

Town of Thorndike

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes- 09.04.2019

Attendees: R Nelson, J Ard, M Mayer, D Berry, R Stevenson, S Bristol, R Cunningham, P Pendergast, W Trafton & J Trafton

Minutes: R Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes from the 8.21.2019 meeting, M Mayer seconded, minutes accepted as written.

Fire Department:

R Stevenson would like to have an Open House at the Fire Station on 10/12/2019

M Mayer made a motion to have an open house on 10/12/2019 at the Fire Station, J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

R Stevenson request to order fire prevention packets for the Open House, expense not to exceed \$275

M Mayer made a motion to approve spending up to \$275 on fire prevention package; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

Discussion on the Ladies Auxiliary: P Pendergast recommended contacting the Ladies Auxiliary to see if they have any money to contribute toward the expense.

S Bristol advised if any donations were received from the 10/12/2019 Open House the donations would come to the Town of Thorndike.

Discussion on Lori Grant Nason looking to request the FY2017 donation made towards the purchase of a rescue truck to be returned. (Money is in the Truck Replacement Savings Account, awaiting a rescue truck to be researched and purchased with these funds) R Nelson advised that he reviewed this with MMA Legal and they advised that once the money is donated to the Town of Thorndike; that it belongs to the Town.

J Ard : Discussion that the Thorndike Volunteer Fire Company Inc. is a legal entity of its self.

R Stevenson: discussion on the recent protocols for Mutual Aid dispatch, they have been updated with Waldo Comm..

M Mayer: discussion on the Town of Thorndike Fire Department to have a Boot Drive this year during the Common Ground Fair 9/20-9/23.

R Stevenson is ok in having the Boot Drive.

R Stevenson: discussion on turnout gear for himself. He has a set of turn out gear from Unity but Unity Fire Department needs to know if the gear is going to be returned to them, to be refitted for another fire fighter, or if the Town of Thorndike wants to purchase the turn out gear for \$1800.

There is \$2000 budgeted for a set of turnout gear. MMA has a Fall grant in which funding could be available to buy one set and to get two for no cost as the cost of the two would be reimbursed from the MMA Grant.

S Bristol advised that two volunteer applications had been received:

- Alex Mattson: M Mayer made a motion to accept this application as a volunteer on the Town of Thorndike Fire Department; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

- Jeremy Soulia : M Mayer made a motion to TABLE this application at this time; J Ard seconded: motion TABLED

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

S Bristol advised that Clyde Rolerson bought a brush truck from the Town of Thorndike and Clyde would like to purchase the rack that was on it. J Ard advised that Clyde would need to submit an application to request to purchase the rack.

S Bristol advised that there is an old floating tank portable pond that holds 3000 gallons: he will check to see if it still works.

S Bristol: utility trailer that has been stored in the old fire department was researched that this was received from an MMA Grant per Dale Rowley M Mayer we research more info from Dale Rowley on the trailer.

R Nelson: question to Fire Chief R Stevenson: invoice for radios that had been reprogrammed, FC R Stevenson still looking into this. R Nelson advised that Acting Fire Chief John Levers II bought 2 new radios and the Selectmen are in receipt of the bill as it was sent to the Thorndike Volunteer Fire Company Inc and was forwarded onto the Town of Thorndike. J Ard advised that John Levers II can pay the bill or the Town of Thorndike can pay the bill and John Levers II can reimburse the Town of Thorndike.

S Bristol: discussion on equipment inventory; still looking for one of the helmets.

R Nelson asked about a comparative quote of what work that Mac Electric had quoted.

FC R Stevenson advised no additional quotes had been received yet.

M Mayer advised that the Selectmen will work on getting comparative quotes.

R Nelson asked FC R Stevenson about the compressor that had been purchased. FC R Stevenson advised that the compressor was too large for what they needed and recommended to return the compressor to Home Depot. R Nelson advised that there may be restocking fees.

Old Business: None

New Business:

J Ard made a motion to allow the Town of Thorndike Park and Recs Committee Chair, Jeffrey Trafton, approval to request funds for expenses up to the funds received from fundraising and donations by the Town of Thorndike Park and Recs Committee and only one Selectman needs to approve the funds to be dispersed/ R Nelson seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

Discussion on the Bicentennial Parade: M Mayer advised that the Town of Thorndike's hearse will be in the parade, it will be hauled on a trailer.

Other:

Abatement: request for an abatement on the Reynolds Road: trailer was torn down and there was an Amish building there but removed before April 1,2019. Tax Assessor agent request per her inspection to abate \$802.68: R Nelson advised that no refund would be issued as the FY2019 taxes had not been paid; this would be a bill adjustment.

R Nelson made a motion to approve the abatement in the amount of \$802.68; M Mayer seconded ; motion carried

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

Planning Board: R Nelson discussion on if they are looking to have the Selectman have 3 year terms. M Mayer advised that other towns have staggered terms. The Chair to the Planning Board has started to look into this as not sure if an ordinance is needed and this will take time and wanted to review with the Selectmen of what they need the Planning Board to do. The Selectmen will research this more to inquire what the process is to change to staggered 3 year terms.

Discussion on the Planning Board process on ordinances in regards to marijuana. Planning Board Member, P Pendergast advised that money can come back to the Towns and this info she presented to the Planning Board. Discussion that if regulations are in place then the Town of Thorndike will know where it is being grown and penalties will be in place if not following the regulations.

P Pendergast discussion on Air B & B's: The Town of Thorndike could get additional revenue by requiring permits for Air B & B's; maybe the Selectmen can look into an ordinance for the Air B & B's.

R Nelson: Salt and Sand Shed: advised the Town's lawyer is doing a Title search on the property for \$500; R Nelson made a motion to have the lawyer complete the Title Search for \$500; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

Park and Recreational Committee: auction funds in the amount of \$974; M Mayer made a motion to accept the donation of \$974; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

D Berry request to purchase a laser toner cartridge for the laser printer at the Clerk's desk, \$223; M Mayer made a motion to approve the purchase of the toner for \$223; J Ard seconded, motion carried

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

R Nelson made a motion to sign the warrants, M Mayer seconded, motion carried

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

Warrants:

A/P Warrant from 08/21/2019	: \$124,270.65
Current Warrant:	\$103,266.25
Payroll Warrant:	\$1270.22

R Nelson made a motion to adjourn, M Mayer seconded: motion carried

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm