



Town of Thorndike

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Selectmen's Meeting

6:30 PM - D. Berry made motion to approve prior minutes

Meeting minutes approved 3-0

New Business

Fire Department

- Fire Chief

Shawn Bristol submitted an application for position of Fire Chief

Z. Bond: was there a workshop this past Monday to look at the resumes?

D. Berry: we did not have a workshop; we are a new board. We would like to schedule a workshop

J. Trafton: we did have a meeting before this meeting to brainstorm

J. Trafton: would make the motion to accept

D. Berry: Sept 16th, Move the Deadline and we will make an announcement

- Pre-Buy Fuel

Conversation surrounding already approved

D. Berry: Motion to approve pre-buy, seconded, passes Three to Zero

- Change to Unitel

Lynn will be back and Clerk will call to get information

Z. Bond and J. Ard talked to Ryan about getting wi-fi into the parking lot

D. Berry: we will follow up with Ryan Vine. If it is an additional cost we will get it priced out.

Z. Bond: also spoke about upgrading our computers

B. Carter: We have a \$9,000 and we will review the budget

Salt and Sand Shed Committee

- We have had two meetings. Peter Caughlin was our guest speaker. At one of our meetings, he gave information on specs. The committee will create Request for Proposal (RFP) by the next salt and sand meeting. Options will reflect:
AE for stick-built estimate
AE for Flex-built estimate
AE for Flex with manufacturers

The proposal will include a build-sheet template. IND GC

Comments from the room, breaking ground is anticipated after the thaw in the spring and we should have a building by snowfall next year.

G. Falzetta: Talks of self made deadlines in the process of building the shed.

Z. Bond: what is the due date for these deadlines?

G. Falzetta: End of the snow season 2021.

Our RPFs will be out when the Select Board published them.

There will be no Salt and Sand Shed Committee Meeting September 7th due to Labor Day

P. Pendergast: Will the town have the opportunity to review the three options, and when will we see options or choose.

B. Carter: My opinion is that we should have a special town meeting to choose AE and plan.

D. Berry: Final choice will be made at the Annual Town Meeting

P. Pendergast: Is someone from the Planning Board attending the committee meetings?

Discussion ensues about the necessities of the site plan.

J. Trafton: G. Falzetta says he will present the three options; that includes pre-fab.

W. Trafton: Peter said if you hire manufacturers, you can use their AE.

G. Falzetta: In talks with Engineers Board to make sure that is true.

D. Berry: Reminder to the room to be quiet and speak one at a time.

- Z. Bond: Shows interest in Select Board's intent to honor deferred payment agreement to R Nelson, which will be honored with the completion of the Salt and Sand Shed.

J. Trafton: He will be paid. Bob deferred payment until the end. He also donated his pay check back into the sand and salt fund.

J. Ard: Private AE and having a pre-built "manufactured" is an option. Bob donated his pay check and deferred his payment.

B. Carter: We cannot pay Bob without a special town meeting.

J.Ard: I agree; we should add it to the agenda

D. Berry: The town owns 10 acres of land locked property on Reid Road; selling this could be used to pay Bob. A workshop is needed to talk this through.

Old Business

- Cemetery Funds

Maine Gravesite service is sending a quote to improve stones.

J.Ard: I think we signed a contract for a flat figure of \$1,500 for maintenance

D. Berry: Do you know when that was?

J. Ard: last winter

D. Berry: Just got good news that they will come out to improve the worst stones.

- Snow Plow Bids

So far, one bid has been received; Deadline will be extended to Sept 16th 6:00 PM

This needs to be published in email, website, journal and community voices

Motion is seconded and passed 3-0

D. Berry: We should reach out to other towns to see if they have received multiple bids

New Business

- Trainings for Town Clerks

Approved

J. Ard: Clerks TRIO training

D. Berry: Contract ends April 2021, other towns have switched to other software

- Reimbursement

Motion to pay \$77.58 approved

- Re-Appointments

J. Ard: Are we keeping Michael Berry as Chair of planning board?

D. Berry: The planning board selects their Chair. kChanges advertised is out for Sexton

-Elections Clerk

Mary Ellen Greenburg

Wendy Trafton

Zoey Bond

Lauren Leary

-Public Information Officer

Selectmen

-Parks and Rec

J. Ard

Mary Ella and Charles

Shawn Bristol

Tim Veazie

Z. Bond Chair

P. Pendergast Secretary

Trafton: Brian Croft wants to be assistant

Last meeting;

Z. Bond Chair

P. Pendergast Secretary

Motion to extend terms with mentioned changes seconded and passed.

-Discussion/Other

Charles: Who is public access officer?

D. Berry: Amber

Z. Bond: I believe it has to be appointed

D. Berry: we will table that to review and decide

Parks and Rec

- Need a place for Halloween where they can have social distancing

J. Trafton: suggest some form of trunk-or-treat with only prepackaged candy. Train will be running again this year

J. Trafton: makes a motion to sanction

D. Berry: Table until we can find out what Marcus from MMA has to say about Covid

Z. Bond: what about a scheduled date?

D. Berry: He will educate us at the next workshop

- Motion to accept all donations given to Parks and Rec

Working with Amber to create a line in software, specific to parks and rec

Other

- Thorndike's return to school

Can we utilize this space for student's at home days with social distancing. It would be limited to Thorndike residents.

J. Ard: School cohort ABCD , students are learning from home 3 days a week.

Special Ed 4 to 5 days

Z. Bond: Parks and Rec would like to take responsibility for using the community room for kid's doing school work.

D. Berry: how long has the school been working on their requirements and plans?

Greenberg: The state guidelines have changed but are stable now

D. Berry: I think this is a good idea, but I would like to table this and have MMA review at workshop

Z. Bond: we are looking at kids that don't have internet access; we need to be there for the children not for the insurance.

D. Berry: Charles, is the school providing internet?

Charles: The iPads have internal hot spots; cell service is required.

D. Berry: Table until Sept 16th meeting in order to educate by MMA, to educate and review MMA and CDC requirements and recommendations.

Amber: just a thought, could the church be interested in offering their space?

J. Trafton: Parks and Rec would need to monitor the space. It should be easy to talk to the MMA

H. Sorrensen: There are a limited number of people with no internet. Why doesn't the school provide a space?

Charles: Cohorts=students don't mix

The school is taking the evenings to deep clean the building

J. Ard: I am a taxpayer, and we have a community room

D. Berry: put a written plan together with guidelines so we can review and research it.

OTHER

- Tables: Someone called and asked if the town could rent out their tables

Covid...may not be a good idea

J.Ard: I can rent my tables

- Plumber

Motion to hire a plumber to look at water pressure, seconded and passed 3-0

Any names?

Don Hammond, Plumbing inspector of Liberty

J. Trafton will look up and call local plumbers

Permission to buy PPE and stamps approved 3-0

- Suggested extension of town office hours is presented

D. Berry motions to accept, seconded and passed 3-0

Warrants

Warrants signed and approved

Motion to go into executive session

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM