

Town of Thorndike

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

MAY 6, 2020

Attendees: M. Mayer, J. Ard, R. Nelson, T. Veazie, S. Bristol, R. Cunningham, W. Pitre, J. Wadick

R. Nelson opens the meeting at 6:35pm

R. Nelson makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from April 15, 2020 & April 27, 2020. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote.

Fire Department:

S. Bristol presents a draft of the Covid-19 Protection Plan. Needs additions such as a "Feels Ill" non-response clause, but is very well done. J. Ard makes a motion to accept. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote. Revisions maybe added and a new plan submitted at a later date.

S. Bristol raises concerns about the current fire chief... not being available for calls, rarely being at the fire house, not allowing deputies to do their full job, etc. J. Ard assures that steps are being taken to address and these issues and those steps will continue until the Fire Department is confident in their leadership.

Trucks: Two brake lights, a blinker are out. S. Bristol to get quotes on repair. Mutual Aid depts. called these failures out.

Engine 6 has electrical issues with regular and emergency lights. R. Cunningham asks if Reliance did any past rewiring work. S. Bristol will follow up with them. T. Veazie notes that a full light replacement may be a cheaper fix. J. Ard agrees.

Fire Fighters have request a small list of items, S. Bristol will also get a quote for these. R. Cunningham suggests adding these items to the Forestry Grant. T. Veazie says chains are also needed. J. Ard recommends getting them immediately. Discussion on where and when to purchase. J. Ard will pick up saws and chains and recommends having a surplus of extra supplies on hand for use during future storms and weather events.

Old Business:

Roadwork: J. Ard reports that Marcus Lowe has begun cold tamping, 10 tons have been laid so far. R. Nelson notes that sales tax should be removed from the bill. J. Ard makes a motion to pay the bill without including sales tax for a total of \$5,400. Michale Mayer seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote. B. Nelson notes that Marcus is doing a good job for the town.

J. Ard has missing signs and will put them out. As well, road grading should begin soon.

New Business:

Sand and Salt Shed: Without a town meeting there is no way to get the money to continue with this project.

Discussion on ways to host a Town Meeting. T. Veazie suggests ballots. M. Mayer explains that process will not work with our systems.

Recycling Center: M. Mayer reports that it is opening May 12th.

Plumbing Enforcement: W. Pitre reports that Brian Croft is looking to step down to a deputy position and Wayne would like to be the Plumbing Inspector. J. Ard questions why we would have a deputy since there has never been one in the past. M. Mayer says that these positions are paid for by the fees charged so that having a second would be no extra for the tax payers. J. Ard makes a motion to appoint Wayne Pitre as Plumbing Inspector pending review of his licensing. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote.

Wayne questions adjusting the fee/pay structure. M. Mayer assures him that it can always be reviewed and notes that Thorndike's fees are currently at the state minimum.

Warrants are signed.

B. Nelson adjourns the meeting at 7:20pm. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:21pm