

TOWN OF THORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Meeting Date: September 16, 2009

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on, Wednesday, September 16, 2009 @ 7:00 PM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Selectmen present: Jim Parziale, Chairman, Roy Sabourn, Tim Tyler

Employees present: David Hilliard, Transfer Station Manager, Tom Dubey, Road Agent, Marianne Peabody, taking notes.

Public present: Bud Clayton, Town of Ellsworth, Marsh Morgan, Town of Campton, Charles Wheeler, Town of Campton, Ann Marie Foote, Town of Campton, Bill Cheney, Town of Campton, Craig Keeney, Town of Campton, Sharon Davis, Town of Campton. Scott Wolfenden, Thornton School Board, Jim Demeritt.

Chairman Parziale opened the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Board Members reviewed the weekly correspondence and signed the manifest.

There were a few items in the action folder that Board Members directed action on.

1. Complaint about high taxes from property owner James Boyd. The Board requested that for Tax Collector Susan Lyons respond to Mr. Boyd to suggest that he attend the budget hearings. These hearings will show detail as to where tax dollars are being spent.
2. Board Members signed a letter addressed to Plodzik & Sanderson Auditing Firm requesting a detailed billing statement for professional services rendered from June 22, 2009 through August 31, 2009.
3. The US Cellular monthly statement still has the past Administrators name on. The Board has requested that her name be removed from the record.
4. Memo signed addressed to Susan Dumont, Treasurer requesting her to issue a check from the Thornton/Hubbard Brook Research Foundation Scholarship fund to Kristen Tyler for the amount of \$1,500.00.

Other items:

1. The record shows the Revised Estimated Revenues (RSA 21-J: 34). known as the MS4 was mailed to the NH Department of Revenue on September 10, 2009.
2. A memorandum addressed to the Selectmen from Administrator Beaulieu informing the Board that Dwayne Johnston Re: Old Town Hall excavation called to request the Board's approval to allow Ean Holmes to conduct a tree cutting training at the Old Town Hall site. Dwayne Johnston feels this will accommodate the Town and the contractors to move forward with the excavation project that has been previously discussed in past meetings. Ean Holmes is certified with the Federal Forest Service. Administrator Beaulieu contacted LGC to discuss the town's liability. She was informed that the town coverage will only offer \$10,000 medical coverage should Ean get hurt at the training. They will not cover workers comp for a volunteer if anything should happen. Dwayne

thought that if possible it would be better for the Fire Department to call a tree cutting training and have Ean Holmes as the trainer as he would be covered as an employee.

Board comments: Board Members are apprehensive to ask Fire Chief Tobine to handle this training session, and they are not comfortable with the liability limits. This is a tough area to work in and very close to the road. There was no action taken on this request from Dwayne Johnston until Administrator Beaulieu returns to work and more information can be learned.

3. A letter of official withdrawal from the application process for the part-time position as police officer dated September 4, 2009 was submitted from Cpl. Ryan Oleson, Woodstock Police Department informing the Town of Thornton that due to recent changes within his full-time employment, he would not be able to provide any service to the Town of Thornton. A motion was made and seconded to accept Cpl. Ryan Oleson's withdrawal. VOTED 3-0.

Campton Board of Selectmen & Transfer Station Manager-Dave Hilliard

Transfer Station Manager David Hilliard addressed the Thornton Board of Selectmen, Campton Board of Selectmen, Administrator, and Ellsworth Selectman. Submitted was a municipal energy assistance program for future grant monies. David Hilliard discussed and updated the respective Board's with the transfer station budget including revenues. David reported that revenues are down. Manager Hilliard has requested that the Boards consider accepting credit and debit cards, because everyone has gone electronic. Members of the Campton Board of Selectmen showed concern with upfront costs and accounting associated with accepting credit and debit cards.

Other items discussed:

The Guard Shack located at the entrance of the transfer station is under construction. Materials to construct this shack including the concrete have been donated and Kevin McGuire is building it. Volunteers were discussed to man the building. The Selectmen have requested that Administrator Beaulieu contact LGC to discuss compensation/volunteer work with them.

The Mall has been moved behind the office. It is now out of the flow of traffic and is working better.

Traffic is still a concern, and an exit sign will be put up near the compost pile.

Compost pile there is a three week build up of brush that will be chipped next week. Laconia markets compost and they also people have coming into their transfer station to take it away.

Berlin, Casella's Berlin will be closing, no one knows when. We are locked in for (3) years by existing contract.

Campton Selectmen inquired about the following:

Are there plans for paving the entrance beyond the apron?

Will the grade be raised before winter? Plans are to do so.

How much will our revenue be going down from State Sources?

The Thornton Board of Selectmen thanked the representatives from Campton & Ellsworth for attending as they left the meeting.

Open proposals for Highway Department Winter Sand Screening

At 8:00 PM the Board of Selectmen opened (2) submitted bids for winter screen sanding.

First bid opened Benton Enterprises Sand & Gravel for the amount of \$3.15/cyd. The item description read as follow: screening sand mixing with salt and piling sand for winter use. No byproduct two usable products crushed products 1 ½ crushed bank run and screened sand with crushed stone chips so we can use less sand 3.15/cyd It was determined the bid was timely and therefore legitimate.

Second bid opened M.E. Johnston Construction for the amount of \$14,750.00 this proposal is for the following and is good for 30 days. Screening 5,000 yards (\$2.95/yard) of winter sand at the Thornton Town Shed. Any unforeseen circumstances such as ledge, excess water, etc. will be billed at time and material to be discussed with owner before any work commences. All permits, i.e. building, driveway, etc. are the responsibility of the owner. Any rocks over 2 cubic yards are also billed as extra. Any excess materials will be disposed of at contractor's discretion. A motion was made and seconded to accept this bid. VOTED 3-0.

Board Members agreed that 5,000 yds of pure sand is needed for this year, and they want to be sure there is enough. After discussion a motion was made and seconded to award the **Second Bid** submitted by M.E. Johnston for the amount of \$14,750.00 with the last paragraph removed from the proposal that states: Any rocks over 2 cubic years are also billed as extra. Any excess materials will be disposed of at contractor's discretion. VOTED 3-0.

Open sealed bids for 2002 PD 4x4 Explorer Cruiser

No cruiser bids were submitted. Road Agent Dubey will drop this vehicle off at the State Auction.

Road Agent Tom Dubey Presented to the Board (2) quotes from GMI Asphalt Corp. Paving Specialists for the Lee Brook Road project. The first proposal to grind 1,822 ft and pave 4,148 ft x 20ft for the amount of \$93,900.00. The second proposal is to grind & pave 2,000 ft x 20ft for \$65,670.00. Board Members and Road Agent discussed the rocks in the road bed along Lee Brook Road. These rocks will be removed prior to paving. A motion was made and seconded to approve the second proposal for the amount of **\$65,670.00** with the stones taken out and to confirm with Administrator the new contract and to check on road maintenance budget amount left.

VOTED 3-0. According to Road Agent Dubey. If prices remain as they are the town can only accomplish ½ mile a year.

School Board Member Scott Wolfenden –Scott came before the Board to invite them to an informational meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 @ 7:00 PM. The reason for this meeting is about the building project moving forward. There are safety, and space concerns, and they would like to feel the pulse of the Town. There is \$200,000.00 presently in capital reserve, and the town owns the new temporary building. They would like to explore the Towns needs for the use of this building when the new one is constructed. There is a safety concern having classes outside of the main building. Enrollment this year is 205, and space is still tight.

Hidden Acres Road 2007 Town Meeting Vote subject to Selectmen Approval – Mr. Stockwell asked the Board if they and the Road Agent had the opportunity to travel over Hidden Acres Road during a rain storm. The HO Association feels that they have met all the requirements requested of them by the Board of Selectmen and Road Agent, and they have gone more than half way to accommodate the towns concerns. All ditches has been cleaned, the drainage at Lot 16 has been taken care of, and the road appears to be draining properly. They have patched and repaired all paving cracks. Mr. Stockwell informed the Board that 90% of the drainage issues in the winter of 2007 were due to the way the road was plowed that year. Selectmen Sabourn did drive through last winter and there was no evidence of ice build-up. Board Members will contact Road Agent Dubey and request that he inspects the road and come to the next Selectmen meeting to discuss this further. There was discussion of a possible attachment of conditions put onto the approval if a vote were to be taken to take over the road.

Other Business Jim Demeritt

Fuel prices and available places discussed. Better rate with State.
Town projects. Question raised: Why isn't Town project work put out to bid including any road work?

Non-public issues pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II

At 9:00 PM a motion was made and seconded to enter into an executive non-public session relative to a Town Employee personal issue. Roll call was taken. VOTED 3-0.
At 9:14 PM the Board of Selectmen voted to come out of executive non-public session.
No action was taken.

Signature Folder September 9, 2009

Building Permit Signed & approved by Board of Selectmen
17-07-41 –D2L Troy White
02-05-07 – Dan Avery
Abatement
2008 P ½ Interest/Penalty
16-06-24-02 Richard Sargeant

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. VOTED 30-
This meeting adjourned at 9:15PM. Next scheduled meeting to be held on, Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted

Marianne Peabody
Support Staff
Posting Date: 09/21/09

