

TOWN OF THORNTON  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Date: July 22, 2009

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on  
Wednesday, July 22, 2009, 9:00 am at the Thornton Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen present:  
Jim Parziale, Roy Sabourn, & Tim Tyler

Public present:  
Town Administrator: Tammie Beaulieu, (TA)  
Staff: Mary Conn

At 9:20 am Chairman Parziale called the meeting to order.

Brad and Michael Benton attended the meeting and gave a presentation on the Boogie & Blues Festival, which is held on their property in August. TA Beaulieu outlined the situation for all in attendance from the initial noise complaint to the Town's obligation after discovery that current zoning does not allow such events. Due to 14 years of the event, LGC Counsel suggested BOS meet with Event property owners and all Town Safety departments to make sure areas of concern are addressed. Further to inform the Benton's the BOS are inquiring the options available for future events. Event permitting is the option we are planning on implementing for future years. The Bentons were made aware that Thornton's Zoning Ordinance does not allow special events to be held. There will likely need to be a warrant article, voted by the people to allow these events in the future. Brad Benton stated he has to hire the bands for the next year in November or December therefore how will he be able to bring it to the voters in March. Selectmen Sabourn suggested in September to go before the Planning Board and Zoning Board and ask for a special exception for the 2010 Boogie & Blues event. In March, people will be voting on the warrant article for all events. A few matters were discussed regarding fees, vendors, noise level, emergency vehicles, toilets and trash. The Board of Selectmen unanimously supports this event and Selectmen Parziale stated the Benton's do first quality work. The Board of Selectmen thanked the Benton's for attending.

**Motion**

10:12 Selectmen Sabourn moved to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a),

Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0

**Motion**

10:55 Selectmen Sabourn moved to exit from non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a),

Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0

For the record of the non-public meeting the Board discussed a Police Department personnel issue.

## **Motion**

Selectmen Sabourn motioned to accept Lt. Jack Foley's resignation as of July 31, 2009 and to also accept his request to be left on the part-time roster. Selectmen Parziale seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

BOS agreed to allow Lt. Foley to continue office work for 20 hours a week until July 31, 2009

10:55 Tom Dubey (RA) Discussion regarding the Fema grant-writing two-day training class for RA Dubey and John Paintedosi (Emergency Management Deputy) to attend. Selectmen

Sabourn suggested it would be a good idea to attend. RA Dubey will contact EMD Paintedosi.

RA shared with the BOS that the 2002 retired PD Ford Explorer will cost One thousand, two hundred and nine dollars (\$1,209) to pass inspection. The cost for parts is seven hundred eighty-two dollars (\$782) and labor is four hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$427). The inspection station stated the rocker panels are rusted. The Board will take it under advisement.

RA would like to purchase a diesel wood chipper. Tim Collins has one for sale, it is a 1987 with 2580 hours on it and the sale price is four thousand dollars (\$4,000). There is a Drum brand chipper, which is brand new for the sale price of thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$37,500). Selectmen Sabourn is in favor of purchasing a wood chipper but it was decided to table the discussion until further notice.

RA would like to purchase 200 feet of culvert for Lee Brook, Thornton Gore, Sandwich Notch, and Millbrook Road. He received an estimate from Ferguson - \$7.44 per ft. delivered, EJP- \$7.48 per ft. delivered, and a new company from Bridgewater - \$8.00 per ft., no delivery. RA Dubey would also like to have stock on hand in case of emergency. Selectmen Sabourn is in favor of having some pipe in stock for emergency purposes. Board agreed to the department purchase of the culvert required.

RA will purchase a new radiator for the International plow truck at a cost of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500). He received another estimate to refinish the fins on the radiator for one thousand four hundred (\$1,400) and decided it was best to purchase a brand new radiator.

RA updated the Board on the Highway tree-cutting project. Galen Marsh and Sons, who were awarded the work, were unable to provide proof of insurance so Top Notch completed the work. Selectmen Sabourn thanked RA Dubey for making the BOS aware of expenditures.

