

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 5, 2023

Attendance: Rose Hill, Doreen Berry, Charles Greenberg, Reggie Cunningham
Charles called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Charles made a motion to change the agenda to accommodate guest speakers. Doreen 2nd no discussion motion passes 2-0

David Schofield, Assistant CEO/Cannabis Officer was present to inform the town that he has a request for a cannabis shop in the Town of Thorndike. With no Town ordinance in place it is agreed upon that the town will have to follow the state ordinance and the town will police the business.

Executive Session: Doreen made a motion to go into executive session on a legal manner, Charles 2nd the motion. Executive session began at 6:35p.m. At 6:58 p.m. Doreen made the motion to exit executive session, Charles 2nd the motion, passes 2-0.

John Thornhill was present to discuss the progress of the roadside trimming. He just finished up the Palmer road and now is at the Mile Road. Some issue that he has encountered during his work is that a lot of the ditches are clogged with logs/tree stumps that are blocking up the culverts. John made a recommendation to the board that if a pulp truck was available it would be a quick and easy way to clean up these areas. John told the board that he hoped to be finished with the 2023 contract by July 15 2023

Minutes were reviewed Special Town Meeting Charles made motion to accept the minutes, Doreen 2nd with the discussion pertaining to a few clerical corrections that need to be made, motion passes 2-0. After reviewing minutes from 06/21/2023 meeting, Charles made motion to accept minutes, Doreen 2nd motion passes 2-0.

Doreen gave an update on Wellman Paving arrival to fix the East Thorndike Road, they will not be available until Au

FEMA meeting update given Doreen explaining how they went over the information for each road. The town has 60 days to submit final information on the storm damage and repairs.

Rose put in a request to take election training to get proper certification. Jeff made a motion to accept the request; Doreen 2nd Motion passes 3-0. Rose let the board know that the class must be taken within 30 days of payment, as it is a virtual class.

Cyber Policy is up for review. Approved for Jeff to use cell phone to do Town business. Motion by Doreen to table the Cyber Policy to the end of the meeting, Jeff 2nd, motion passes 3-0

Parks & Rec. update given by Wendy Trafton included recognition of volunteers Ron Valles, Gary Hazard, Chuck Cuasano and Jeff Trafton putting up the gazebo structures. The Fire dept recently burn3ed the brush pile located at the park. The Parks & rec. have put in some financial request: 1. @ Charcoal BBQ Grill to be placed at Marie Gloh Park near the picnic areas. One grill has be donated my Liz Cioe. 2. Bumper stickers with "Thorndike" on them to be used as a fundraiser for more work on the park. Doreen made a motion to approve the purchase of a grill and bumper sticker, Jeff 2nd the motion, Motion passes 3-0.

Thorndike Days Celebration date has been set for Saturday September 16, 2023 Parade starting at 10:00 a.m. and all other festivities falling directly after.

Jeff made a motion sanction the date for Thorndike Days; Doreen 2nd motion passes 3-0.

Jeff made a motion to **review the warrants**, 'Doreen 2nd warrants reviewed. Motion made to pass the warrants by Jeff, Doreen 2nd with the additions lien charges and Parks & Rec. request motion passes 3-0.

Doreen made a request to the treasurer to be sure cable franchise money was put into the veterans fundraising line.

Rose brought to the Select Board concerns from Town residents about the "Unity College Proposal of 600 Immigrants being place there to live". Concerns were: "Is the board is aware, what are their thoughts, do they have a game plan, and how will this affect Thorndike?" There was much discussion between the board and the audience about the infrastructure, housing, poverty, and crime. The board will keep in contact with the Unity Select Board members to be sure that Thorndike is made aware of any public meetings. Also will talk to KVCOG and see where their thoughts are on the subject. The board will be keeping themselves in the loop for the good of the town.

Jeff made a motion to **enter executive session** for HR purposes Doreen 2nd all in favor 3-0 time 8:30 p.m. Board returned Jeff made motion to **exit executive session**, Doreen 2nd, all in favor to exit. The motion passes 3-0, time 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made to appoint David Schofield as the Assistant COE and Cannabis Officer Doreen 2nd the motion discussion was to let present officer know that he was being replaced. Jeff will take care of letting him know, Rose will update the website. The motion passes 3-0.

Doreen made a motion to up the cost of the "Trash Stickers" from \$1.00 each to \$1.50 each. Explanation for the request is that the trash stickers are suppose to offsetting the tipping fees from the trash and at the present fee this not happening, the tipping fee has increased over the past few years. Jeff 2nd the motion with added discussion of hopefully this will not start town folk to burn their trash or throw on roadside. The motion passes 3-0. Rose will notify the Town Folk via website and social media and will let Raven's Garage, Hilltop Store and Depot Country Store of the price change as they sell our stickers at their establishments.

The contract for Generator annual service has been put before the board. Ideal Electric will maintain both the Fire Dept and Town office generator yearly fee of \$250.00. Doreen made motion to accept the contract Jeff 2nd the motion passes 3-0.

Cyber Policy has been written up and presented to the board as a safe measure for staff of the Town office to abide by. Doreen made motion to accept the Policy as written; Jeff 2nd the motion passes 3-0. All 3 Selectboard members have signed and a copy will be placed in their HR file. Rose will have copies made up to ensure all appointed and voted in personnel with access to computers reads and signs the Cyber policy.

Adjournment: Jeff made motion to adjourn, Doreen 2nd, motion passes 3-0 Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Hill
Town Clerk