

# TOWN OF THORNTON

March 11, 2008

(election day)

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

9:10 AM The meeting was called to order.

Board members present: Arthur Gross and Roy Sabourn

Also present: Administrator Andrew (TA), Jim Demeritt, and Tracy Tarr from Stoney Ridge Environmental.

It was noted that the garage at the old town hall collapsed over the weekend. The TA will report to our insurance carrier. The Municipal Building and Fire House roofs were shoveled at the end of last week. Jim Demeritt reported that a porch and garage at the Ham Farm has also collapsed.

Tracy Tarr from Stoney Ridge Environmental presented a wetlands application permit for the Barron Mountain Club. They need to have authorization from parties impacted by the application. There is one area where a swale will be in the town's right of way. If there are no issues, she expressed her hope that the Selectmen will sign off. Jim Demeritt commented that the project was discussed in great detail at the last Planning Board Meeting. Selectman Sabourn read the proposed authorization, and suggested that it should state the specifics of the authorization more clearly. The proposed authorization was altered, typed on letterhead and signed by the board members present. Ms. Tarr produced copies of the authorization for her company to submit the forms on behalf of the developer to the NH Department of Environmental Services.. The wetland permit applications with the town's authorization were left for the town clerk.

Selectman Sabourn inquired if Mr. Lui had come through with the monies to repurchase the tax deeded lots. He has not. The properties are to be advertised for sealed bid.

PASSED (x2)

Minutes of the 3/5/08 Selectmen's Meeting were approved as amended. PASSED (x2)

Selectman Gross reported that the state had requested that a number of people be informed if ice jams occur. He has copied that list to the TA. Selectman Sabourn stated he had contacted the RA on Sunday to make sure that the crew had knocked some holes to help with runoff drainage. No major problems were reported. Jim Demeritt stated that an intersection on Mill Brook has problems with water coming back into the intersection. Drainage issues should be addressed before the road is built up or repaved. Selectman Sabourn inquired if there is a culvert in the area. NO.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Barbara Sellingham informed the board she had just received a call that former Selectman Alton Benton had passed away this morning. The board discussed his many years of service to the town.

Selectman Sabourn presented a plan and Current Use Application for the Flahive property and asked if anyone had an issue with him signing the application as a selectman where his firm had prepared the application. No contest was given. The application was approved (x2)

Selectman Sabourn presented a draft quitclaim deed from the Town of Thornton to the Townsend's for the spring parcel on Peaked Hill Pond Road. He has told the Townsend's that the town expected some sort of gift or token compensation prior to the quitclaim deeds approval, as he had discussed with the board some time ago. Selectman Gross inquired if Selectman Sabourn had found anything at register of deeds relative to the spring parcel. NO, he found no evidence of something having been recorded to the town.

Lee Freeman asked that a copy of the 2006 audit report be given to Jim Demeritt if it is available. He also inquired if the covered bridge roof should be shoveled? The board discussed the bridge and took no action. The TA copied the 2006 audit report. That board agreed that there would be no charge for the 18 pages copied.

The RA has reported that the springs were replaced on the 93 International truck and it is back on line. The radiator on the loader is leaking and will be taken to Concord for repair tomorrow.

It was moved and seconded to allow Transfer Station Manager, David Hilliard, to apply for grants for the benefit of the facility and the towns. PASSED (x2)

Darlene King called the TA to say that Neighborfest had dropped their asking price on the property to \$250,000. Southern NH Housing has told her that they could make the rental limitation perpetual if that will help them get the approvals they are requesting. The TA had requested they put their proposal in writing and fax it to the board for their comment/consideration.

Benton/McNamara building permit application for a single family house on parcel 11-1-33. The owners have received the DOT driveway permit to access a 25 lot subdivision on that parcel. Selectman Sabourn asked to see the deed for parcel 10-2-8 that is utilized for access to parcel 11-1-33. He noted that they need to come before the Planning Board because of the subdivision of parcel 10-2-8 that was established by retaining ownership of the road. Marianne Peabody stated the state would not allow the developers to access the property through 175 estates. Selectman Sabourn stated that when the developers sold the house on 10-2-8 they became in violation of the zoning ordinance. The problem is that in order to correct that deficiency on 10-2-8 more acreage needs to be acquired from another parcel. The developers of parcel 11-1-33 need to come before the Planning Board because they kept fee title ownership of the road. It was also decided that prior to approving building permits on 11-1-33 the board needs to see an engineer's report that the covered bridge on the access road is safe, adequate and appropriate to be utilized for

the primary access to the subdivision. Building permit application #1542 was denied due to apparent road and zoning violation. DENIED (x2) A letter will be sent so indicating.

It was noted that many letters have been received against removing the scenic road designation on Mill Brook Road. Jim Demeritt stated they do not seem to understand that the property owner can do with their own land as they wish, and the scenic road designation does not apply to them.

The TA reported that the audit reports and the audit letter would not be available before town meeting. Reportedly they have not been able to finish any towns' report at this time.

Selectman Sabourn stated he saw Jeff Caulder and asked if the town would ever get a letter from the NH Department of Safety relative to the grader. His response was that the town would not receive a written opinion from his department.

Building Permit

APPROVED

16 1 16          J&C Wallace          new house

DENIED

11 1 33          McNamara, Benton    new house-zoning issue

11:00 It was moved to adjourn. PASSED (x2)

**The next scheduled Selectmen's Meeting  
Will be  
March 19, 2008  
9:00 AM at the Municipal Building**