

TOWN OF THORNTON
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Date: January 14, 2009

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on
Wednesday, January 14, 2009 7:00 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Selectmen present:

Arthur Gross, Chairman, Roy Sabourn, Jim Parziale

Public present:

Administrator Tammie Beaulieu

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

7:15 CIP Representative Giff Kriebel

The Board instructed TA Beaulieu to recreate the 2009 warrant articles referencing the CIP's accounts and reserve amounts.

The Budget Committee (Advisory Board) sent two representatives, Giff Kriebel and Jim Demeritt to discuss their Fire Department 2009 budget recommendations. The Budget Committee initially agreed to a reduction of \$80,000. The Selectmen felt they would not be able to suggest such a large amount. Selectmen Sabourn suggested the Thornton Board request that \$40,000 be removed from the budget. Selectmen Gross felt that he would be more comfortable with a 30,000 reduction request. The Board agreed to suggest a \$30,000 to \$35,000 reduction and see what the Campton Selectmen would agree to.

Jim Demeritt thought the Board should be aware that the crust on the sand pile was overhanging too far and felt it is a safety issue to the public who are taking sand. It was agreed to ask RA Dubey to make sure the pile is maintained to stop the overhang. It was agreed they might not have the equipment to address the pile at the high level.

Action File:

A letter from Deachman & Cowie, P.A. – The Board agreed that staff needs to respond to Attorney Cowie in writing to his concerns of Yarrow Road & Mill Brook Road. The confusion is due to an error on the CIP road report from the committee. The Town of Thornton does not plan to pave Yarrow Road and does not intend to go any further on Mill Brook Road than where the pavement currently ends.

The Board discussed the email that Selectmen Sabourn received from Candy Andrew referencing her assistance to the Town with Emergency Management. She agreed it was in everyone's best interest to return the records. The Board agreed and they discussed how grateful they were for her professional assistance during the transition of her leaving the Town Administrator's position.

The North Country Council submitted a request for a 2009 donation and outline of activity. The Board agreed that they will not be including the membership funds in the 2009 budget.

Town Administrator Beaulieu (TA) Presents:

The TA presented the letter of interest to serve as the Deputy EMD for the Town of Thornton from John Piantedosi.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn motioned to appoint John Piantedosi, as Deputy EMD, Selectmen Gross seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

TA informed the Board the men's room urinal problem was due to contamination in the pipes and tank. Northeast Plumbing is going to test the water and submit a quote for a water system.

TA asked the Board's pleasure on the interpretation on the comp time section in the personnel policy referencing a salaried employee working over 45 hours a week. It was agreed by the Board that salaried employees over 45 hours would collect at time and one half. The Board further discussed the problem with hourly employees getting comp time when the policy specifically states that they will be paid. The Board informed TA Beaulieu they do not want to see the hourly employees having to work more than a 40-hour work week. They prefer employees come in later or leave early on another day to offset the work week hours.

Discussion ensued on the One Write System (Town finance software) crashing and solutions. TA explained that the software is very old and the company sold to Peachtree so there is no technical assistance.

Motion

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie Beaulieu

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