

TOWN OF THORNTON
Selectmen Meeting
Meeting Date: March 4, 2009

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a public meeting on
Wednesday, March 4, 2009 @ 9:00 AM

Selectmen present: Arthur Gross, Chairman, Jim Parziale, Roy Sabourn

Public present: Sally Kriebel, Jim Demeritt

At 9:05AM Chairman Gross, called this meeting to order.

Road Agent Tom Dubey – Replacement with new truck.

Road Agent Dubey updated the Board on his research of plows plastic vs. metal. Tom contacted a few towns for their opinions.

Reply is as follows:

1. Poly plows are good for heavy wet snow.
2. Too lightweight went back to metal plow.
3. Performs well on paved surfaces.

Since the last quote given by SW Sleeper the price has increased a Fisher plow total hydraulic package is now \$11,462.00. A new truck with plow package is \$47,134.00. March 20, 2009 is the deadline date to order a truck under state bid and for it to be in service for fall 2009. Road Agent Dubey will continue to research and request that George Cheney, Mechanic take a look at the truck and plows. They will also compare makes Chevy's Fords. etc. After discussion the Board of Selectmen motioned to bring this discussion to the people at Town Meeting. The money is already set aside and will not affect the tax rate. The Selectmen would prefer the people make the decision to purchase a new truck this year or next year. Other decision will be to decide what to do with the old truck if a new one is purchased. VOTED 3-0.

Road Agent Dubey – Informed the Board that Stone Dam Road would not be posted this spring. Drainage issues have been resolved and necessary repairs made.

Sally Kriebel – Sally informed the Board that she and husband Giff Kriebel reviewed the town report and were disappointed that not all of the volunteer

committee member names were listed, and some of the listings in the town report were incomplete.

Sally discussed with the Board the Historical Society new completed lease agreement.

Administrator Beaulieu - Present

Jon & Bonnie Ham – Farmhouse Demolition

Jon & Bonnie Ham informed the Board that they have filed for an abatement on parcel 10-10-10 (Farm House Route 3). They believe the value of \$166,000 is very high for a building that is not livable and fallen to a dilapidated state. Because of the high assessment attached to the farmhouse they are being forced to demolishing the building, and realize that it needs to come down prior to April 1, 2009. Jon & Bonnie Ham requested if the Selectmen would be willing to ask the Town Assessors to look at their property as soon as possible so that it gives them ample time to make a decision relative to demolition, and they would like to be present. Administrator Beaulieu left the room to phone Avitar Associates and returned with a meeting date scheduled for the end of the week. Jon Ham informed the Board that he owns significant frontage along the Pemi River and feels that the Shoreland Protection Act diminishes the value of his property. Building permit procedures regarding the April 1st deadline date, demolitions, disposal of debris, time frames were discussed briefly.

The Board of Selectmen would like posted a short meeting for Tuesday, March 10, 2009 @ 9:00 am.

Administrator's items for discussion.

1. Barry Cox, LGC representative forwarded a Department of Labor outline for criteria to establish full-time hourly employees and full-time salary employees. The outline was distributed to each Selectmen.
2. The Lease Agreement between the Town and the Historical Society is approved in format. The way it is written we will need the consensus of the people at Town Meeting.

Motion

The Board of Selectmen motioned and seconded to approve the final draft of the lease agreement contingent on land passing at town meeting. **Final draft approved contingent on Town Meeting Vote. VOTED 3-0.**

3. Non-sufficient check policy discussed. Discussion relative to tightening up. New policies presented and bad check procedures to be posted. The Board of Selectmen motioned and seconded to sign the **Non Sufficient Check Policy, Dated March 4, 2009. VOTED 3-0.**

4. **Transfer Station** – Capital Reserve request for Skid Steer.

Motion

A motion was made and seconded for Selectmen to act as agents to withdraw the amount of \$10,445.82 from the Transfer Station Major Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve funds account. VOTED 3-0.

5. Administrator Beaulieu is suggesting a revision to the procedure that has been used in the past on payment of funds from the capital reserves where the Selectmen are agents. The auditor suggested that we request the funds be paid to the Town and the Town pay the vendor instead of a direct check from Trustees of Trust Funds to the vendor. This will allow for tracking of purchases by the Selectmen.
6. The Town Auditors Plodzik & Sanderson have been in the office for seven days and are completing a very thorough audit. There will need to be some changes made in procedures Administrator Beaulieu informed the Board that she feels comfortable with what has been done thus far.

Motion

At 10:45 AM the Board of Selectmen under RSA 91:A:3, II motioned to enter into non-public session to discuss Legal issues, Health Department issue, Personnel Issue.

Motion

At 11:00 AM the Board of Selectmen motioned to come out of non-public session.

Health issue and Personnel issue no final decision required.

Board of Selectmen Items for Discussion

Tax Collector, Sue Lyons discussed with the Board different options that she has researched for features to be included on the tax bills.

This week it is planned to enter into agreement with Heidi Hawkenson and the Town of Thornton to sign a Purchase & Sale Agreement.

Motion

At 11:30 AM the Board of Selectmen under RSA 91:A:3,II motioned to enter into non-public session to complete a personal performance evaluation review of Tammie Beaulieu-Thornton Town Administrator.

At 11:55 AM the Board of Selectmen motioned to exit non-public session. Performance evaluation completed and the Board announced that they are pleased with the performance of Ms. Beaulieu and the experience she brings to the Town.

This meeting adjourned at 12:05 AM

Next scheduled meeting will be held on, Tuesday, March 10, 2009 @ 9:00AM

Notes taken by:
Marianne Peabody