

Town of Thorndike

Selectmen's Meeting- Minutes 08.07.2019

Attendees: R Nelson, J Ard, M Mayer, D Berry, S Bristol, R Cunningham, A Brillard, Z Bond, J Waddick, W Trafton & J Trafton

R Nelson opened the meeting at 6:30pm

Minute

Minutes: J Ard made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7.17.2019 Selectmen's meeting as written, M Mayer seconded, motion carried; minutes accepted as written

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

J Ard made a motion to accept the minutes from the Special Town Meeting with the following corrections:

- Page 3 to add a statement from Larry Ward "you are trying to railroad the vote"
- Page 4: correction to the statement that the DEP evaluates the sites and in regards to wetlands. Not the Town's choice and it is not the Selectmen's choice.
- Page 5: Statement from R Carter; that he talked to DEP and had initial approval from DEP for the Greg McMorrow site off of Route 139.

M Mayer seconded to approve the minutes written with the corrections noted, minutes accepted with the noted corrections, motion carried.

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

Fire Department:

S Bristol: noted that the pump test need to be completed, assured that they have been done and usually Reliance is the one that completes them. R Cunningham advised that on 8.12.2019 there is a scheduled appointment at Reliance for the pump test to be completed.

J Ard made a motion to accept Tim Veazie as a volunteer on the Town of Thorndike Fire Department, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

J Ard made a motion to appoint Shawn Bristol as deputy Fire Chief on the Town of Thorndike Fire Department, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

S Bristol: Engine 6:oil leak: R Cunningham advised that it is transmission fluid. S Bristol to have this looked at.

Equipment inventory: 2 helmets are missing and other helmets in current inventory are showing wear and tear. Shawn to get back with quotes.

R Nelson: written complaint that the fire truck was out on a call that was not for fire response.

J Ard advised that the fire truck was at his house. He has a shallow well that has gone dry. J Ard contacted the Fire Department to have them come out and flush the area around his well to see if it would open up the water vein, S Bristol advised that the well is a non-drinking non-potable well.

S Bristol contacted DEP and as the well is a non-potable well it was ok, per DEP then it was ok for the Fire Department to assist. S Bristol volunteered to help and went out with the truck.

R Cunningham advised that the fire departments have been advised to not burn houses, no filling of wells and no filling of swimming pools. Better to hire a professional.

J Ard advised that no water company in the area that has the equipment capable to unblock the vein.

S Bristol noted in his report that the truck had left the garage and that he contacted Waldo Comm that the truck was dispatched.

J Ard advised that he would like to make a \$60 donation to the Fire Truck replacement account: M Mayer made a motion to accept the donation, J Ard seconded, motion carried

Old business:

None

New Business:

- FY2019 Tax Commitment & Annual Tax Return
R Nelson: made a motion to sign the FY2019 Tax Commitment: J Ard seconded, motion carried
 - 3 votes in favor of the motion / 0 votes to opposed the motion
- Cost for Bicentennial portable toilets \$235

J Trafton advised that AAA Portable Toilets has noted a fee of \$235 for portable toilets for the day of the Bicentennial Celebration:

J Ard made a motion to pay \$235 to AAA Toilets, M Mayer seconded, motion carried

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

- Bicentennial Donation : Dunkin Donuts
M Mayer advised that a letter of the donations by some vendors needs to be requested or receipt thereof on Town of Thorndike letterhead.

- Donations for Bicentennial Silent Auction Fundraiser

Silent Auction items: M Mayer made a motion to accept all in kind donations for the Town of Thorndike Silent Auction not to exceed \$2500 individual value, (per State of Maine statute) , J Ard seconded Motion carried

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

M Mayer made a motion to accept a \$400 donation from Unitel for the Town of Thorndike Bicentennial Celebration, J Ard seconded, motion carried

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

M Mayer made a motion to appoint Doug Nye to the Town of Thorndike Park and Recreational Meeting, J Ard seconded, motion carried

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

Other:

Contract, John Cranouski looking for upfront money to assist in start up costs, this will not be over the budgeted amount just to be paid some money now instead of waiting until the end of October, discussion of what start up costs that J Cranouski are looking at.

J Ard addressed why the contract was only for one year. At the next Special Town Meeting they will make an article to make it a 3 year contract.

J Ard made a motion to amend the current warrant to include a payment of John Cranouski of \$50,000 and the remaining installments would be equal amounts of remaining amount as budgeted, R Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

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

R Nelson discussion on time requirements for notification of a Special Town meeting and discussion on properties :

- Greg McMorrow's lot on Route 139 is only 1.5 acres, does not meet the Town of Thorndike's ordinance of at least 2 acres for a building lot.
- Bruce Tweedie: offered 2 , 4, or 6 acres, Town of Thorndike's choice at \$6000 an acre.
- LouAnn Cranouski: offered property to the left of her home, adjacent to the CMP power lines, R Nelson advised no price offered for the property , per J Ard this property is not an option as no price noted.

All properties need to be site evaluated by the DEP. Discussion of the 3 properties already proposed at the last Special Town meeting were site evaluated and approved by the DEP. R Nelson's property has been noted as the State of Maine's first choice.

R Nelson advised that J Ard asked for DEP to send over all correspondence and he has reviewed this correspondence and a binder has been created to hold all of this info.

Discussion in regards to Town of Thorndike's variance approval, that this would come from the Planning Board, If the Planning Board were to decline a variance, then it goes to the Appeal Board. J Ard that the Selectmen do not want to have any special treatment, J Ard does not want to set a precedence. The Town of Thorndike Selectmen want to do things right.

It was asked about a contingency plan should a property not be approved and no place to store salt and sand. J Ard advised that there is no contingency plan, R Nelson has looked at alternate sites. Alternates sites have not worked out due to the DEP restrictions; biggest concern is that the salt and sand shed needs to be 350' from a well.

M Mayer made a motion to have a Special Town Meeting on Monday; August 19,2019 at 7:00pm, J Ard seconded, motion carried.

R Nelson made a motion to sign the warrant for the Special Town Meeting, M Mayer seconded, motion carried.

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

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

Warrants:

A/P Warrant from 02/06/2019 : \$34,630.32

Current Warrant: \$101,576.25(Includes RSU 3 payment)

Payroll Warrant: \$1622.54

R Nelson made a motion to adjourn, J Ard seconded, motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm