

TOWN OF THORNTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2008

9:00 am The meeting was called to order.
members present: Arthur Gross, Jim Parziale, and Roy Sabourn
Also present: Administrator Beaulieu (TA)

9:05 am Non-Public session
Selectmen Sabourn motioned to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), Selectmen Gross seconded. PASSED (x3).

9:25 am Selectmen Gross motioned to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), Selectmen Sabourn seconded. PASSED (x3).

9:25 am Selectmen Gross motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session, Selectmen Sabourn seconded. PASSED (x3).

9:26 am -Mary McLeod-Checkerberry Ridge Rd

Ms. McLeod approached the Board on her options to bring Checkerberry Ridge Rd up to town standards. She does not feel comfortable selling the two lots she owns on the road without knowing what is involved to bring to town standards. Discussion turned to betterment assessment as an option and Selectmen Sabourn informed that they would be meeting with town counsel and they would discuss this matter and get back in touch with her.

Mary further questioned that if the road did get brought up to town specs does it need to go to town meeting for approval. The Board explained that it would be reasonable to believe that the voters would agree to this if all involved agreed to the betterment.

RA Tom Dubey stated Checkerberry Ridge Road was already deeded to the Town and is now a Class 6 dirt road. He believed the required standards would be the original dirt standards and not paved.

9:30 am Omer Ahern Jr. – Standing for District #3 Grafton County

Mr. Ahern Introduced himself and thanked the Board members for there service to their community. He gave his brief background and explained he was brought up in Plymouth and is an attorney. He volunteered his standing on many issues and Selectmen Sabourn and Parziale felt that Mr. Omer is coming from the same side on many issues and were happy to meet him.

10:05 am – RA Tom Dubey

RA gave the Board a brief update on the roads that GMI had paved and would return to pave on Thursday. He was pleased with the final paving work and felt GMI did a great job. Selectmen Parziale asked if the highway department had enough in their budget. Budget appropriations were confirmed.

The RA contacted the HOBO and State railroads to inform they would be grinding their areas before noon and if they wanted to come up and look they should do so. They did not respond. The RA felt he had done everything he is required to do. Selectmen Sabourn asked if he had sent anything in writing and RA stated all verbal.

The mowing machine was delivered and the RA made sure it was legal for the road. The Board thanked Tom.

Selectmen Gross asked if a town representative would attend the FEMA meeting in Plymouth. Interim TA Andrews is attending.

RA informed the Board that Mark Johnston will be coming in for the winter sand preparation during the two week mowing project.

Ra confirmed he was intending on taking care of Mad River Rd mowing himself.

RA informed the Board that Tim Collins got his CDL last month.

Jim Sanborn Jr. will be coming back to help the town plow this coming winter season. Good with the equipment and does a good job.

Selectmen Parziale asked the RA to get in touch with the homeowner on Mill Brook Rd. to discuss the tree removal needed next to Johnny Cubics.

RA confirmed that if the tree is in the right of way on a scenic road the homeowner has right to cut the trees but not the town without a public hearing.

10:30 am Selectmen Sabourn motioned to suspend the meeting to meet with town counsel, Selectmen Gross seconded. PASSED (x3).

12:35 am Selectmen Sabourn motioned to come out of suspension from meeting with town counsel, Selectmen Gross seconded. PASSED (x3)

12:35 pm Non-Public session
Selectmen Sabourn motioned to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), Selectmen Gross seconded. PASSED (x3).

12:42 pm Selectmen Gross motioned to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a), Selectmen Sabourn seconded. PASSED (x3).

12:42 pm Selectmen Gross motioned to seal the minutes of non-public session, Selectmen Sabourn seconded. PASSED (x3).

Town Administrator Beaulieu presents:

It has come to Ms. Beaulieu's attention that the business side of town hall does not use the security alarm system and for safety reasons would the Board approve that she enforce the system. Selectmen Sabourn and Parziale disagreed with the need for the alarm system and discussed the confusion it would cause with the many committees and Boards that use the town hall to meet. Selectmen Gross felt it might be a good idea.

The Selectmen established their upcoming meeting schedule.

Oct 1, 2008 9am (this meeting was moved to the morning per request of the Historical Society as there was a conflict with meeting room).

Oct 15, 2008 7 pm

Oct 29, 2008 9 am

Action Folder:

Selectmen Sabourn discussed the payment to the Library for \$5,000 and felt it was a request for \$5,000 to be put in a capital reserve. TA Beaulieu was asked to research and void the check.

Request from the Advisory Budget Committee to have a web site for their minutes and agendas. The Board agreed and the web master will be informed. They felt strongly that all agenda's, minutes, and correspondence be titled properly as Advisory Budget Committee.

Selectmen Parziale would like to take Candy out for her retirement from the Town of Thornton. It was decided to post the dinner meeting since all three Selectmen will be attending the retirement dinner. The date and time will be forwarded to TA Beaulieu when confirmed.

Selectmen Sabourn in his concern on the untimely receipt of the 2007 audit. Selectmen Gross confirmed that previous years the report was received in August which meant the auditors were only a month behind normal schedule.

1:20 pm Selectmen Sabourn motioned to close the meeting, Selectmen Gross seconded.
PASSED (x3).

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