

Town Of Thorndike
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2020

Attendees : M. Mayer, J. Ard, R. Nelson, T. Veazie, R. Stevenson, J. Trafton, R. Cunningham, J. Wadick, S. Bristol

R. Nelson opens meeting at 6:42pm

R. Nelson makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from May 20, 2020. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote.

Fire Department :

Fail Safe Testing. One hose failed.

M. Mayer makes a motion to pay Fail Safe. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote.

June 13 is the 2020 Mount View High School Senior Parade in Unity, Maine. R. Stevenson asks for permission to have Thorndike trucks involved. J. Ard says the selectmen support the fire departments involvement and participation.

Tide Water Oil. R. Stevenson reports we have an \$1100 credit to use for 2020-2021. If we would like to continue service with them we need to pay \$286.20 in order to pre-buy at the lowest rate. J. Ard makes a motion to table for time to review pricing. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

R. Stevenson would like to clarify that the Troy Fire Department was never shut down as was recently implied at a previous Thorndike selectboard's meeting. They fixed all inspection issues promptly and with no fines.

J. Ard clarifies that the questions about Troy from a previous meeting were about prior compliance to their audit. No one was questioning their timeliness of response.

M. Mayer asks about the plan requested from R. Stevenson due by this meeting. R. Stevenson says he has nothing new to report. That the state is still coming for an advisory inspection on July 1st, 2020, and reports that the fire department is close to compliance.

M. Mayer asks to review the list and progress. R. Stevenson says updates have been made, but does not elaborate further.

J. Ard makes a motion to move to executive session. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Executive Session at 6:51pm.

R. Nelson brings the meeting back into session at 7:01pm

M. Mayer thanks T. Veazie for his help placing flags on cemetery graves for Memorial Day.

Old Business :

Emergency Plan : Selectmen review copies and M. Mayer makes a motion to table for further review. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Re-opening plan for the town office. Zoey to let the community know via email and social media the plan and about registration options.

New Business :

Summer Roads. Discussion about budgeting. Waiting on bills to be submitted before the selectmen will know what they are dealing with in terms of numbers. R. Nelson says that calcium for gravel roads is in the works. Grading has been completed. The Hunt Road needed a lot of work. Ditching was a major need as well. Grading took a bit longer because of base issues. Once the dirt and gravel came in the grading process moved along quickly. Due to a lack of regular maintenance in previous years we have had to coordinate more than other towns.

Cold Patching : Marcus Lowe's final bill for the East Thorndike Road : \$1080. J. Ard makes a motion to pay. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Center Cemetery damage due to ruts. J. Trafton will add the bill to the case file for the judge to order restitution. Bill is more than available in the cemetery funds. Discussion where to pull funds to pay from. R. Nelson suggests paying out of emergency fund and re-placing that money when it is re-paid. J. Ard makes a motion to pay Marcus Lowe ASAP out of emergency fund for vandalism repairs. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Marcus Lowe's bill for tree trimming due to storm on the Leonard Road and the Reid Road. EMA is looking for FEMA help with this kind of cost. Discussion on which account to pay out of. It is agreed that the money will come out of the emergency fund. J. Ard makes a motion to pay Marcus Lowe \$1980 out of the emergency fund for tree trimming needed after the last major storm. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

J. Trafton notes that the cemeteries are looking really good. J. Ard says that Marcus Lowe has done very good work.

MRC is offering help with cost reduction. MRC is also having contractual issues with waste plant, resulting in a temporary disruption of service. B. Nelson will talk to Sullivan's about how to handle the waste during this time.

Reviewing of account figures. J. Ard questions what we do with Town of Knox funds. R. Cunningham says the money has always gone to the truck replacement fund.

M. Mayer makes a motion to sign the warrants. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Warrants are signed.

B. Nelson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm