

TOWN OF THORNTON
Board of Selectmen Minutes
Meeting Date: November 18, 2009

Board of Selectmen present:
Jim Parziale, Roy Sabourn, & Tim Tyler
Staff present:
Town Administrator, Tammie Beaulieu,

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 7:00 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

At 7:05 PM Selectmen Parziale called the meeting to order.

The start of the 2010 budget process is scheduled for this evenings meeting. Tthe following departments presented their budget to the Board of Selectmen.

7:15 Thornton Health Officer and Director of Welfare Marianne Peabody presented her 2010 budget request for Department 44110. Ms Peabody shared her concerns with the Selectmen that in the past it had always been understood that if the town had a health issue the funds would be expended from the contingency fund. The concern that if a septic failure occurred it could cost up to twelve thousand (\$12,000) to replace a failed system. It was agreed by all that they may need to consider increasing the contingency fund but would not want to increase the health budget. The new accounting system and account numbers will be a challenge this year and everyone will need the chance to get familiar.

Ms. Peabody continued with her welfare budget request as the welfare director. The fact that economy is slow and the need for assistance has increased the Board agreed that the direct assistance line should be increased.

RA Dubey submitted a copy of his revised road list that outlines paving dates. TA Beaulieu asked if he would forward a copy via email for her electronic file.

9:00 PM Mill Brook Covered Bridge.

The Board shared the information from the Nov 10, 2009 meeting with the State representatives with Selectmen Tyler and it was agreed that the best approach for the town is to repair the current bridge versus replace the bridge. The Town has been offered 80% funding on the project from funds that will be available in 2018. It was agreed to sign the request and to go forward with the project as presented by the state.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn motioned to notify New Hampshire DOT and proceed with the grant process and accept the State Bridge Aid offer for 80% of the preliminary estimate of Two hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$245,000.00) funds for the repair of the Millbrook Covered Bridge. The funds to be available in 2018. Selectmen Tyler seconded, Motion passed 2-1-0.

Action Folder:

Motion:

Selectmen Sabourn moved to approve the minutes of October 14th budget work session as amended, seconded by Selectmen Tyler. Motion Passed 3-0-0

Town Administrator Beaulieu presents:

Mitchell Group reported that they contacted Helen Petrycki in reference to her possible ½ ownership in Map 6 Lot 3 -9 that the tax collector processed as a tax deed on 12/31/08. It appears that due to the way it was deeded the Town is ½ owners on this property and outlined the town's options in hopes of collecting the back taxes due the town.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn motioned to send a tax bill to Helen Petrycki for her ½ ownership of Map 6 Lot 3-9 for 2009. Further approve that counsel negotiate a deal with Ms. Petrycki to allow the town to offer the property through a sealed bid process as joint owners. Selectmen Tyler seconded, Motion passed 3-0-0.

The letter from James R. St Jean Auctioneers informing the town of the sale of the 2002 Ford Explorer 4x4 in the amount of \$2,000 less their fee of 10%.

The Board discussed the continuing research for the Hidden Acres Road deed and bylaws and will keep working on a solution so the Town can take over the road. Further discussion will come at a later date on the cistern and the town's options.

TA Beaulieu explained that the Selectmen need to motion to accept the \$5,000 Grant for Hazard Mitigation and sign the grant correspondence.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn motioned to accept the grant of \$5,000 offered to the Town of Thornton for a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Selectmen Tyler seconded, Motion passed 3-0-0.

Signature Folder:

Plodzick & Sanderson 2008 Audit Representation Letter

Approved Building Permit for Owl Street Associates LLC-16-1-7-4 Unit #1

Approved Building Permit for Owl Street Associates LLC-16-1-7-4 Unit #3

Motion

11:05 PM Selectmen Parziale moved to adjourn the meeting, Selectmen Sabourn seconded. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie Beaulieu