RA questioned how long the permits are valid to do the Wetlands project because the water has to be low and with all the rain we have received, it is nearly impossible to do. Selectmen Sabourn believes the permit is good for four years, but hopefully the rain will stop and it will be able to be done at the end of August.

RA stated neither Jim Sanborn or Brad Benton are interested in winter plowing of the dirt section of Millbrook Road, so he will be advertising in the newspaper for snow removal.

Selectmen Sabourn suggested to RA Dubey to check for broken asphalt on some areas on Thornton Gore Road.

11:17 RA Dubey exits.

11:20 Woodstock Police Chief Moorhead and Campton Police Chief Warn shared with the BOS their wisdom and thoughts regarding the current search for a new chief for the Thornton Police Department. Both Chiefs feel Thornton is where they should be with 4 full-time officers. They discussed if the Chief should be required to live in town. Both felt living in a bordering community is acceptable. They also discussed the general workweek, public relations, department morale and availability to the school and public. Selectmen Sabourn stated the school is happy with the Police Department presence. BOS thanked Chief Moorhead and Chief Warn for coming in.

12:07 Chief Moorhead and Chief Warn exit.

Action Folder:

Town Clerk/Tax Collector suggested a purchase of Putney Press directory of twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00) or the 2009 NH Government directory. Selectmen Sabourn suggested it be the discretion of the TA Beaulieu.

Mr. Fred Johnson of Mad River Road is interested in serving on the Conservation Committee. TA Beaulieu will contact him to meet with the BOS in the near future.

Avitar Associates, assessing company sent a letter to the BOS stating Thornton should have photos on every parcel of property. It will make it more efficient in identifying the correct property. The additional cost beyond the contract will be five thousand four hundred, seventy-five dollars (\$5,475). TA suggested she will negotiate a price of four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800), two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) to be paid in 2009 and two thousand four hundred dollars (\$2,400) to be paid in 2010 due to the budget. Selectmen Sabourn felt it would be money well spent. The Board agreed to allow TA Beaulieu to negotiate for the work.

The McAllister deeded property - Mrs. McAllister has approached the Town of Thornton to see if she can buy property back. She asked the Board to extend the date the locks will be changed until Aug. 3, 2009. Selectmen Sabourn felt the town owns the property, if the locks don't get changed, the Town will be liable if any accident should occur on the property. Board unanimously agreed to have the locks changed as soon as Jonathan Adams can complete the work for the Town.

Chief Walter Joyce submitted an invoice, he will receive a check for seven thousand four hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$7,437) for two hundred twenty-eight vacation and forty compensation hours for vested time. Jim Demeritt questioned which budget the money would be taken from? Selectmen Sabourn suggested the Police Department budget. TA Beaulieu suggested it should be taken from the Police Chief wages. TA Beaulieu also suggested the Board consider more money to be added to the contingent fund in 2010 budget or create a capital reserve fund for vested time for retirements and such in the future.

**Motion**

Selectmen Sabourn moved to pay Chief Joyce's vacation and comp. time for the total of seven thousand four hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$7,437.) for 220 vacation hours and 40 comp. hours. Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Selectmen Tyler shared with the Board a telephone complaint he had received regarding a contractor working after hours at 9 pm at a gravel pit owned by Sunset Rock LLC. Marianne Peabody contacted Piper Construction of Plymouth to notify them of the complaint and all operations will be halted after 5:30 pm in the future in the gravel pit.

Signature Folder:

BOS letter to Sam's Club to remove Candace Andrew as the primary on the account and replace with TA Beaulieu.

**Motion**

Selectmen Sabourn moved to accept the minutes of 4/15/09, 4/29/09, 5/13/09, 5/27/09 as amended. Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

**Motion**

12:58 pm Selectmen Sabourn moved to adjourn the meeting, Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.