

**TOWN OF THORNTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Date: January 7, 2009**

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

**Selectmen present:**

Arthur Gross, Chairman, Roy Sabourn, Jim Parziale

**Public present:**

Administrator Tammie Beaulieu, preparing the minutes.

At 7:00 PM Chairman Gross called the meeting to order.

Review of the 2009 draft warrant articles.

Jim Demeritt questioned the Board on the article referencing the purchase of a new Highway Department Ford 550 at this time or if it could be prolonged a year. It was suggested that turning our vehicles in with such low miles is not needed. Selectmen Gross suggested we take some time to digest the articles before making a decision.

Discussion ensued on the option of keeping the Police Department SUV that is being replaced in the 2009 budget, to possibly be kept and used by Town office and Highway staff.

Discussion ensued on the option of taking the 2008 article referencing the Capital Outlay expenditure for \$35,000 to cover the engineering fees for the repair/replacement of the covered bridge on Covered Bridge Road and create 2009 article to move from surplus.

Discussion ensued on articles needed for the Purchase & Sales of the Hawkensen property and the donation and agreement with the Historical Society. It was determined to let town counsel finalize the proper wording for the articles.

8:10 PM Library Trustee - Anita Ross

Ms. Ross attended as the Library Trustee representative and revised the Library estimated budget figures to the final figures requested. She informed the Board that Selena Cate will be forwarding the detail of the final budget request. Due to school being cancelled for inclement weather she could not fax the material earlier today. TA Beaulieu informed Ms. Ross that during discussion with Ms. Cate she was informed that the Library Trustees had determined and classified Ms. Cate as a salaried employee in accordance with the labor laws and Ms. Ross confirmed. TA Beaulieu suggested that the Trustees forward a schedule of payment for 2009 wages to be paid to Ms. Cate and they would not have to submit a signed timesheet weekly since it seemed to be difficult on the Trustees due to their hectic schedules. Ms. Ross agreed and will be forwarding a schedule for the year.

TA Beaulieu presented a single case where an employee could not use their vacation days in 2008. They were requesting to bring forward eight days to 2009. The Board agreed to allow this one time transfer but to make it clear that from 2009 forward the policy will be

enforced and no more than 5 days vacation, 16 days sick and forty hours of comp time for salaried employees only will be brought forward to the new year.

**Motion**

Selectmen Sabourn motioned to allow the 8 day vacation carry over this time but in future the personnel policy rules will be enforced and no more than five days vacation, sixteen days sick and forty hours of comp time for salaried employees only will be brought forward to the new year. Selectmen Gross seconded. Passed (3-0-0)

Tax Deed process discussed with Board and they requested that TA Beaulieu get suggested course of action on deed process to follow for houses, condo's, etc. from counsel.

**Signature File:**

Primex extension of one year on the workers compensation insurance. Board agreed that the agreement was confusing due to it stating one year extension but stated it would be in place till 2012. The Board asked TA Beaulieu to call for specifics of agreement.

Plodzick & Sanderson certification letter for the 2007 audit.

**Action Folder:**

The RA submitted a memo to the Board asking them to reconsider and that they let him move the gate at the Highway Garage up so the public can get to the sand when the garage gate is locked instead of creating a new pile at the Town Hall. The Board agreed to his suggestion as they felt it was in the best interest to all.

**Motion**

Selectmen Gross motioned to reconsider their previous motion to create a new sand pile at Town Hall, instead to allow the RA to move the gate at the Highway Garage to allow the taxpayers access to the sand pile during inclement weather conditions. Selectmen Sabourn seconded. Passed (3-0-0)

Board asked that TA Beaulieu question contractors if the roof on town hall needs to be replaced this year or is it in good enough shape for another year or two.

**Motion**

Selectmen Sabourn motioned to have staff draft a letter similar to Haverhill Selectmen's letter in which they strongly disagreed with the Grafton County prison construction. The Board will sign and copy to surrounding Town's in the Grafton County. Selectmen Gross seconded. Passed (3-0-0)

**Motion**

9:45 Selectmen Gross motioned to adjourn the meeting, Selectmen Parziale seconded. Passed (3-0-0).

*Respectfully Submitted,*

***Tammie Beaulieu***

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