	

Letter of Credit Release

\$76,000	S.Shaughnessy	partial release
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Emergency Phone: The Board and TA moved to the parking lot to evaluate the best location for a 911 emergency phone. It was decided that the best visibility would be on the Municipal Building wall between the corner and the new police entrance. They also decided that the shrub on that corner of the building should be removed for better visibility. PASSED (x3) The TA will request the Highway Department remove the shrub

and the Police Chief to initiate the purchase and installation of a lighted 911 emergency phone.

8:15 It was moved to adjourn. PASSED (x3)

**The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting
Will be
Tuesday October 10, 2006
5:30 PM at the Municipal Building**