

TOWN OF THORNTON
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Date: January 21, 2009

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on,
Wednesday, January 21, 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 PM Appointment- Jim Ingram
Mr. Ingram was not in attendance

7:30 PM Appointment- Jim Demeritt

Mr. Demeritt questioned why the roads in Mill Brook area were not plowed the past weekend and if it was due to a vehicle being down he would like to know where the Highway Departments extra vehicle was. Selectmen Sabourn turned the question over to RA Tom Dubey. RA Dubey explained that the Highway Department had problems over the weekend with the department's vehicles and they did plow the roads Sunday as soon as the vehicles were up and running. The discussion continued on the department's fleet and the specific mechanical problems. Mr. Demeritt explained that the roads in the area were so bad that he and Mr. Freeman had to plow the roads open for vehicles to pass. The RA explained that the department has been working hard and many hours to keep the roads open and winged back for safe travel of the town residence. Selectmen Sabourn stated that all we can do is call the RA when the roads are in need of snow service and he will address each problem as priorities allow. Selectmen Parziale added that he had been in the neighborhood Sunday and the roads had been plowed.

Howard Beaudry was in attendance and questioned if the Town is taking on the liability for Mr. Demeritt & Mr. Freeman plowing town roads. The Board agreed they do not take on that liability and had not given permission for the service.

Steve Small was in attendance and expressed that he thought the roads have been maintained.

7:30 Jim Ingram- The earlier appointment entered the meeting and the Board opened discussion on his road issues. Discussion ensued on the town's road practices and maintenance. Mr. Ingram's identified his development and addressed the requirements for Joshua Lane & Jacobs Way. The final request was for the Board to reconsider their earlier decision and if they would go back to the development and review the roads to be understanding that the specifications on roads changed since the subdivisions approval. Selectmen Sabourn recalled that the boards' earlier decision was that the roads need to be sealed. The Town's concern was not referencing the base of the roads but the cracks and they would like to see the roads bound up.

Mr. Ingram discussed the option of the Selectmen putting an article on the 2009 warrant to be discussed at Town Meeting for the town to take the over. Selectmen informed Mr. Ingram that he could submit a petition article.

Selectmen Sabourn discussed Campton's lease agreement with their Historical Society for a guideline for Thornton. Sally Kriebel was in attendance and explained that their Historical Society has come along way in raising funds and they would like to help the town preserve a part of their history. Although the society singularly has different ideas for the building. Selectmen Sabourn reviewed the Campton agreement with all in attendance. Ms. Kriebel felt that certain items on the Campton agreement will need to be revised. She also suggested that the warrant article for 2009 should show the town funding the full purchase and allow the Historical Society time to review the agreement and see if we can reach an agreement with the town. Selectmen Parziale felt the building in general would need a lot of work. Ms. Kriebel explained they are not looking for the same Historical Society building that Campton has the Thornton Historical Society realizes the cost to improve the property. Selectmen Sabourn felt the language on the agreement needs to express that the town does not plan to appropriate large funds for this building and Thornton is planning to put wording in the agreement that will assure that the town is not obligated, Selectmen Gross stated the Town has usually agreed to 19 year agreements instead of 99 years. The Board agreed that 19 years would be used for this agreement with future extension if agreed by all involved. The Board asked TA Beaulieu to contact Local Government Center (LGC) to see if they can assist us.

The Town Administrator discussed the specifics of the quote for LGC's services to complete a wage study.

The Board agreed to add \$5,000 to the 2009 budget for LGC to complete a wage study for the Thornton employees.

Selectmen Sabourn informed the other board members of the CIP article changes suggested by Giff Kreibel as follows:

Gen Highway Dept fund	\$31,000
Bridges	\$30,000
Municipal Buildings	\$27,000
Assessing	\$15,000

7, 8 & 11 old practice and the Town would discontinue adding funds.

RA Dubey-would like to get together with Selectmen Sabourn to discuss the paperwork that came through from the wetlands bureau in reference to the pending project.

The RA informed the Board that he would like to attend some classes for grader operator-masters road scholar program at UNH and the cost is \$60.00 per class and both Tom and Tim would like to attend some classes. The Board agreed.

Action File:

Motion

Selectmen Gross motioned to accept the minutes of November 26th, December 3rd, 10th, 17th, 23rd, 30th of 2008 and January 7, 2009 as amended. Jim Parziale seconded, passed 3-0-0.

Motion

9:08 PM Selectmen Sabourn motioned to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e).
Selectmen Gross seconded. Motion Passed 3-0-0.

Two pending litigation items discussed .

Motion

9:25 PM Selectmen Sabourn motioned to exit non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e).
,Selectmen Gross seconded. Motion Passed 3-0-0.

Motion

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie Beaulieu
Posting Date: