



Town of Thorndike

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Selectman's Meeting 5/19/2021

In Attendance

G Falzetta, R Cunningham, R Nelson, J Ard, T Veazie, D Berry, J Trafton, C Greenberg, A Hamblet, W Trafton, A Gleason

Open @ 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Prior Minutes

D Berry Motions to accept the 5/5/2021 with changes; addition of A Gleason to attendance, (other changes had been mentioned, but fixed prior to the meeting). J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Fire Department

Old Business

Brush Truck

T Veazie reports that the brush truck is no longer sitting outside Raven's Garage; it has been moved inside of the garage, noting work is being done. J Trafton will call and check on the prognosis.

Fail Safe Quote

T Veazie shares that the quote from Fail Safe is \$1,606.50. The scheduled date for hose testing is May 28th, 8:30-9 am. D Berry motions to pay the \$1,606.50. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes

Tidewater

The current contract with Tidewater will expire at the end of the month. Looking for a new contract. Tidewater doesn't have pre-buy prices established yet for the upcoming year. Tabled until new a contract with prices are available.

Inspection Requirements Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Update

J Trafton announced that the deadline is May 22 and that the report was sent today (5/19/2021) and that the eleven items were taken care of.

Committee Meeting

Unity and Thorndike Selectboards along with Unity Fire performed a walk through Thorndike Fire Department. T Veazie reports that a concern is PPE for structure fire, as the current gear is outdated. Quotes needed for turnout gear, boots and helmets. Tim will provide an exact list later. Next meeting is scheduled for May 25th at 6 pm.

Tim also reported that an email for the fire department has been set up and sent to the Town Clerk. The MMA grant for the fire department has been denied and that the items requested didn't meet the prerequisite. Next grant opportunity will be in September.

Town Office

Old Business

Quit Claim Deed: Brooks Road Property

D Berry motions to sign quit claim deed for Brooks Road property. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes. As the deed needs to be notarized, a meeting with Aimee to sign and finalized will need to be scheduled.

Cemetery Committee/ Sexton/ Volunteers

- Still looking to fill the sexton position.
- D Berry motions to appoint the following to the cemetery committee:
Tammy Young, Lucille Gardner, Judy Palmer, Liz Pageau and Clyde Rummney.
J Trafton seconds. C Greenberg mentions Liz Sullivan. D Berry amends her motion to add Liz Sullivan to the cemetery committee. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.
- D Berry motions to schedule a Cemetery Meeting on Thursday, May 27th at 6 pm at the Town Office. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.
- Volunteers interested in helping with the cemeteries are to check with the town and work with the town.
- D Berry will contact Penny from Unity to schedule a workshop next month on proper stone cleaning with D/2.
- Center Cemetery broken stones need to be maintained. D Berry flagged 10 stones to get quotes. Veteran stone work priority.

Cemetery Flags & Medallions

As Memorial Day is soon, flags and markers are needed for the cemeteries. Memorial Day flags (144) and medallions(50) ordered and received for \$429.90. D Berry motions to accept purchase/invoice from Searsport Flags. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

An email blast will be sent to gather volunteers to put out flags for Memorial Day. Schedule to set flags out on May 29th meet at the Town Office at 9 am. Those interested are to contact the Town Office.

RSU 3 School Budget Warrant

Warrant informing Thorndike residents of election of school budget scheduled for June 8, 2021. D Berry motions to sign the warrant. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Salt & Sand Shed Update

G Falzetta has updated DEP on Thorndikes's progress. Has asked DEP about new variance and door requirements. DEP gave no answers to questions asked. The salt and sand building needs to be secure G Falzetta is looking into door and fencing options along with price estimates. Due to the projected cost, the select-board has decided to table anything to do with a fence at this time. It is advised to leave the door style/option to be confirmed by the general contractor. At this time the select-board is leaning towards a hard door for security/liability. As building sketch/plans become more concrete, options can then be better considered/debated. The same can be said of how to handle the cover failing, which will happen down the road, it can only be handled as the time comes. G Falzetta will continue to seek answers from DEP and/or the engineer. G Falzetta has also requested from A&E Engineer to itemize their bills so that he can better track costs.

