

TOWN OF THORNTON
Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: April 24, 2007

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on
Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 5:30 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Members of the Board of Selectmen present:
Arthur Gross, Chairman and Jim Parziale

Others present: Simon Thomson, Senator Sununu Office, Jim Demeritt, Gifford & Sally Kriebel, Gary Litton, Record Enterprise, Robert Arey, Road Agent Tom Dubey, and Marianne Peabody, taking notes.

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 5:30 PM. The minutes of the April 10, 2007 meeting were reviewed with written comments and corrections made from Selectmen Sabourn. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 10, 2007 as amended. VOTED 2-0.

Simon P Thomson – Constituent/Community Liaison from Senator John Sununu’s office addressed the Board and public present. Explaining that he is here through Senator Sununu’s out reach program to take back to the Senator any concerns, problems, and information that the town has regarding programs or concerns on the federal level. There were a number of issues brought to Mr. Thomson’s attention such as: FEMA, funds and their availability in view of the most recent storm, the status of Thornton’s new zip code, a possible expansion to the existing post office due to the fact that it serves multiple towns with a growing population, a new postal sub station, a rest area on I-93 between Tilton and Lincoln and the updating of the FEMA flood maps. Mr. Thomson listened and informed the Board of Selectmen and public present that he would bring our comments and concerns back to Senator Sununu’s office and will get back to the town with the requested information.

Road Agent Tom Dubey – Tom informed the Board that the storm cleanup of the town road ROW’S is going well. They are setting aside the hardwood along the roadways. Mill Brook is 90% complete. Upper Mad River Rd and the Route 3 area are cleaned. Washout repairs on Upper Mad River Road and Johnson Brook Rd are complete. Mill Brook Rd washouts will begin on Thursday through to next week. He explained to the Board that he wanted the power companies to be able to do their job of restoring power prior to sending his crew into Mill Brook, he explained that the restoration of power takes precedence. Selectmen Parziale stated that he visited storm damaged areas in town and reports that cleanup is going well. Jim Demeritt informed Road Agent Dubey that Yarrow and Yarding Roads were missed. Road Agent Dubey explained to Jim Demeritt that Top Notch Tree Experts was hired by NH Electric and they were clearing the trees with powerlines on them. The road department, for liability reasons is not permitted to cut trees with power lines draped across them. Road Agent Dubey informed the Selectmen that property owners may bring their storm damage brush to the town garage where a

brush pile has been started. Dubey also informed the Board that he is keeping a close record of all dollars expended for this latest storm.

Road bands are being lifted on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

911 House Numbers – The Fire & Police Chiefs have concerns with houses not complying with the 911 (house number ordinance). There have been recent emergency calls and the homeowners have not posted their house numbers. This makes it very difficult for the emergency personnel to respond in a timely fashion. A letter will be sent to the Board of Selectmen requesting that they enforce the towns 911 house-numbering ordinance.

Robert Arey – Mr. Arey approached the Board with a complaint relating to a vehicle stop on Route 49 by Thornton Police Department. He is seeking reimbursement of a towing charge for his vehicle for \$85.00. A written complaint is on file with the Selectmen. Chairman Gross explained to Mr. Arey that they would take this matter up with the Police Chief prior to making a decision.

Appointing Board of Adjustment Members – Sally Kriebel inquired if there were many letters of interest submitted to serve on the Board of Adjustment. She was informed that Gifford Kriebel's letter of interest has been received. Jim Demeritt also showed an interest in serving.

This meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. Next scheduled meeting to be held on, Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 6:45 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted

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