

TOWN OF THORNTON

July 3, 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

5:30 The meeting was called to order.

Board members present: Arthur Gross and Jim Parziale

Also present: Administrator Andrew (TA), Lee Freeman, Jim Demeritt, George Cheney, Ralph Perron, Jeffrey & Donna Hutchins

Lee Freeman inquired how the budget is doing. Has any capital fund monies been spent to date? Are there plans on using capital reserve monies at this moment? The TA responded for the board that road repair and paving monies may be utilized. Mr. Freeman inquired if the board is waiting for the \$40,000+ reimbursement from FEMA for the wind storm. The board confirmed that they are holding up on projects until the FEMA monies have been received. Mr. Freeman inquired if monies will go back to the individual departments? Selectman Gross stated that the funds will probably go back to the General Fund. The board has not discussed it yet. Mr. Freeman noted that some of the invoices in the storm file have Waterville Valley noted. The TA will confirm that they were in fact Thornton invoices.

Mr. Freeman noted that Wes Avery had hauled storm related material from the Transfer Station to the Highway Department. He continued that we don't know for sure if the materials came from Thornton properties. The TA confirmed that Mike Murray from FEMA was aware that brush was hauled from the Transfer Station to the Highway Department. She continued that only a portion of the brush pile was moved for grinding.

5:47 Neighborfest update- Neighborfest board member, Ralph Perron reported that the property on Rte 175 is listed for \$499,900. He stated that one of the reasons that he wanted to become a Neighborfest board member was to get a focus group to plan for what is to be done with the proceeds of the property sale. The focus group meeting has been tentatively scheduled three times, but a meeting has not happened. Mr. Perron continued he has sent e-mails and he will follow up with phone calls to get a meeting scheduled. It was noted that King Realty has the property listed. If Darlene King-Jennings sells the property, she will not take commission, but if one of her sales people sells the property commission on the sale will be paid.

Code Enforcement – Mr. Perron stated he had heard that there has been more discussion about having a Code Enforcement Officer. He continued that in his opinion Thornton will soon, or already does, need that position.

5:50 North Road - Selectman Parziale stated the board had received a letter from the Planning Board with their comments. The TA stated that once the specifications are detailed and met on road/drive improvements an agreement relative to building on a Class VI road will be signed with Jeffrey & Donna Hutchins and recorded. Then a building permit application can be submitted to the town. The TA will confirm the process with town counsel.

Selectman Parziale expressed concern that the cul de sac on North Road is very tight and that work may have to be done. He inquired if there is a property owners association? NO.

Mill Brook road culverts – The TA stated work is tentatively scheduled for next week. The Road Agent is arranging for a sign board to be placed in the area of the mailboxes to inform people that there may be delays. The NH DOT is supplying us with the programmed sign board at no charge.

Minutes of the 6/19/07 Selectmen’s Meeting were APPROVED as amended.

The TA confirmed that the Transfer Station will be closed on Wednesday July 4 and will not re-open until regularly scheduled on Saturday. The board agreed.

Sale of two roll off cans – The Transfer Station Manager has requested permission to offer them for sale by posting them on the web site and bulletin boards. APPROVED

Compacting trailer – The trailer is in Montpelier for top fabrication. Installation is expected the week of July 16.

Chickenboro Road – Mr. Silva was on the agenda to discuss issues he has with maintenance of his road. The TA stated that the RA is planning to work on that road after the culvert work on Mill Brook Road is completed.

Mr. Freeman suggested that after the 75% FEMA reimbursement, the remainder of the windstorm reimbursement be taken from the capital reserve account.

Workers compensation - The board approved an agreement with PRIMEX for 5-years in exchange for 5% reduction in premiums.

Municipal Building Paint/Stain Proposals were received from:

Dan Avery	\$ 4,972	1/3 in advance
NE Home Maintenance Service	\$ 5,850	
Included 5-year touch up service-no added charge		
Hanson Builders	\$10,550	
Allow 20% additional for over run		

Selectman Gross stated his preference of having the 5 year follow-up. He made a motion to hire NE Home Maintenance. PASSED (x2)

Selectman Gross stated that Ricky Gilpatric had complained to him about having a driveway wash-out due to work by the water company. According to the RA Mr. Gilpatric has two driveways; one does not have a driveway permit and should have been built with a culvert in it. George Cheney stated that Lakes Region Water Company replaced a culvert in the road that the town supplied and Mr. Gilpatric had expressed concern about the replacement not being as long as the original.

APPROVALS

Building Permit

6 5 10	T&S Dovichuk	deck
8 3 11	J.Nadherny	12x16 shed
17 2 5	R&K Currier	sunroom
17 4 11	J&T Dziemian	sunroom
16 1 7gl05	F&K Sexton	deck
10 2 9	S Brown	replace m/h w/ranch house
16 4 3	L&G Sigurjonsson	replace 12x60 m/h

(Replaces bldg pmt #1418 for a house. NHEC would not allow house in planned proximity to utility lines.)

Abatements

7 2 13-19	Mt. River Development	\$930
15 3 5	G,A&L Miller	\$869

Board of Tax and Land Appeal settlement agreement (2004-2005)

6 3 5	R.Baker	value reduction to \$132,400
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Workers Compensation Insurance - 5% Multi-Year Discount Program Agreement

6:55 It was moved to adjourn. PASSED

**The next scheduled Selectmen’s Meeting
Will be
July 17, 2007
5:30 PM at the Municipal Building**