



Town of Thorndike

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Selectman's Meeting 5/5/2021

In Attendance

G Falzetta, R Cunningham, R Nelson, M Pomeroy, L Gardiner, J Ard, T Veazie, D Berry, J Trafton, C Greenberg, A Hamblet, A Gleason

Open @ 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Prior Minutes

D Berry Motions to accept the 4/21/2021 with changes; removal of extra warrant in prior approval, adding Deputy LPI to Brian Croft for Town Appointed Positions, and adding time meeting ended. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Fire Department

Old Business

Brush Truck

Raven's Garage has given a cost estimate to fix the brush truck of \$2000. J Trafton motions to fix the truck, D Berry seconds. 3-0 passes.

Hose Testing

The scheduled date for hose testing is May 28th, 8:30-9 am with Unity Fire Department. T Veazie will look into getting and emailing an updated quote to the Town Office.

Garage Door Sensor Quote

T Veazie has not looked into a quote for door eye sensors yet. R Cunningham mentions that the sensors can be very expensive and that the current doors are not designed for eye safety sensors. D Berry wants a quote for safety reasons.

Inspection Requirements

J Trafton shares that the fire department has been given an extension to May 21. T Veazie shares that 11 hazards were written up, many of which have already been fixed. J Trafton and T Veazie will meet and go through the list and compare notes. G Falzetta cautions the proper care/inspection of the eye wash station and sticker date. J Trafton mentions that Mike LaPlante from the State will work with the fire department.

Centralized Fire Department

Thorndike's and Unity's Select Boards and Fire Chiefs met at Unity's select meeting to discuss working together on a centralized fire department. Prospects look good as everyone is looking forward to working together.

Town Office

Old Business

Salt & Sand Shed Update

G Falzetta shares that he and the select board went over the salt & sand shed design criteria guidelines Monday night and that the adjustment of the fill line from 1ft to 2ft will need to be discussed with the engineer. Explaining that the adjustment is due to the concern of salt corrosion and that the fill line change could require other building changes such as wall height and other such adjustments. G Falzetta also reported that there is no action yet from the State revolving fund. Greg also asked the Select Board if he could have the authority to update DEP on the current status. D Berry motions to allow Greg to give DEP status updates, C Greenberg seconds. 3-0 passes.

New Business

Town Office Grounds Spring Clean Up

The cost for Tim Parker to clean the Town Office grounds \$400. J Trafton motions to pay \$400 to have the grounds cleaned. D Berry seconds. 3-0 passes.

Animal Control Officer

Crystal Nicols has resigned as Thorndike's animal control officer. Crystal referred Karen Chase for interim ACO. J Trafton spoke with Karen on the phone and makes a motion to accept Karen as interim ACO for coverage while advertising to fill the position. D Berry seconds. 3-0 passes.

Tax Assessor's Invoice

The tax assessor has sent an email for work completed from February through the end of April in the amount of \$1000. D Berry motions to pay \$1000. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Property Reassessment Contract

As approved at the Town Meeting, the town real estate property reassessment will begin in July. D Berry motions to sign Maine Assessment & Appraisal Services Inc. contract. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes/contract signed.

Road Paving

Quotes received from Wellman's Paving to pave the Reynolds Road (\$165,600.00) and a small portion of the East Thorndike Road (\$4,800.00). D Berry would like to schedule work to begin in August. D Berry motions to sign quotes and to schedule work for August. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes. Quotes are signed and D Berry to deliver quotes and confirm paving to begin in August.

Annual Audit Contract

Contract for the 2019 tax year audit needs to be signed. D Berry motions to sign contract. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes. Contract signed.

Town Office Exterior Information Sign

The current road sign is a mess. As the sign is broken it needs to be completely replaced. Also any replacement sign would need to be secured to the ground. J Trafton quoted corrugated signs estimates between \$700-\$750 and another \$100 for letters. It is expressed that an LED sign would be

a nice replacement, although much more expensive. It is also expressed to get the community involved either through custom building/donations. The sign is tabled, A Hamblet, J Ard and C Greenberg are to do some research.

Other

Bailey Road Sign

Unity Select Board wants to place a No Thru Truck traffic sign on the Bailey Road. D Berry motions to allow Unity to place a traffic sign on Thorndikes's side of the Bailey Road. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

The Bailey Road culvert and ditching maintenance issues are discussed. J Trafton motions to check and clear culvert with T Veazie. D Berry seconds. Further discussion with issues at hand and it is expressed that continuing team work with Unity Select Board is the best call.

Parks and Rec

Parks and Rec have scheduled a meeting Monday 5/10 at 6pm at the Town Office. D Berry has passed on playground equipment quote to the committee.

Sexton/Cemetery Committee

A Hamblet shares that the sexton Anthony Brillard is unable and can no longer do the job. It is asked that he put into writing that he is no longer able to be sexton. Must make contact with Anthony for a referral's contact information. Continue looking for a sexton to fill the position.

Also need to have volunteers/select board appointed cemetery committee to work on cemetery affairs and help streamline cemetery tasks. Possibility of gaining public interest in the cemeteries and cemetery care by inviting the community to a training on to show the proper care and procedure of cleaning gravestones.

Donation Box

It is requested to send an email blast to the community to solicit summer essentials such as summer toys and activities, sunblock and bug spray for a donation drive titled Sand Bucket Brigade. Permission granted.

RSU #3 Warrant

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

Mark Kerns

Mark Kerns requested permission to use the Town Office driveway during the MOFGA fair. D Berry motions to allow M Kerns use of the driveway. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

FD Printer Cartridges

Permission to buy printer cartridges for the Fire Department in the amount of \$186.89. Discussion on price of cartridges vs purchasing a laser printer. It is estimated that over the long run that both inkjet and laser machines costs about the same between labor and maintenance. D Berry motions to buy cartridges. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Bathrooms

It is brought to the select board's attention that the light in one of the bathrooms doesn't work. J Trafton to take a look/check bulb. Also requested to have J Trafton look at other toilet check chain and or balloon for cause of excessive running.

Warrants

Warrants reviewed: AP warrant of \$5,063.76; payroll warrant of \$2,520.54; and the current warrant of \$13,286.55. D Berry motions to sign warrants. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes.

Executive Session

8:00pm D Berry motions to go into executive session. J Trafton seconds. 3-0

8:23pm D Berry motions to end executive session. J Trafton seconds. 3-0

Adjournment

D Berry motions to adjourn meeting. J Trafton seconds. 3-0 passes

8:30pm Meeting Adjourned.

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