

TOWN OF THORNTON
Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: October 24, 2006

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on, Tuesday,
October 24, 2006, 5:30 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Selectmen present: Arthur Gross, Chairman & Lee Freeman

Others present: Marianne Peabody, Support Staff
Nancy Byerly, taking notes for the Record Citizen

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 5:30 PM.
Weekly correspondence was reviewed and signed that included weekly payroll manifest,
building permits.

The posted agenda for this hearing included the following:

Weekly Correspondence

Fire Chief Tobine

Philip Webster

Non-Public Session

Other Business

Mr. Philip Webster approached the Board with a concern that the finish work off of his driveway access off of Sunrise Hill Rd has not been completed. Our Road Agent and crew did at Mr. Webster's request make repairs to his drive a few weeks ago that that should have been taking care of 4 yrs. ago. Mr. Webster is satisfied with what has been accomplished, but he feels that the job is not finished in particular on the right side facing his house also considered the East Side. Selectmen Lee Freeman on Monday inspected the site and agrees that there is still more work to be done. He has spoke with Road Agent, Tom Dubey, and informed Mr. Webster that by the middle of next week the repairs will be completed.

Items of discussion Selectmen Freeman brought to the table the following information:

1. A floppy diskette was submitted showing photos that have been taken of the Fire Department Roof (sub-station Thornton) where they show the outline of 4x8 sheets of plywood with ripples. According to the photo taker the plywood and ripples only can be seen when there is frost on the roof. The Selectmen would like the contractor Peter Robson of Ellsworth to be contacted (RCD Construction) regarding this matter. There has been a request from a citizen in Town to look at other recent repairs made to this sub – station. Fire Chief, David Tobine would be happy to meet with any interested citizen to show them the improvements made to the building. He would also like to be contacted when RCD Construction looks at the roof.
2. Selectmen Gross and Selectmen Freeman have been receiving phone calls from the Alarm Company informing them that there is trouble at the municipal building. Certainly if there is a burglary in progress or fire etc. there isn't much a Selectman

can do as far as responding to the emergency. ***The Selectmen have requested that the Alarm Company be notified to contact the Police Department if they have reason to believe that there is an emergency happening at the municipal building.***

3. Selectmen Freeman informed the Board that he has been working closely with Gloria Kimball regarding the Old Town Hall Roof that is leaking pretty bad when it rains. A 5,000-sq. ft. tarp will be placed over it, until L-Chip funds (historical building grants) can be looked into.
4. Selectman Freeman has been corresponding with Congressman's Bass's office and speaking with Support Staff Bill Williams regarding Thornton's own ZIP CODE. Bass's Office has been in contact with the regional postal director James Adams and to date Bill William's feels that he has convinced the post office that Thornton needs their own ZIP CODE and hopefully it will be the same one we lost approximately 15 years ago.
5. Selectmen Gross has inquired if the electrician has been contacted to replace the burnt out lamp in the parking lot. (yes) Mr. Gooch has been notified and has ordered the lamp.

Fire Chief Tobine

Chief Tobine informed the Board that he attended the Town of Plymouth Fall Ambulance Meeting held on October 17, 2006. Minutes of that meeting were submitted along with a 2006 Ambulance Costs sheet for the 1st year and a 2006 Ambulance Costs Actual Expenses sheet. Chief Tobine explained that beginning January 1, 2007 the Town of Plymouth would be billing each individual that uses the ambulance service. Thornton's cost share will also increase to \$30,387.65. Other towns being serviced will also experience this same increase for this service. Plymouth feels that because of the growing regional population it is time for them to change their contracts to reflect the way other larger cities and municipalities work. Their goal is to have the ambulance service self-supporting with an annual 85-87% return.

Chief Tobine informed the Board that the Town of Campton looked at what has been presented and they would like to see a budget but together for an ambulance service of our own with Thornton included. This budget would be presented at the next budget hearing. Other relating discussion was possible mutual aid with Lincoln-Woodstock. (They also are dealing with an increase in population). Adding more dollars to our existing ambulance capital reserve fund. Warrant article for March, 2007 town meeting. Selectmen Freeman has requested a written explanation from the Plymouth Selectmen regarding their decision to change the policy contract. He would also like to have more information. He has requested that Candy bring to the next Selectmen's meeting a ***copy of the Ambulance Contract presently in existence with the Town of Plymouth.***

New subjects - When the Fire Alarm in the Town Hall went off this date (electricians working) Chief Tobine mentioned that there was an 11 minute delay for the Alarm Company to tune out the fire department.

Other Business the Selectmen's minutes of October 10, 2006 were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to accept as written. VOTED 2-0

Non – Public Session At 6:26 PM a motion was made and seconded to enter into a non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Voted 2-0. Nancy Byerly and Marianne Peabody left the room. At 6:30 PM a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the non-public session. Voted 2-0.

Other Business resumed A motion was made and seconded to pay Terry Joyce her full salary. VOTED 2-0. Selectmen Lee Freeman and Selectmen Arthur Gross agreed that if other long serving town employees are faced with similar issues, the town should review each circumstance individually. Selectmen Gross and Freeman agreed that the town strives to take care of its employees.

This meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on, Tuesday, November 7, 2006, 5:30 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Peabody
Support Staff
Posting Date: 10/25/06