

TOWN OF THORNTON

April 5, 2007

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

6:45 The meeting was called to order.

Board members present: Arthur Gross and Jim Parziale

Also present: Administrator Andrew (TA), Gary Litton, Jim Demeritt, Veronica Barton, Giff Kriebel, Sally Kriebel, Ralph Perron, Ron Jansen, Barry VanDeMoere, and Melinda Johnston

Arthur Gross made a motion to appoint Roy Sabourn to be Selectman until the March 2008 election of officers. Selectman Parziale agreed. PASSED (x2)

Selectman Gross stated he would like to have all of the applicants serve on the Board of Selectmen, but at this time only one can be chosen.

Ralph Perron stated that Neighborfest would be starting a focus group and have suggested the following phrase be used in their telephone campaign "I am calling on behalf of the Neighborfest Board, and the Selectboards of Thornton and Campton, to invite you to participate in a community focus group. The Boards all agree that sale of the Neighborfest land is the best use of the current property. They are seeking community input about use of the proceeds of the sale, and how those capitol funds could be used to further the original mission and goals of Neighborfest. The meeting will be held on Saturday (whatever date is decided) from 9-12 at the Northway Bank community room." Selectman Gross inquired if there is a representative from Campton. Yes, Sharon Davis. Selectman Gross inquired if Ellsworth is represented. NO. Ron Jansen asked how many acres are involved. There are a little over 9 acres. A motion was made to accept the above statement as presented. APPROVED (x2)

Selectman Gross stated he would like to record a protest about the new Community Calendar booklet that just came out. It has the wrong Board of Selectmen, and Road Agent as well as improper spelling of the Tax Collector's name.

Jim Demeritt stated he has some backup information about an individual who was not wearing a vest while working. Selectman Gross responded that the individual was through working for the town on the 3/31/07 and were called in for a storm.

Mr. Demeritt stated he had a 2nd item, and that is that highway vehicles are being seen in Campton and at Jim Sanborn's on a regular basis. He continued that it is not right and they are wasting town money. Selectman Parziale stated he sees good things vs. bad in everything.

Jim Demeritt stated that the truck approved at last meeting is not in the Capital Improvement Plan until 2112. He continued that the one replaced should have been sold a long time ago. Sally Kriebel stated that it was agreed that the truck be kept as an emergency backup. Mr. Demeritt challenged that the board is spending money that wasn't appropriated and they are replacing a truck that has already been sold once.

Selectman Parziale stated there are a lot of issues that need to be dealt with in the town and the question will be asked. Selectman Parziale stated he is going to Concord to look at the equipment. He continued that the Town has people that know the condition of their equipment. The board is not squandering monies and will investigate information.

Barry VanDeMoere inquired how many culverts were replaced last year, and we just bought a trailer to haul culverts? The TA suggested these questions would be better asked of the Road Agent

The TA reported that the Campton Town Office has requested a key for the Transfer Station for their Road Agent. Jim Demeritt stated Dave Hilliard (Transfer Station Manager) should be made aware of what is to be brought in and when. Selectman Gross agreed. Barry VanDeMoere inquired if our Road Agent has a key, and why does one need a key more than the other. Selectman Gross stated that the issue would be discussed with the Transfer Station Manager

7:25 It was moved to adjourn. PASSED (x2)

**The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting
Will be
April 10, 2007
6:45 PM at the Municipal Building**