

Town of Thorndike Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 6.19.2019

Attendees:

Robert Nelson, Joshua Ard, Michael Mayer, Doreen Berry, Reginald Cunningham, Ron Stevenson, Lauren Carter, Zoey Bond, Merrily Stevenson, Marcus Lowe and 4 general attendees; names unknown.

Robert Nelson opened the meeting at 6:30pm

Minutes: R Nelson approved the minutes as written, M Mayer seconded

3 votes for a motion to approve/ 0 votes to oppose/ minutes accepted as written

Cemeteries: M Lowe discussion on the work at the Friend Cemetery on the Curtis Pond Road: update: he removed the fencing and the posts with the old granite bases. Needs to update the bid to install terminal post and he will need to drill holes in the concrete footings. This is going to be an increase in cost of approximately \$200- \$300 as quoted.

J Ard made a motion to approve the additional expenditure on the Friend Cemetery of \$300; M Mayer seconded. Motion carried

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

M Lowe: discussion on tree trimming on the Sayward Cemetery on the Leonard Road. R Nelson attained written permission from the abutting landowner to trim the branches that are over hanging the Cemetery.

Center Cemetery: M Lowe advised that there is still a lot of wood to be cleaned up at the cemetery. Sexton A Brillard to contact Jeff Fowler as he was hired to clean up the wood. J Ard made a motion to donate the wood that belongs to the Town of Thorndike, that is removed from Center Cemetery to the Waldo Country Woodshed, M Mayer seconded. M Lowe will take what wood he cleans up to the Waldo County Woodshed at McKay Farm. Motion carried.

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

Fire Department:

New Business: R Cunningham advised the Selectmen that they needed to call Mac Electric as the fire house has a circuit that keeps getting tripped; it was narrowed down to an outside light. They are looking to replace and will replace with an LED light. Lights were replaced in the ballasts. They are looking into rebates through Efficiency Maine; Mac Electric to complete a quote.

R Cunningham: The new air compressor requires 240 volts and a new circuit to be installed. J Ard asked if there was enough in the panel and R Cunningham advised that there is.

R Cunningham advised that, on the Tanker, they pulled the vacuum on it; drain valve was bad on the pump; had to have it rebuilt. Bad couple of "O" rings.

8/12/2019 Engine #6: needs to have an annual pump test completed; requirement.

6 bottles need to be taken to Maine Oxy to be hydro tested

Old Indian Packs: L Carter advised that Durham Fire Department received a grant to replace their Indian packs and they offered to donate them to the Thorndike Fire Department. J Ard made a motion to accept the donation from the Durham Fire Department of the 9 Indian Packs, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

M Mayer made motion to change the term of the Fire Chief to one year ; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

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

M Mayer made a motion to approve Ronald Stevenson as Fire Chief: J Ard seconded. Motion carried

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

J Ard invited the other candidates that applied for the position of Fire Chief, John Levers II and Shawn Bristol, to hold the position of Lieutenants; if they so choose for these positions. The Deputy Fire Chief position will be selected by newly appointed Fire Chief Ronald Stevenson and their approval will need to be attained from the Selectmen.

Ronald Stevenson completed taking his oath of office with Town Clerk Doreen Berry.

Town Operations:

Old: J Ard advised that grading will be completed on the Palmer Road. But first gravel needs to be installed and then to have it graded. Per the road records; 2006 was the last time any gravel was noted to have been put on the Palmer Road. J Ard stated that MMA advises that 1" of gravel is lost from dirt roads annually. R Nelson advised that when working on the dirt roads that the culverts need to be inspected at the same time to address any maintenance for them. J Ard made a motion that the culvert on the Bailey Road to be flushed out; to have be coordinated with the Fire Department; R Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

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

M Mayer discussion on the condition of the Reid Road.

M Mayer follow up on the Reynold Road; that all of the pot holes have been patched.

R Nelson: Cates Road: there is a culvert by the stone wall and the water is just running over it; so this culvert needs to be addressed.

J Ard made motion to have all culverts assessed and repaired as needed; M Mayer seconded; motion carried.

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

Curtis Pond Road: J Ard reviewed that this is half town maintained and the other half is abandoned with easement. J Ard made a motion to have trees trimmed as needed on the town-maintained portion. M Mayer seconded. Motion carried.

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

New Business:

M Mayer reviewed that the Park and Recreational Committee will be having a bake sale at Mac's Hardware in Unity for profits to go towards the Bicentennial Celebration.

M Mayer advised the current insurance the Town of Thorndike has, with MMA, covers most town events; subject to MMA underwriting approval, of the Park and Recreational Committee but they must be reviewed and approved by the Selectmen. A Selectman must be chosen to oversee the events being planned and that Selectman will be responsible that safety measures as well as the financials being managed; that funds from donations and fundraising efforts are placed in the General Fund of the Town of Thorndike. If donations and fundraising profits are not placed in the General Fund then no insurance is in place for the events.

M Mayer made a motion to appoint himself as the overseer of the events of the Park and Recreational Committee; J Ard seconded; motion carried.

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

Other:

Zoey Bond addressed the Selectmen to advise that her group (Thorndike Community Action Group) has been contacted by the Spirit of American Award Committee and she would like the Selectmen to take this back over; as has been in the past. Zoey did want to make a nominations suggestion to the Selectmen of Anthony Brillard.

Warrants:

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

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

- A/P Warrant from 06.06.2019: \$112,094.13
- Current Warrant: \$21,510.33
- Payroll Warrant: \$3277.69

R Nelson made motion to adjourn; J Ard seconded; motion carried

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm