

Town of Thorndike

Select Board Meeting Minutes -June 15,2022

Attendees: Jeff Trafton, Charles Greenberg, Doreen Berry, Reggie Cunningham and Greg Falzetta.

Jeff opened the meeting at 6:30pm

Checking account reviewed: (\$577,275.38)

Fire Department

Old Business

Fire Trucks need to be inspected

New Business:

- A. Invoice for Tim Veazie's training
- B. Hose testing to be done this month.
- C. Reggie asked for approval of the Troy and Freedom fire department use of the fire house for hose testing; Jeff motioned or approve of the use of the fire house for ladder testing; Doreen seconded: no discussion: motion carried: 3-0
- D. Executive Session: personnel review: TABLED to July 6th as personnel could not attend the Select Board meeting.

Road/ Salt and Sand Shed

Select Board met with Jeff Allen from A E Hodson at their June 13,2022 Select Board Workshop

- a. Discussion recent invoices and asked for more detail on the invoices; on June 13th, invoice was reviewed for clarification and all in order.
- b. Contractor to pour the second half of the foundation walls this week
Greg asked if they contractor had done the pour break test: Jeff asked for clarification of what this is. Greg noted that 5 to 7 days or up to 21 days in which a foundation is poured the concrete is tested and must meet 90% of the spec strength. Jeff advised that from the June 13th Select Board workshop the engineer noted that the contract wanted the engineer to have tested instead of the contract hiring one to verify within specs. Contract felt it would be better to have the engineer use a testing contractor/firm as opposed to one selected by the contract that way no question on the test results.
- c. Trusses are on site and some wood frame wall construction has begun: Greg asked if they engineered trusses? Jeff advised that they are. Greg also asked if there was a long lead time on the construction? Jeff advised that they contractor is staying on schedule. Greg also asked if there was a fuel surcharge in the contract. Jeff stated that the contract would have to be reviewed but Jeff stated that he would not be surprised if there is one in the contract.

Summer road work continues: discussion on a complaint from Von Oesen on the Coffin Road. Jeff met with resident which was insistence that the ridge needs to be pushed back off of the shoulder of the road to allow the water to get into the ditch. Doreen advised that John Cranouski is working on this when he is grading the roads. John Cranouski has been working on the Reid Road and Jeff advised that when he went to the Coffin Road he saw the Reid Road and reported that it is looking good.

Files Hill Road; where it abuts the East Thorndike Road: large piles of sand : build up on the Files Hill Road. Charles noted that a person had an injury. Charles reviewed that at that point not a legality to the Town. The Town needs to be aware of a hazard and time to address it.

Jeff made a motion for the Fire Department to wash Town Roads off that has dirt and sand built up to work on reducing the slippery hazards on the roads, Charles seconded: no discussion: motion carried:

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Doreen reviewed the Bailey Road as it was indicated that a neighbor took their tractor and took the incline out of the right side of the road, heading to Unity, that was there to direct the water to the to other side if the road, to the ditch and then to the culvert in the Bailey Triangle to the Route 220 culverts. Doreen to follow up with John Cranouski on this, to see if had already worked on the Bailey Road.

Paving contractor update: Doreen noted that she has contacted Wellman's and they are scheduled out the end of July.

Town Office:

Old Business:

Spirit of America Award: Jeff reviewed email and asked for nominations: Doreen motion for the Timelines Inc / Farwell Project: Jeff seconded: no discussion: motion carried: 3-0

Jeff advised per the email the the 2021 recipient: Melanie Cole will be recognized at this year ceremony as well. Doreen to respond to the email for the 2022 nomination.

New Business:

- a. Town Attorney invoice to be paid: the invoice is for 6 hours of working on closing paperwork and emails with Jeff for the salt and sand shed closing. Jeff made a motion to pay the \$1036.32 invoice from the Farwell Funds if the article for the salt and sand shed allows for this expenditure and if not; from the Professional services line; Charles seconded; no discussion; motion carried: 3-0

Warrant Review and Approval

- a. A/P Warrant BMV # 38: \$51,996.36
- b. A/P Warrant BMV #39: \$2210.50
- c. A/P Warrant BMV #40: \$1178.00
- d. Payroll Warrant #41: \$3401.79
- e. Warrant preview: #42: \$19,935.31

Jeff made a motion to sign the warrants noted above; Charles seconded: no discussion:
motion carried: 3-0

Approve minutes:

- a. 5/4/2022: Select Board Minutes: Charles made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Jeff seconded: no discussion: motion carried: 3-0
- b. 6/1/2022: Select Board Minutes: Charles made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Jeff seconded: discussion

Doreen wanted a timeline presented for the NOVA Farms LLC approval of their renewal for cultivation and the new application for processing that was presented to the Board at the 5/4/2022 Select Board meeting. Doreen requested this as she was not able to attend the 5/18/2022 and the 6/1/2022 Select Board meeting as she was attending a family event.