New Business

Office Supplies

Office/cleaning supplies list of paper towels, dish soap, air fresheners, paper, manila envelopes, 4X6 file boxes, 3" binders. D Berry motions to buy office supplies in the amount of \$112. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Reappointment of Expiring terms: Town Officers

Reappointment of expiring town officers terms:

Board of Appeals-- Erin McWalters; Budget Committee-- Gary Fowler, Wendy Trafton, Patty Pendergast; Election Warden-- Anita Gleason; Deputy Election Warden-- Amber Hamblet; Fire Chief (interim)-- Tim Veazie; Planning Board-- Greg Falzetta; Public Information Officer-- Anita Gleason; General Assistance (primary)-- Charles Greenberg; Media (primary)-- Jeff Trafton. D Berry motions to reappoint positions. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Parks and Rec

- Parks and Rec would like to plan a community event for September 18th labeled as Thorndike Days. Activities connected to this event would include a parade, crafters/vendors, live music, and kids games. J Trafton motions to sanction the event. C Greenberg seconds. 3-0 passes. The committee will update the selectboard on the progress as things become better defined. Also looking at the fire department involvement and possibly the school.
- The committee would like to have the park surveyed to know the exact boundary lines before advancing with any park improvements. In the 1960's with the establishing of route 220 park land was lost. It is estimated that there may be half an acre of park land. There is discussion of contacting Unity College for their boundary knowledge. Options noted: a written agreement with the college; donated services of a surveyor within the town. J Trafton will contact the college and update everyone at a later date.

Town Office Exterior Information Sign

J Trafton has searched online pricing signs. The town may be expecting stimulus money, soon per J Trafton, to be used for infrastructure within the town. J Trafton recommends purchasing a LED sign paid with funds received from the stimulus, as a LED sign is quite costly. J Trafton has a number to contact for signage information and quote.

Questions and discussion on cell phone tower, vendor contact and planning board ordinances. As guidelines will come with the stimulus funds, the town will wait to see when the money comes then move from there.

Road Mowing

Proposal received from Roy Greeley for roadside mowing for \$2,100. D Berry motions to accept the proposal. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Reynolds Road

D Berry will go with R Carter to measure culverts and check to see if they need replacement before paving of the Reynolds Road.

General Assistance Ordinance

C Greenberg has reviewed and updated the general assistance ordinance. C Greenberg motions to hold a public hearing scheduled for June 2 at 6 pm to discuss the general assistance ordinance changes. D Berry seconds. 3-0 passes.

Other

State Ratio & Declaration Application

State Ratio and Declaration & Reimbursement Application form needs to be signed by the selectboard and mail to the state per G Robinson. D Berry motions to sign. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Sketch Trio

The town's tax assessor G Robinson from Maine Assessment and Appraisal Services Inc. has requested that Sketch be made available in Trio to help do the town reassessment. As previously understood by G Robinson, Sketch was to be a free program. As A Hamblet looked into obtaining the program from Trio, it is understood that it is not free. A quote from Trio is needed before moving forward.

Spirit of America

The Town of Thorndike is looking for community members to nominate candidates for the Spirit of America award. As the deadline is fast approaching, an email blast and information is to be placed on the website for community members to send in their nominations. A deadline is scheduled for June 11 so that a list of candidates can be compiled for the second selectboard meeting in June (6/16).

Selectboard Review

The next selectboard review falls on Memorial Day. As this is brought to the attention of the selectboard D Berry motions to reschedule the workshop to the following Tuesday, June 1st. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Fire Department Furnace

The furnace at the fire department isn't working and is in need of servicing. D Berry motions to have the furnace checked. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes. T Veazie will contact J Trafton with servicing information and J Trafton will call to make an appointment.

Road Work

D Berry motions to have John Cranouski is to assess the Curtis Pond Road and Hunt Road for various road work such as fill and or ditching. J Trafton seconds. J Trafton shares that he received a call from a resident concerning Patterson Ridge Road. D Berry amends her motions and adds Patterson Hill Road to be assessed and worked on. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 Passes. D Berry asked if T Veazie has flushed the culvert on the Bailey Road. T Veazie says that it has not been done yet. D Berry addresses that when that is done and it is found to be blocked, then that road too will need to be assessed.

Community Room

YMCA's Anne Rothrock has inquired about the use of the community room for senior activities. Other community members have questioned the availability of the community room. Due to the current situation the opening of the community room is tabled until the next meeting to discuss per the Governor's orders.

Warrants

Warrants reviewed: AP warrant of \$11,616.55 and State fees warrant of \$1,670.00; payroll warrant of \$2,510.76; and the current warrant of \$63,545.83 and current State fees warrant of \$1,221.00. D Berry motions to sign warrants. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Adjournment

D Berry motions to adjourn meeting. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes. 8:20 pm Meeting Adjourned.