

TOWN OF THORNTON
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: February 25, 2009

On Wednesday, February 25, 2009 @ 9:00 AM the
Thornton Board of Selectmen met at the Town Hall.

Board Members present: Arthur Gross, Chairman
Roy Sabourn, Jim Parziale
Public present: Jim De Meritt, Sally Kriebel

Chairman Gross opened the meeting at 9:00AM.

Chairman Gross requested that the March 4, 2009 Selectmen's Meeting posted for the evening at 7:00 PM be changed to 9:00AM. The reason is the Thornton Central School annual meeting will be held on March 4, 2009 at 7:00 PM and the Board would like to attend. A motion was made and seconded to move the **Selectmen's meeting to March 4, 2009 to 9:00 AM.**

VOTED 3-0.

Fire Commissioner De Meritt submitted to the Board a copy of the February 11, 2009 Campton/Thornton Commissioner Meeting Minutes. Commissioner DeMeritt referred the Selectmen to the second page last paragraph of these minutes which mentions that a residency requirement was discussed to be included in the employee hiring contract, but no consensus was agreed upon by the Commissioners at this time. Response time was mentioned. The Board of Selectmen does not recommend that residency become a requirement and listed in the contract.

Road Agent Tom Dubey – Informed the Board that the Wetlands Permit for repair to the Covered Bridge leading to the Woods of Mill Brook Development was approved. He is planning to advertize for bid repairs this spring. He hopes to begin the project in August 2009 when the water in Mill Brook is low.

Discussion centered on the proposed purchase of a new 550 Ford Highway Truck. The old 550 Ford truck is 4 years old. Tom informed the Board that the State Bids for new trucks closes on March 20, 2009. He discussed with the Board pricing, features, engine size, type, gross weight, plow sizes 9ft, 10ft, manufactures, plastic vs. steel & frames. The Capital Improvement Plan shows a new truck to be scheduled for purchase this year. According to CIP Member Jim DeMeritt the CIP Committee recommends that they hold off this purchase for a year, and repair the old 550 Ford it still has some good mileage on it. A (6) year rotation was discussed and conversation led to what should be done with the old truck if a new one was purchased. Sally Kriebel agreed, but would like to see this same scenario applied to the Police Department. The total cost for a new 550 Ford Truck including total hydraulic system is \$45,000. - \$47,000. The Board has requested Road Agent Dubey to research the following:

1. Bring the 550 Truck to Campton Sand loaded with a full load of sand and weigh.
2. Check the durability of plastic plows.

3. Check further into 10ft plows.

Further discussion will take place at the March 4, 2009 meeting. The Board wants to be sure they are making the right decision whether to purchase a new highway truck with the appropriate size, & equipment.

Other Highway Business Road Agent Dubey informed the Board that the GRADER repairs are complete. The repairs came to \$2,000.00 more than the original estimate. Tom explained that they purchased this grader from the State and the center of the grader was split when the State owned it and repaired with epoxy. To take this apart and clean it up took more than what was originally expected. The repairs were done and done well according to Road Agent Dubey.

Employee George Cheney is scheduled for grader classes.

Historical Society Lease Agreement

Sally to revise to address concerns of the Board.

Action Folder

1. Administrator to address abatements with Selectmen.
2. The Town of Campton forwarded a copy of the approved Municipal Fire Agreement between Campton, Thornton & Ellsworth approved on February 20, 2009 by the Attorney General's Office. Selectmen for signed copies.
3. Sally Kriebel questioned if the estimated revenues and revenue summary will be listed in this year's town report?

Town Administrator items for Discussion

1. Administrator Beaulieu informed the Board that the Auditors were here this week and is going well.
2. Recycle Center Manager David Hilliard is looking to purchase a skid steer. The monies are currently in a capital reserve with the Selectmen authorized to expend. A motion was made and seconded to request Manager Hilliard to bring to the Board on March 4, 2009 detailed information on the skid steer and cost. A motion to purchase will be considered.
3. The results from the municipal building water test have been received from the NH State Lab. Testing the water at the Highway Dept. Garage is next.
4. Tax Deeding – A response from Town Council relative to statutes regarding rights and obligations after the town takes a tax deed RSA 80:88-90 was discussed. Locks will be replaced, and letters will go out to owners regarding their rights to repurchase. A motion was made and seconded to allow the owners of the properties to redeem for back taxes, costs and interest within the next 3 years. VOTED 3-0.
5. Accounting software – The Acufund (sp) software has been researched. Administrator Beaulieu informed the Board that it is more affordable and user friendly. The Town of Franklin is presently using it.

Signature File

Abatements:

Schelling	PID	17-18-05
Gearusso		16-01-7GL17
East Bridge Realty		10-01-05
Kovgias		18-07-02
Magoon Family		11-01-170
McKinnon		16-01-26
Mt. River Dev.		07-02-13-25
R & C Benson		11-01-159
Renaud		12-07-19
Shaughnessy		10-12-02 & 09-01-03-04
Sunset Rock		17-07-20
Woods & Millbrook		11-01-113
Zwahlen		10-02-03
Crowley Trust		09-01-04

Other business Non-Public issue pursuant to RSA 91: a: 3, II

At 11:00 AM the Board of Selectmen entered into executive session with the Tax Collector regarding a legal issue.

At 11:15 AM executive session ended.

This meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

These minutes have been taken by Marianne Peabody, Support Staff.

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