

Town of Thorndike

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Attendee's: J. Ard, R. Nelson, M. Mayer, R. Stevenson, S. Bristol, A. Bristol, R. Cunningham, J. Trafton, P. Pendergast

R. Nelson opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

R. Nelson made a motion to accept the 4-1-2020 minutes with the change of one word to withdraw, M. Mayer seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of the motion/ 0 votes oppose

R. Nelson advises that the board will move the Fire Department discussion to the end of the meeting.

Old Business

J. Ard advises that Kari Hunt has agreed to help the town with paperwork, warrants, and TRIO for \$500 a month plus additional pay if travel is needed. This will be on a temporary basis as the town gets caught up and trains a new full-time clerk.

R. Cunningham, T. Veazie, J. Ard, and J. Trafton discusses what the DMV is and isn't doing at this point during the pandemic.

J. Ard makes a motion to hire Kari Hunt as a temporary employee to do the duties of Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, & Registrar for \$500 a month and hourly rate as necessary. M. Mayer seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of the motion/ 0 votes oppose

J. Trafton asks if the town still plans on hiring one of the applicants for the full-time job. J. Ard advises that they do and talked to an applicant earlier in the day.

New Business

J. Ard informs that he talked to Toby Farrington and that he estimates he will begin doing road work in about two weeks. Toby will be adding gravel to the roads as necessary and grating them. Ard also advises that he talked to John Cranouski about other jobs involving roads including ditching, mentions the left side of the Hunt Rd. specifically.

J. Ard and M. Mayer discuss that the town is hoping to clean of tree debri from recent storms by themselves to save from hiring someone to do it.

Resident P. Pendergast advises that her neighbor to the rear put in a new culvert that is now causing more water to run into her year and her neighbors yard. Mentioned that she emailed the deputy code enforcement officer Brian Croft regarding the issue. She's had contact with a lawyer. Her neighbor, Justin Gage, is getting significant water on his land from the water redirection.

B. Nelson advises that the neighbor doesn't need a permit for the culvert work, though he's not allowed to redirect the natural flow of water. He will look into it further.

P. Pendergast says she will likely need to berm her backyard to keep the water out, and that DEP already said that was okay. P. Pendergast says she wasn't happy with the untimely manner in which Brian Croft responded to her.

Road debri discussion is brought back up. J. Trafton, J. Ard, M. Mayer, and T. Veazier talk about getting people together to clean up the side of the roads. Talk about the possibility of a town cleanup day that could help with the tree issue and trash.

B. Nelson advises that there needs to be a record of all expenditures - hours, gas, etc. - for people that help/will help with cleaning up debri caused by the storm.

R. Cunningham brings up that he understands the intent of posting pictures of cleanup on Facebook, but to be careful and make sure everyone is wearing the proper equipment in said pictures. Cunningham advises that Farmington was recently given a sizable fine for not being properly equipped in pictures.

J. Ard makes a motion to temporarily suspend the Planning Board review of permitting until the state of emergency is over. M. Mayer seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of motion / 0 votes oppose

M. Mayer makes a motion to have Selectmen's meetings every Monday - that they don't currently meet for workshops - at 3 pm until the state of emergency is over. J. Ard seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of motion/ 0 votes oppose

Fire Department

Fire Chief R. Stevenson wants to know the status of the two volunteer firefighter applications.

M. Mayer makes a motion to decline the application of Richard Foster. J. Ard seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of motion/ 0 votes oppose

M. Mayer makes a motion to table the application of Joe Kibbie until he returns to town. J. Ard seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of motion/ 0 votes oppose

Deput Chief S. Bristol advises that Andrew, Tim, Ron, Seth, Casey, and himself worked together to make sure the roads were clear of debri during the snowstorm and windstorm. He's still putting together the hours that were worked doing such. S. Bristol passed along pertinent info like trees on power lines to M. Mayer during the storms so that he could put the info into the EMA database.

T. Veazie talked to the head of local WIC program and a supervisor at Mt. View High School about getting supplies to residents that need it. Veazie says he has volunteered to deliver the supplies if need be.

M. Mayer advises that he talked to Catherine Sanders about a program that would help residents by giving them Hannaford gift cards. Mayer made a posting on the Community Voices page advertising the town had available supplies.

M. Mayer makes a motion to go into an executive session at 7:26 pm pursuant 22 MRSA subsection 1 405(6)(e) with Fire Chief R. Stevenson. J. Ard seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of motion/ 0 votes oppose

R. Nelson makes a motion to end the executive season at 8:27 pm. J. Ard seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of motion / 0 votes oppose

R. Nelson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Ard seconded. Motion carried.

3-0 votes in favor of motion/ 0 votes oppose

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

