



Town of Thorndike

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Selectman's Meeting 4/7/2021

In Attendance

R Cunningham, R Nelson, M Reynolds, J Larrabee, J Ard, M Pomeroy, T Veazie, D Berry, J Trafton, R Carter, A Hamblet, A Gleason

Open @ 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence for the passing of Jerry Sullivan

Approval of Prior Minutes

D Berry Motions to accept the 3/17/2021 minutes with changes. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Fire Department

Old Business

T Veazie reported that truck 9 (brush truck) in shop for parking brake repair and that while the truck is being serviced to have the mechanic do a state inspection as there have been other issues with the truck. Veazie expresses further concern with the age of the brush truck, and estimated truck replacement cost. J Trafton suggested setting a limit, get an estimate and determine if the truck is worth fixing.

T Veazie also reported that equipment damaged at the recent fire were 2 hoses and 3 nozzles. Veazie received a replacement quote from Fire Safety, \$330 to replace hoses, \$3000 to replace all nozzles. Equipment replacement needed. Further discussion on equipment. J Trafton suggests getting together at the firehouse to examine equipment and address immediate needs.

New Business

Fire Chief

J Trafton informs that S Bristol's resignation is effective 4/18/21.

T Veazie shares that due to the resignation other members have stepped down.

The fire department's current membership is Lieutenant T Veazie and two other members on the roster, plus one volunteer application to be looked at and considered. Many current circumstances such covid, Unity College closings, etc are impacting staffing surrounding fire departments, especially during the day, as most volunteer members work away from home during the day. As other area departments are also having trouble staffing, J Trafton motions to look into working with other towns to find a better solution. D Berry seconds. Further discussion on mutual aid and protocols with surrounding towns and dispatch. Review protocols, formalize localization man power with area towns. R Carter states

that the surrounding towns need to be alerted to Thorndike's low manpower. D Berry wants to put the word out for volunteer firefighters.

Volunteer Application

A volunteer application has been submitted for review. D Berry motions to table volunteer firefighter application until after the town meeting, place on the April 21, 2021 agenda for incoming selectmen. J Trafton seconds. 3-0

Eye Wash Station Donation

R Cunningham has brought in an eye wash station and that has been donated by Yellow Freight for the fire department. R Cunningham shares that more eye solutions will come to accompany the eye station. D Berry motions to accept eye wash station, J Trafton seconds. 3-0 to accept eye wash station. D Berry suggests that a thank you from the fire department is to be sent to Yellow Freight for the donation.

MMA Grant

D Berry shares that the deadline for the MMA Grant for the fire department is 4/15. R Cunningham has completed the application with the selectmen signatures. D Berry motions to send in the completed grant application for hoses. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

T Veazie would like to have current fire members notified and involved with any upcoming grant applications so that everyone involved is well informed.

Town Office

Old Business

Tax Acquired Property Bids

One sealed bid received for map/lot 2-8 property in the amount of \$400. D Berry motions to accept bid from Jason Nelson for map/lot 2-8 in the amount of \$400. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

New Business

New Annual Town Meeting Warrant

D Berry motions to sign annual town meeting warrant. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes

Warrant signed and ready to be posted. Town books will be put together, photo copied and be made available. For the Sand/Salt Shed Warrant a ballot with building style choices will be presented at the town meeting for members to place their vote.

ATV Club

The ATV Club seeks permission to access Thorndike's portion of Knox Station Rd.

D Berry motions to give the ATV Club's permission to access Thorndike's portion of Knox Station Rd. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes, permission is accepted.

Other

Warrants

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

Warrants reviewed: AP warrant of \$40,183.14; payroll warrant of \$1,399.14; and the current warrant of \$95,931.19 Office supplies for the town office \$157.25. J Trafton motions to purchase office supplies. R Carter seconds. 3-0 passes.

Adjournment

R Carter motions to adjourn meeting. D Berry seconds. 3-0 passes

Meeting Adjourned.

