

# TOWN OF THORNTON

March 6, 2007

## 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), Police Chief Walter Joyce, Barry VanDeMoere, Jim Demeritt, Road Agent Tom Dubey (RA), Marianne Peabody and Ray Landry

5:30 It was moved to enter non public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II (a) relative to a personnel issue. Present were the Board of Selectmen and Police Chief Joyce. 5:50 The Board returned to public session.

The boards denied a current use application for Simmons Trust as measurements were not indicated on the map. The TA is to return the application requesting that the dimensions be indicated on the area to be kept out of current use.

The Board requested the TA contact Budget Committee member John Carpenter to request he review the draft audit report to comply with new Auditing Standard Board requirements.

5:57 Selectman Freeman read a letter of resignation as Selectman for the Town of Thornton effective 3/31/07. Selectman Perron made a motion to accept Selectman Freeman's resignation with regret. Selectman Gross seconded the motion. PASSED (x2)

The board requested the TA advertise for the position the week of 3/21/07. Letters of interest shall be received at the Municipal Building until 3:30 PM on 3/30/07. Interviews for those responding to the notice will be held on 4/2/07 starting at 4:30 PM.

Due to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals hearings, the board decided to meet on Monday 4/2/07 at 4:30. They will not meet on 4/3/07 as originally scheduled.

Posting of the Roads will take effect on 3/21/07. PASSED (x3). The notice is to be posted in the paper and the RA will notify contractors. The RA can be contacted if someone has a question.

Lee Brook Road culvert. Selectman Freeman inquired if someone had witnessed a culvert being filled on Lee Brook Road. The RA responded that he has seen children putting brush into the culvert and asked them to stop. The RA has gotten hold of Lee Johnston to assist in getting the culvert flowing again. Selectman Freeman inquired if the RA had reported the issue to the Police. He had not.

Mill Brook Road survey. It has been finalized and received by the town.

APPROVALS:

Intent to Cut:

11 1 116 R&D Conaughty

Pole License

Ledge Road PSNH/Verizon

Building Permit:

7 2 7-14 C&D Bourret house & garage

6:09 No other business coming before the board, it was moved to adjourn. PASSED  
(x3)

**The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting  
Will be  
Election Day  
Tuesday March 13, 2007  
2:00 PM at the Municipal Building**

## Addendum

Tuesday, March 06, 2007

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Thornton  
16 Merrill Access Road  
Thornton, NH 03223

Dear Board of Selectmen:

Please accept my resignation from the Thornton Board of Selectmen effective March 31, 2007.

In the two years I have had the honor to serve our towns people on this board I feel as though much has been accomplished. However, those accomplishments have been overshadowed by lies and allegations against me resulting in a personal expense which is unacceptable. This board's failure to properly address slanderous allegations and retaliation against me has caused me to reconsider my participation in our Town's affairs. The unwillingness of this board to act to overcome inappropriate departmental conduct has created a managerial and ethical dilemma for me.

After much reflection I have decided that I am unable to give the Town of Thornton a 100% effort without further affecting my family's and my quality of life.

My decision to resign effective March 31, 2007 will allow this board to sit at Town Meeting as a cohesive unit. The timing will then allow Chairman Gross and the newly elected Selectman to choose my successor.

Sincerely,

Lee Freeman