



Town of Thorndike

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3/3/2021 Selectman's Meeting

In attendance

J Ard, M Pomeroy, R Cunningham, D Berry, J Trafton, R Carter, G Falzetta,
P Pendergast, R Nelson, C Greenberg, A Hamblet
Via zoom: Mike Philbrook

Open at 6:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Prior Minutes

D Berry motions to except the 2/17/2021 minutes with changes, J Trafton seconds. 3 to 0 passes

Fire department

- Helmet parts were received
- DB motions to make a purchase of NPP 101 and NFPA 101books, Jeff Trafton seconds. 3-0 motion carries

Nova Farms LLC

J Trafton talked with assistant CEO Brian Croft. States Nova is progressing forward. Dennis from NOVA Farms will meet with plumbing inspector, then fire code inspector.

Salt and Sand Shed

G Falzetta: On 3/2/2021 met with A/E looking at three options: laminated wood, would stick built, and prefab. Wood built is the recommendation from A/E. There was discussion on certain specs of proposed buildings.

Review:

- To have surplus sand that will be kept out on the hot top pad. There will be no salt in the sand. (3000 CY3). In order to reduce the size of the building. Then when we need to use the sand it can then be moved into the building. 3000CY3 may freeze up then they become unusable until the spring for the next season this will be reviewed by A/E with DEP.
- Reviewed rough draft survey of property. 3000 CY3 dimensions. R Carter questions this. Falzetta noted that A/E has this, G Falzetta does not have those dimensions. R Carter comments that foundation height will depict the length x width.

J Trafton asks about preservation of existing pad. G Falzetta said that is still being reviewed as of right now no demolition of pad is necessary.

- Within 30 days the town may have the cost estimate ready for a special meeting on three to proposal of the three buildings and then onto review with legal body. 45 days to preparing to presentation to the town.
- A/E communicates with DEP - none at this time.

Tax Acquired Properties

2 bids received. One Map/Lot 1-20 for \$2,596.03 and the other for map lot 3- 5 for \$10,196.25.

D Berry motions to accept the first bid J Trafton seconds.

D Berry motions to accept the second bid J Trafton seconds.

D Berry motions to extend the sale for 3rd piece of property, Map 2 lot 8.

J Trafton motions to remove minimum bid Map/lot 2/8. March 17 deadline 6 PM 3 to 0 passes

Trailblazers

The town received a Letter of Request for the continued use of the right of ways previously given. D Berry motions to authorize continued use prior approved J Trafton second 3 to 0 passes

Discussion: J Trafton states the snowmobile gets money from the state to maintain trails, Thorndike does not have one so could the money go to the trailblazers? D Berry states this needs to have legislative approval.

Could be an article added to special town meeting.

Town clerk

Review one resume and will interview on the 8th at 6pm.

D Berry motions to hold a special workshop in Executive Session to do interview on the March 8, 2021 6p, J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Abatements

Sequin - 2 acres in error Doreen Berry motions to approve abatement for \$290.78 Trafton seconds 3 to 0 passes

Petri - When he came into the job in 2020 he understood there was an agreement of yearly pay to go towards taxes automatically. He states that interest should not have been applied. Discussion

Ard: I can tell you there was no agreement

D Berry motions to deny abatement request. Salary and RE taxes do not share the same timeline, J Trafton seconds. 3 to 0 passes

Humane society

Humane society sent a contract to be signed for the amount of \$1,584.20 to be paid in four quarterly installments of \$396.05. D Berry motions to sign the Humane Society contract so the town ACO will have a place for taking strays. J Trafton seconds 3 to 0 passes.

Town Meeting.

Update: In order to serve as many people as possible, Amber Hamblet and Charles Greenburg have been working on getting the use of Mount View gym and cafeteria, a radio broadcast has been established, along with plans for zoom.

D Berry asks Charles if there is a change in Janet Mills gathering COVID guidelines. Greenberg Mt. View has retrofitted for it opening for all students.

D Berry has concerns about the moderator's line of sight. W Trafton states that the plan is for the moderator, Don, will be looking at the volunteer election runners.

G Falsetta comments once emotion was accepted Don can't go back.

Ard I think the fire department would be better for the size of the crowd.

R Carter states maybe April would be better they have the right to be in the room.

Ard says radio broadcast at firehouse.

Greenberg there is still a cap of amount of 100 people outside.

J Trafton states concern about the cold weather.

D Berry says to say thank you to school but we will be not using their facilities.

D Berry motions to cancel the March 20th Annual Town Meeting at Mountain View and to move it to April 17, 2021 at 9 AM at the Fire House. The alternate day being the 24th at the fire house. R Carter seconds. 3-0 passes.

Discussion:

Ard absentee ballots under executive order have a 'write in' on ballot. D Berry we will research this and see if this is an option.

There is talk about moving candidates to run for office in years to come. G Falzetta states the Australian ballot may be the way to go. D Berry will research and discuss at a regular workshop. Then return the next selectmen's meeting.

Other

R Carter says that roads are now posted.

D Berry asks Ard: Do you remember Curtis Pond Road last year? Ard: Yes, we had this conversation with him last year. Road commission has just as much power as the sheriff.

Warrants

D Berry motions to sign warrants J Trafton seconds 3 to 0 passes.

- Warrant Review 2/17/2021 \$10,243.78
- A/P Warrants \$86,550.56 and \$882.75 = \$87,433.31
- Payroll Warrant \$910.11

There's a motion to remove Harris bill from the warrant J Trafton seconds 3 to 0 passes.

Executive Session

D Berry motions to go into executive session for HR reasons at 8 PM.

D Berry motions to end executive session ends at 8:10 PM.

D Barry motions to modify special selectmen's workshop to 4 PM to 7 PM Jeff Trafton seconds 3 to 0 passes.

Adjournment

D Berry motions to adjourn at 8:18 Jeff Trafton seconds 3 to 0 passes