- May 4, 2022 NOVA Farms LLC representatives presented to the Board their Renewal for Cultivation and their new application for processing. The local authorization approval was TABLED as not all of the paperwork was available to verify all was in order to approve the applications/ local authorization by the Select Board.
- Next scheduled meeting for the Select Board on May 11, 2022 Jeff Trafton advised to the Select Board that he sent the unsigned local authorization forms, the renewal for cultivation and new for processing, to the Office of Cannabis Policy just for them to review to make sure all was in order, if any corrections needed to be made before a motion was to be made during a Select Board meeting to approve them.
- Next scheduled Select Board Workshop on May 16, 2022 Jeff Trafton advised to the Select Board that he had emailed the applications, for the Renewal cultivation and New for processing to Charles and Doreen for them to review. Jeff had the applications all together to review during the Select Board workshop and informed the Select Board that he was waiting on the response from the Office of Cannabis policy to verify if any errors to be corrected. Doreen reviewed the email sent and only had the New for processing attached. After Charles reviewed the renewal and new applications; Doreen asked to review the applications. In reviewing the applications, Doreen asked Jeff why the renewal had the date of "5/4/2022" filled in for the local authorization approved on this date? Jeff indicated that must be last year's application as he used that as a guide to fill out the renewal application. Doreen stated that this is for the current application as the dates noted. Jeff asked to see the renewal application and then at that time informed the Select Board that representative from NOVA Farms LLC contacted him and they needed the renewal application and Jeff saw no changes so signed the Renewal for cultivation, had notarized at this office at the Waldo County Sherriff's Office and sent over to the Office of Cannabis Policy. Doreen and Charles expressed their complete

disagreement with what Jeff had done; that he has made a discussion without Select Board approval/not at a public meeting.

- Doreen asked on May 17, 2022 for Jeff to forward to Charles and her the email correspondence to the Office of Cannabis Policy. Jeff forwarded the email that he actual sent to Zach at NOVA Farms LLC; and it was sent on May 5, 2022 at 4:04pm.
- Next scheduled Select Board meeting: May 18, 2022: no discussion on the NOVA Farms LLC renewal or new applications
- Next scheduled Select Board meeting: June 1, 2022: Select Board approval from Jeff Trafton and Charles Greenberg for the renewal and new applications for local authorization.

Jeff again stated, during the current Select Board meeting, that he was contacted by NOVA Farms LLC representative and noted that they needed to have the renewal by May 8, 2022 to the State of Maine so he made an executive decision to approve the renewal application as nothing had changed since the application last year.

Doreen questioned that should the OCP (Office of Cannabis Policy) receive revised local authorization forms dated correctly of June 1, 2022 to not cause issues with NOVA Farms LLC State permit and licensing? Jeff noted that he called the OCP and they stated that "they don't care; they are working on the new for processing and are not evening working on the renewal for cultivation.

: motion carried to accept the minutes as written for the June 1, 2022.

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(Doreen abstained as was not present for this meeting)

- c. 3/19/2022: Town Meeting Minutes: TABLED; not available.

Other Business:

- a. Democratic Party would like to hold a caucus on July 16 at the Town Office:
- b. Dirt at the intersection of the Files Hill Road and the East Thorndike Road; several complaints and 1 motorcycle accident.
- c. Charles was reviewing a question on the New BMV level and due to the new module for the Town computer program; Rose delayed her March training until TRIO was up and running. Now that is all taken care of; Rose is working on the New registration training.
- d. Greg wanted to review things the Planning Board is working on and advised that they Planning Board is going to look to correspond with the Select Board on a monthly basis to review the current work that they are working on. Charles asked for sufficient time for the Select Board to review.
- e. Charles made a motion to move the Select Board workshop to 7/5/2022 at 6pm due to July 4th on Monday; Doreen seconded: no discussion: motion carried: 3-0
- f. Doreen asked for expenditure up to \$40 from the Cemetery Maintenance funds to buy a sprayer for cleaning the cemetery stones; Jeff seconded: no discussion: motion carried: 3-0

- g. Jeff noted that Chris West resigned and Thomas McWalters declined the position so needs to be advertised out again, bulletin board, website, email and Rolling Thunder newspaper, for the Assistant CEO position; motion made by Jeff and to advertise until 7/18/2022 at 12pm will tentatively, if qualified candidate(s) apply, decide at July 20th Select Board meeting; Doreen seconded: no discussion: motion carried: 3-0
- h. Jeff discussion about the Thorndike Park and Rec Committee for Thorndike Days on 9/17/2022: motion to approve event; Charles seconded: no discussion: motion carried: 3-0.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn; Doreen seconded: motion carried: 3-0

Adjourned at 8:01pm