

Town of Thorndike

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

MAY 20, 2020

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

M. Mayer opens the meeting at 6:35.

M. Mayer makes a motion to accept the minutes from May 6, 2020. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote.

Old Business:

- Salt and Sand Shed: Selectmen review the letter from the state approving the one year extension to the variance.
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- Town Office Reopening Plan: The selectman review the plan...
- Re-open on June 8th, 2020
 - Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9-12
 - Wednesdays from 12-6
 - All social distancing protocols to be followed.
 - The community room will be available for residents to use for access to wifi. Tables and chairs will be cleaned and sanitized between users.
 - Hours will expand as the Covid-19 threat tapers off.

M. Mayer makes a motion to pass the plan. J. Ard seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote.

New Business:

- Excise Tax Agreement with the Town of Unity is signed.
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- Boat Registrations can now be done through Rapid Renewal. The selectman sign off.
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- Certificate of Recommitment is needed for Zoey Bond to assume the position of Tax Collector. J. Ard makes a motion to affirm Zoey Bond as Tax Collector.

M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes, 3-0 vote. The selectmen sign the certificate.

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- Thorndike Trail Blazers ATV Club would like access to all Thorndike town roads. J. Ard makes a motion to approve. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Other:

- Office Supplies are needed. The selectmen recommend using the Staples account or going to Belfast Office Supplies.
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- Maine Labor Laws Posters are needing to be updated. J. Trafton suggests going to the Department of Labor website and printing them off for free.
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- New Hope for Women sent a letter requesting funds from the carried over budget for 2020 be dispersed. The selectmen review and agree.
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- Street Lights: J. Ard recommends replacing any that are out with LED bulbs.
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- Memorial Day Flags: The Thorndike Parks and Rec Committee will be placing flags on Saturday at 9:00am. Zoey to put out a call for helpers via email and Facebook.

Roads:

- Cold Patch: J. Ard updates that it is complete.
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- Ditching: DigSafe has completed their work. B. Nelson says work is beginning on the Hunt Road.
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- Grading will begin at the end of the week or the beginning of the following week.
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- Palmer Road held strong over this past winter.

Fire Department:

- Hose test to be completed on Friday.
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- Zoey to order a router for the Fire Dept. when ordering router for the town office. Discussion on how far the different wifi's should reach at the different buildings. Fire Dept. should be password protected and limited to dept. use

only. Town Office wifi can be available to the public and reach the entire parking lot so that it is available for law enforcement officers and community members even when the office is closed. S. Bristol will return the old equipment to spectrum when the time is right.

- S. Bristol questions the status of the Fire Department personnel files. R. Stevenson reports that he has set up a courtesy inspection with the state to better understand policies and procedures for the Fire Department paperwork and files. S. Bristol expresses concern over the length of time that it is taking to complete this process. He also explains that the town and fire department personnel are being put at risk every day that passes without this being properly handled. J. Trafton recommends connecting with other local fire chiefs prior to the courtesy inspection so that this issue may be addressed quicker and limit taxpayer risk while also helping to keep our firefighters safe. R. Cunningham notes that we have a copy of the operating procedures here at the town office. T. Veazie advises that it is out of date. T. Veazie inquires about what the plan is to get this problem resolved. M. Mayer assures that there will be a focused plan put into action by R. Stevenson by June 3rd, 2020.

Warrants are signed.

B. Nelson makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. M. Mayer seconds. Motion passes 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.