

## Town of Thorndike

### Selectmen's Meeting- 6.5.2019 Agenda

#### R Nelson opened the meeting at 6:30pm

Attendees: R Nelson, J Ard, M Mayer, D Berry, A Brillard, R Cunningham, P Pendergast, L Carter, W Trafton and J Trafton

**Minutes:** R Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes as written; M Mayer seconded, minutes accepted as written; motion carried.

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

**Cemeteries:** Marcus Lowe, new mowing contractor , discussion of fencing on most of the cemeteries in need of maintenance. Marcus quoted \$1700 in supplies and \$1400 in labor (\$3100). J Ard made a motion to start at \$1000 in maintenance, M Mayer seconded motion carried. ( A Brillard has the original gates; he will provide for Marcus to have them reinstalled)

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

J Ard: additional discussion of the repairs that are needed for the cemeteries. Discussion that maybe a fundraiser from the Bicentennial celebration or maybe research grants that are available to help offset costs.

J Ard made a motion for the trees that are still to be cleaned up at Center Cemetery; to have the wood donated to the Waldo County Wood Shed, R Nelson seconded, motion carried.

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

Marcus also brought up limbs over Sayward Cemetery that need to be trimmed back. R Nelson will approach the abutting landowners to attain written permission to trim the limbs as the trees are on their property.

#### **Fire Department:**

- **Old:** None
- **New**

R Cunningham: Tanker: installed new throttle cable.

Engine 6: Jordan Fowler to review when he gets back into town.

R Cunningham: Fire Tech and Safety reports have been requested to be sent to the Town Office by email. The copy of these air quality reports will then be sent to Troy, Unity and all other fire departments that Thorndike fills their air tanks. The results need to be posted at the fire house or it could be a possible fine of approximately \$1500.

The air compressor has been serviced and passed.

The air packs are fine; almost all of the bottles are out of date. 33 composite bottles are out of date as of last month. They can be refilled or replaced.

The steel bottles: Maine Oxy will need to hydro test them. \$15 each and these need to be tested every 5 years.

Fire Tech and Safety took 4 for testing

8 air packs were serviced

16 bottles: new ones would cost approximately \$850 each

Discussion on the Scott air packs. Quote to replace them approximately \$6000 each.

Hose testing was completed by Fail Safe: 4650 feet of hose: 2 hoses failed. When these are replaced they need to get colored hoses. This way when it is requested to shut down a hose it will make it easier to locate.

4 ladders tested: Heat sensors were 15-20 years old; these were replaced. The ladders passed with "flying colors".

Fire Chief's Meeting: Waldo Comm: Board of Directors met last Thursday and discussion in regards to the "I Am Responding" program. This maps and provides directions to the emergency scenes. There is a concern that the program is not being used efficiently. J Trafton added that this program is provided to the towns for no cost; other than through the County costs to the towns. Maybe some extra training is needed for the program.

R Cunningham received a quote from White Signs on the roads signs that they are looking to purchase with the grant from MMA Safety Grant. Request on the MMA Grant for \$4700.

M Mayer made a motion of \$3100 from the Fire Department budget and \$1100 from Summer Roads for the matching MMA Grant; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

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

Sign out sheet needed for the roads signs once received and inventoried.

M Mayer made a motion to TABLE the Appointment of Fire Chief-: J Ard seconded/ decision to be made at the next Selectmen's meeting on 6/19/2019----- TABLED

**Old business:**

- Tax Exempt applications: McKay farm property: R Nelson made a motion to offer reduction in property value of \$35,000 and declined their Tax Exempt application as not all of the property is used for educational purposes; J Ard seconded, motion carried.  
3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion
- Leonard Road: R Nelson advised best to get legal council on this before proceeding at this time--  
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- Salt and Sand Shed: R Nelson: Holmes to survey the 3 properties – waiting on a response. R Nelson review that they need to compile all of the costs of the salt and sand shed and then a special town meeting will need to be called to approve the costs. J Ard added the State of Maine is only looking for a slab to be poured at this time.

**New Business:**

Knox BMV Excise/Mutual Collection Contract: R Nelson made a motion to sign and send the Excise Mutual agreement to Knox, M Mayer seconded: motion carried.

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

Roads: R Nelson advised that the grader has been scheduled and has informed the Selectmen that he will be starting next week. 3/4 of the potholes have been filled on the Reynolds Road. J Ard advised that additional cold patch had to be ordered. The Selectmen are working with the Town of Freedom's DOT crew as they have the ability to pick up the cold patch and to store it for the Town of Thorndike.

J Ard made a motion to approve the initial purchase of 2 tons of cold patch at \$120 a ton and to purchase an additional 2 tons; 4 all together, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

Palmer Road: J Ard made a motion to have gravel installed on the Palmer Road this week. MMA recommends 1" a year to be installed. M Mayer seconded; motion carried.

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

FY2018 Annual Audit: R Nelson in the process of reviewing and when all completed it will be available for public view. M Mayer made a motion to TABLE signing the completed FY2018 Audit until review is completed by R Nelson, R Nelson seconded; motion carried.

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

**Other:** J Trafton member of the Town of Thorndike Park and Recreational Committee: discussion on plans for the Bicentennial Celebration. The tentative date set for 9/14/2019. The Park and Recreational Committee will have fundraisers to offset the costs for the expenses for the Bicentennial Celebration. J Trafton mentioned the need for a rental of a tent. J Ard made a motion to TABLE this for now.

M Mayer made a motion to allocate \$1000 from Article 6, Town Operations and Expenses to be used towards expenses for the Bicentennial Celebration/ J Ard seconded, motion carried, 3-0

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

Discussion to make the Town's Anniversary an annual event.

Discussion on Event Insurance: will review with MMA first to see if the coverage is under or can be added to the current policy.

M Mayer made a motion to have the Bicentennial Celebration a town sanctioned event; for an event planned by the Town of Thorndike Park and Recreational Committee members; J ard seconded, motion carried.

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

Depot Street: R Nelson advised that this is owned by the Belfast Moosehead Railroad and the grounds around the rail road tracks were sold to the State of Maine but the road s still owned by the railroad.

**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 05.15.2019: \$8207.78

Current Warrant: \$112,094.13

Payroll Warrant: \$1358.48

**Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm**