

# TOWN OF THORNTON

## November 21, 2006

### 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); Gloria Kimball, President, Thornton Historical Society, Sally Kriebel and Sandy McIntosh

Holiday Gathering – A motion was made to have the holiday gathering for municipal employees and committee members (no contractors) on Thursday, December 14, 2006 5-7 PM at Frannies Place. APPROVED (x3) The Board will prepare invitations next week.

Generator – Selectman Gross stated that the generator should be exercised on a regular basis per Roland Gooch, Roberts & Gooch Electric, to make sure everything will operate when needed.

175 Estates – Selectman Freeman reported Lakes Region Water Company (LRW) has torn up the roads in 175 Estates and the lack of a functioning water system has turned into a health issue. The residents are reportedly without water from 7AM – 5PM. Marianne Peabody, Health Officer, has been in contact with the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). She was told that LRW was supposed to have an approved plan in place with DES and they do not. The owner of LRW has said that it will be 2-4 weeks before the project is finished. LRW was supposed to get a water truck into 175 Estates today.

Abatement Appeals - Motions to compel property owners/representatives have been issued by the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA) relative to information that has not been supplied to the assessors after several requests. Should the owners/representatives not comply to the BTLA request within 20 days, the taxpayer will be in default and the appeal may be dismissed by the BTLA.

Inkel Lot – Selectman Gross requested that the Building Inspector be made aware that the lot is less than 1 acre and that he should make sure that the boundaries are checked.

6:50 Historical Society – Gloria Kimball brought information relative to the old town house on NH Rte 175. Selectman Freeman stated the Board needs to hear about the needs of the building. Liz Henigen a historical consultant from the NH Historical Alliance and Steve Bedard an architectural consultant inspected the building with Gloria Kimball, Sandy McIntosh, Sally Kriebel and Lee Freeman. Ms. Kriebel noted the most pressing issue is the replacement of the roof to keep the building from further deterioration. The attic is molding and it is coming through onto the bead board. Mr. Bedard did not think the tarp (roof cover) would hold up and he suggested putting on a temporary tin roof to

buy some time. Pictures are to be taken before work is done, the chimney is to be dismantled to below the roofline and the bricks saved for restoration efforts. Selectman Freeman stated that would allow time to raise the significant monies that will be needed. The building needs to be raised about 6' and a foundation put underneath. Selectman Perron made a motion to advertise a Request for Proposal to install a temporary metal roof. APPROVED (x3) The Board will review and approve the RFP prior to its posting. Selectman Freeman suggested utilizing capital reserve funds from the Municipal Buildings account for the roof.

It was noted that some of the boards in rest room area were planed by hand and probably date back to the 1700's. The front 15' of the building was added in the mid 1800s, and the roof had been turned 90 degrees when the addition was placed. There is a whole structure above the ceiling to support the bead board. The building's sills appear to be in good shape.

Ms.Kriebel reported that when she and Sandy McIntosh were doing some research at the Municipal Building, John March came to them and said he is finishing a survey of the former Horner estate that abuts the old town house. Mr. March does not believe the town house is on town property. A letter on file at the Municipal Building from Attorney, Leonard Sawyer indicates that the town owns the property.

6:15 Selectman Freeman made a motion to go into non-public session for land and personnel issues. APPROVED (x3)

6:25 The Board returned to public session. A motion was made to seal the minutes of the non-public session. APPROVED (x3)

Neighborfest – Selectman Freeman inquired how the Board would like to proceed and if Sean O'Brien from ADAPT had responded to the TA. He has not. Selectman Freeman will attempt to contact Mr. O'Brien. Selectman Freeman noted that Plymouth Parks & Recreation allows participation in their programs on a fee basis.

Capital Reserves – Selectman Freeman stated that he would like to see increases in capital reserves for 2007 in the case that the school's addition is voted in two years. Selectman Perron noted the Highway budget would probably need to be increased due to petroleum costs.

Mill Brook Survey – The completed survey is due December 15.

Brookwood Circle – The TA inquired about maintenance of the cul-de-sac. Brookwood Circle has been plowed since the voters accepted Covered Bridge Road. That section of road was not accepted as town road. Selectman Freeman will check with the legal department at the Local Government Center relative to town's responsibility.

Zip Code – Selectman Freeman reported he contacted Congressman Bass office to thank them for their assistance with re-establishing a Thornton zip code.

Letter of insufficiency – The Board discussed sending such a letter relative to US Rte 3 in the spring. A “letter of insufficiency” has to be addressed within 48 hours.

Minutes of the November 14, 2006 Selectmen’s Meeting were accepted as amended. (x3)

E-mails – The TA informed the Board that the e-mail addresses would change to be through the web site in the near future. This will eliminate the current e-mail vendor. The web site is nearly ready to be launched.

Budget committee members – The TA is to verify interest of those now serving to continue.

7:10 It was moved to adjourn. PASSED (X3)

**The next scheduled Selectmen’s Meeting  
Will be  
Tuesday November 28, 2006  
5:30 PM at the Municipal Building**