

Town of Thorndike

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes- 11.6.2019

Attendees: R Nelson, J Ard, M Mayer, D Berry, M Berry,

FC R Stevenson, R Cunningham, P Pendergast & guest.

R Nelson opened the meeting at 6:35pm

Minutes

- 10.16.201 General Assistance Public Hearing / Ordinance Adoption
M Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes as written; J Ard seconded, motion carried

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion
- 10.16.2019 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
M Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the correction of the carbon tanks to \$850 each for the Fire Department; J Ard seconded with the correction made. Minutes accepted as written with the correction.

3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion
- 10.23.2019 Special Town Meeting
M Mayer made a motion to accept the minutes as written with the correction to amend Article 3; paragraph 3 from DOT to DEP, J Ard seconded to accept the minutes; with the corrections.

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

Unity Area Regional Recycling Center (UARRC):

Town Waste Management/ Chair to UARRC Board: Michael Berry

Michael wanted to invite the Thorndike Selectmen's meeting that the Montville Selectmen have asked to have in December. The date is to be determined at this time and Michael will let the Selectmen know when this has been set. The Montville Selectmen are displeased that the UARRC is no longer accepting glass at this time.

- Status of the recycling center

Discussion that the UARRC took products long after other Towns and facilities stop taking them. For plastics 1, 3-7plastic the UARRC was still accepting them for an additional 8 months and UARRC paid to get rid of it (they was in hopes that a market would come available to take the product; but there was none so they needed to get rid of it. They were running out of place to store it.)

M Berry advised that the market is very limited on the products to sell for items that can be recycled. No one wants to buy these items.

UARRC offers good clean product as opposed to single stream.

UARRC will be reviewing their strategic plan for their upcoming year.

M Mayer asked if any change in the market was reviewed at the meeting that M Berry attended for Maine Resource Recovery Association on 11/4/2019. M Berry advised that it was just an Annual meeting for them. There was discussion that maybe UARRC could find a way to take tires but this is in an infant state and nothing has been decided at this time. There was discussion in regards to Fiberight, in which does not take mattresses or tires. PERC would take these items but they would just burn them.

The Town of Thorndike Selectmen wanted to state that they are pleased with the work that is done at UARRC.

P Pendergast asked how many acres that the UARRC has; M Berry advised 18 acres.

Fire Department:

- Old Business

M Mayer update on the electrical quotes: the Fire department and the Town Office do not have enough of a light bill to qualify and if they did; then the lights that would need to be purchased are very expensive. So looking at these grants is not much of a benefit.

Snow removal at the Fire Department: FC R Stevenson wanted to confirm that the cost of the snow removal was about \$100 a storm, M Berry, the one that plowed the Fire Department last year advised every 12" on a 24 hour period; so yes \$100 on average a storm. FC R Stevenson asked if the FD was monitored for the snow coming off of the roof. M Berry advised that he did not watch the FD to see if the snow had come off of the roof after the FD had been plowed.

M Mayer advised that FC Stevenson will be plowing the Thorndike FD.

D Berry advised along with J Ard that Ron will need to provided proof of insurance, to the Town of Thorndike of \$1 million on the Commercial Auto and General Liability Insurance and to list the Town of Thorndike as an additional insured on his policy. His certificate of insurance, when submitted, will need to state in the remarks that he is covered for snow removal.

Grants: FC R Stevenson is looking at pagers for a grant that he is looking at applying for.

\$415 each for pagers or \$350 each for a radio.

The grant deadline is for 11/15/2019 and the Grant will match 50%.

Discussion on the current inventory of radios that the Fire Department has.

FC R Stevenson advised the Selectmen that he would like to apply for the following on the grant:

2 pagers at 349 each = \$698 (per M Mayer; say \$700)

4 radios at \$207.50 each= \$830

Total request \$1530

J Ard made a motion for the FD to apply for the grant and to purchase 2 pagers and 4 radios for \$1530; M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

M Mayer motion to accept an application for a Volunteer on the Thorndike Fire Department : Casey Butler; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

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

Status of Waldo Comm list update: FC R Stevenson advised that he is still working on this. He is reviewing this with the surrounding towns. 30 items on the list and this is what he is reviewing with the other mutual aid fire departments.

- New Business

Discussion on a recent call to Hummingbird Lane in Unity. Unity was paged with Troy, Albion and Freedom; but Thorndike was not paged. FC R Stevenson has not talked to Unity FC but Waldo Comm did not have Thorndike on the list for that area. J Ard advised that things have been done and Thorndike is not being paged.

FC R Stevenson : that they have 4 packs and 2 bottles a piece- need 8 to be in compliance with the State of Maine. FC R Stevenson recommends to get one every year to get the inventory back up to 10 or 12. FC R Stevenson recommends to get one now; R Cunningham advised to get 2 that way one is ready as a reserve as soon as one has to be replaced.

Discussion that current packs and bottles are not compatible with current equipment. If the FD gets 2 now and then 2 next year and then the FD will be able to get into compliance faster.

M Mayer wanted to confirm that the cost of the bottles are \$835 each x 2 = \$1670; FC R Stevenson confirms these costs. M Mayer agrees to buy 2 now.

J A made a motion to buy 2 bottles \$835 each/\$1670 total; M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

FC R Stevenson review of some used trucks: couple that FC R Stevenson wants to go look at them. One in Island Falls and the other one is in Lancaster, PA. FC R Stevenson will review for them to be available. Review of current balance in the Fire Truck Savings Account, about little over \$81,000.

J Ard wanted to make sure that FC R Stevenson is aware that the money from the Fire Truck Savings cannot be spent without the Town's approval whether approval is attained from a regular or special town meeting.

FC R Stevenson advised that the truck that is in Lancaster, PA is \$82,000; it has a poly tank +3000, lifetime guarantee 1250 tank and 5 person cab.

FC R Stevenson would like to go and actually see these fire trucks to verify their condition and be suitable trucks for the Town of Thorndike. Review of mileage reimbursement to review these trucks and it was decided that it is less expensive if a car is rented. \$0.44 a mile x 1000 miles = \$440; cost to rent a car on average \$30 a day; approximately.

Town Office:

- **Old business:**

Salt and Sand Shed: J Ard advised that paving to begin next week then onto the Salt and Sand Shed; they are still researching salt vendors but for the time being they have secured a tri-axel load of salt.

Reid Road;town owned property:

Town owned property:R Nelson still researching the deed; don't want to sell until the Selectmen know what the Town actually owns for property. Discussion on the prior tax liens from 1949. J Ard believes that there is an easement to the Reid Road and that there maybe 30 + acres instead of 10.

- **New Business:**

MOFGA Abatement: trailer removed from the property before 4/1/2019

R Nelson made a motion to approve the abatement in the amount of \$81.53;

M Mayer seconded; motion carried.

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Appointments: Election Clerk & budgetary Position : Peter Quimby

Remove Elizabeth Pageau from Budgetary (Per Elizabeth's request)

J Ard made a motion to remove Elizabeth Pageau from the Budgetary Committee and to replace with Peter Quimby, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

J Ard made a motion to approve Peter Quimby as an Election Clerk; M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

Other:

Cemeteries: M Berry advised that the removed the Veteran Flags from the Cemeteries and will get to the American Legion in Unity to have them properly disposed of. M Berry advised that small trees are still growing in Center Cemetery that was supposed to be addressed this year. J Ard will contact Marcus Lowe (mowing contractor) but if Mike gets to it first; the Selectmen are ok with him taking care of the saplings.

Road Complaint: Reynolds Road: tire blew: M Mayer advised that Maine State statute says to address it; to mark it off within a 24 hour period. J Ard will go out to mark the road and will call around for some cold patch. J Ard will address it.

Thorndike Park and Recs Committee: M Mayer: advised that the Darling's Ice Cream Truck sent the donation that they made from the Bi-Centennial in the amount of \$85.97 and these funds are to go to the Cemetery Perpetual Account. M Mayer made a motion to accept the donation to be placed into the Cemetery Perpetual Account, J Ard seconded; motion carried.

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

Discussion on the Town of Thorndike Park and Recs Committee's Halloween Event: a lot of people came from the Belfast Moosehead Train that started in Unity; the train was the big draw for the event. Thank you to the Town of Thorndike Fire Department for their participation in the event as well.

FC R Stevenson advised the Selectmen that the Fire Department would be escorting the Mount View High School to the county line as they are playing for the State Title in Falmouth.

Warrants: R Nelson made a motion to sign the warrants; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

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

A/P Warrant from 10.23.2019 : \$16,526.88

Current Warrant: : \$158,691.08

Payroll Warrant: : \$2272.07

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 8:01pm