

TOWN OF THORNTON
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Date: 9/30/2009

The Thornton Board of Selectmen met and held a meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, 9:00 AM at the Thornton Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen present:
Jim Parziale, Roy Sabourn, & Tim Tyler

Public present:
Town Administrator Tammie Beaulieu,
Staff: Mary Conn

9:18 am Chairman Parziale called the meeting to order.

9:18 am **Aimee Parent – new Thornton Police Chief**

It was discussed if Aimee Parent wished to be sworn in as Thornton's new Police Chief in public or non-public session because her parents are in attendance. Aimee Parent approved the session to be public

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn moved to waive non-public session RSA 91-A:3(b) Personnel Hiring and moved to go to public session. Chairman Parziale seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Susan Lyon, Town Clerk, swore Amy Parent into office of Thornton Police Chief.

Chief of Police Parent and Board of Selectmen both signed the contract of employment.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn moved to officially hire Amy Parent under the provisions outlined in her contract. Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The BOS thanked Sargeant Rod Diamond for the great job he has done stepping up while appointing a new chief. Sargeant Diamond thinks they have a full agenda and the Police Department will have a great team.

Transfer Station Manager David Hilliard stated for the record that Sgt. Diamond has done a great job stepping up to the plate. He has definitely worked as a team. TA Tammie Beaulieu fully agreed and the team effort with all departments has been great. Selectmen Sabourn stated Sgt. Diamond and his team have done an outstanding job during the interm between Chiefs.

Chief Parent and Sgt. Diamond exited at 9:30am.

9:32 am Bid Opening- Mowing & Cut all saplings at the landfill

Three bids were submitted. JDT Property Care LLC - \$1020.00 (one thousand and twenty dollars), Wayne Williams - \$750.00 (seven hundred fifty dollars), Benton Enterprises Sand & Gravel - \$600.00 (six hundred dollars).

Motion

9:36 am Chairman Parziale moved to accept the bid of Benton Enterprises in the amount of \$600. (six hundred dollars). Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

TS Manager stated Benton Enterprises has done the mowing in the past with no problems. Selectmen Sabourn concurred Benton Enterprise has done the job in the past and they are local.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn moved to accept Wayne Williams as the second choice, in the event that Benton Enterprise does not have a certificate of insurance. Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

9:40 am Sally Kriebel – Historical Society

Sally informed the BOS she was writing her first grant to help pay for a planning study to be done on the old town hall. Chairman Parziale will be reviewing and signing the acknowledge form for next week. The grant has to be completed by October 16, 2009. They discussed options of moving the old town building to the southerly end of the new parking lot and jacking the building up because it has settled and the road has been raised. They also discussed fund raising for the Historical Society. They usually do Old Home Day and pull in about \$2000. Next summer they hope to have an open house and perhaps have pledging. The building will not be able to be rented to the public because it will be museum.

Sally will be meeting with D. Johnston of Dirt Design to discuss the cutting. Ian Holmes will be assisting D. Johnston. The BOS was still concerned about the liability of volunteers completing the tree cutting. TA Beaulieu proposed for Dwayne & Ian to come to the next meeting with plans for cutting. The Board agreed.

Sally Kriebel exited at 10:35 am.

10:36 am Russ Marsden - Events

Mr. Marsden met with BOS to discuss the idea of holding a blue grass festival on property located on Route 3 he is considering purchasing. He thought he would be able to hold the event on Route 3 because it is in a commercial zone. The BOS tried to explain to him about the zoning ordinances concerning events being held in the town. The BOS are not in a position to allow Mr. Marsden this event due to town zones not permitting the events. TA Beaulieu explained to Mr. Marsden that the Planning Board establishes and changes zoning regulations and he may want to get on their agenda. Mr. Marsden felt he should contact his attorney for further discussion.

Russ Marsden exited at 10:55 am.

10:56 am RA Dubey - Update

Road Agent Tom Dubey spoke with the BOS in regards to bringing the old police Ford Explorer to the White Farm for auction. He stated if it sold, the auction company keeps 10%. If it isn't sold, it will have to be picked up within 48 hours or storage fees will accrue.

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Motion

Selectmen Tyler moved to send the 2002 Police 4x4 Ford Explorer cruiser to auction. Selectmen Sabourn seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn moved for Chairman Parziale to sign the 2002 Police 4x4 Ford Explorer cruiser title so it can be brought to auction. Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

TA Beaulieu shared she had spoken with Jim Demeritt outside of the meeting. He requested that she ask the Board to consider holding off doing any paving this year and next year send the paving out to bid or at least getting three quotes from paving contractors to try to follow a purchasing procedure. RA has already signed the contract for the paving this year. The BOS discussed the paving at the 9/16/09 meeting and felt if the budget allowed, the paving should be done. Selectmen Tyler asked the RA if the Highway Budget is okay to do paving. RA believes his budget is.

Selectmen Tyler believes the Advisory Budget Committee and BOS worked well in the end regarding the budget. The people voted to pave this year, so we should stick to budget.

Selectmen Sabourn felt in the future the town could get three quotes for paving.

RA hired Leslie Bryant as winter contractor to plow Millbrook Road.

Hidden Acres Road resident Walt Stockwell was present to discuss options for the town to take over the road. RA stated the road is in good shape but believes a swail should be constructed at the bottom of the driveway. Selectmen Sabourn supports the town taking over the road but the town shouldn't be responsible for the driveway problems. He would like to see the road accepted with stipulations that the developer or homeowner's association be responsible for three - five years concerning any problems that arise. TA Beaulieu suggests holding off on taking over the road until the developer or homeowner's association agree, in writing, to the stipulations for three-five years concerning any problems. TA Beaulieu will discuss with Town Counsel or Local Government Center to clarify the wording. They requested that a certified letter informing the owner of Lot # 16 of the RSA that states property owners are responsible for driveway issues that create problems to the town roads and have them sign and return to town before BOS will motion to accept the road as a town road. Selectmen Sabourn asked TA Beaulieu to research the cistern. BOS agreed to wait until all research can be completed to accept the road.

Walt Stockwell exits at 12:10 pm.

The BOS and RA further discussed the highway's 550 truck. RA would like to get on a six-year rotation for the trucks. He would like to trade the 2004 truck and keep the 2005 a little longer until they get on the rotation. Regardless of mileage, these vehicles should be traded before major costly problems arise. RA will give TA a report on how much has been spent on vehicle repairs this year.

TA Beaulieu asked the Board for conclusion on Judges Road. The Board agreed it would be a major project costing at least \$300,000 to repair. Selectmen Sabourn doesn't believe the taxpayers will agree to fix the road. Selectmen Tyler feels the town has more roads in worst shape that have more traffic and residents on them. Selectmen Sabourn suggested to RA Dubey to put together a roads list with needs and prioritize which roads need more maintenance. Each road should show the deficiencies.

RA would like to buy a couple of Jersey barriers for the Sandwich Notch road. Selectmen Sabourn questioned the cost. RA believes they're under \$1000. a piece but will get a quote on them.

RA exits at 1:02 pm.

TA Beaulieu presents:

TA Beaulieu discussed with the BOS that her goal is to have the MS-1 completed for BOS signatures at the October 7th meeting and she plans to contact DRA in hopes of scheduling the tax rate setting by October 14th.

She also sent the job descriptions to Local Government Center to complete the contracted wage study. She requested to have study completed and returned to the town by December 1st to implement into the 2010 budget.

Selectmen Tyler had previously requested TA Beaulieu to retrieve the amount for tax liens - 2008 was \$257,600 and 2009 is \$291,100.

Selectmen Sabourn asked TA Beaulieu the standing for the tax-deeded property previously owned by Juchman. She stated two persons originally owned the property located on Route 3 taken for deed but after speaking with Marianne Peabody, somehow with data transferred throughout the years from 1990 to current it only shows one owner. Town Counsel is researching the property before it should go out to bid or auction.

TA Beaulieu informed the BOS that some applicants for the Police Chief position had complained that they had not received any correspondence of their submission for the position. She explained to them that the Town has contracted with Local Government Center and they would be sending out letters after the position was filled.

Action Folder

Town Proclamation for Silver Star Families of America – The BOS didn't feel they should be involved with a mass emailing which wouldn't be used locally.

BOS reviewed a detailed invoice for additional costs for the audit done by Plodzik & Sanderson. They will contract with Plodzik & Sanderson for this year but will discuss sending it out to bid in the future.

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn moved to accept meeting minutes of 9/2/09 & 9/16/09 as amended. Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Selectmen Tyler shared with the others an article he drafted for the town website and local newspaper to share with the residents the hiring process of the Chief of Police.

Signature File

Building permits approved:
17-11-1 Jeremy Hawkes

Motion

Selectmen Sabourn moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm. Selectmen Tyler seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectively Submitted,

Mary Conn