

Town of Thorndike

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes 8.21.2019

Attendees: R Nelson, J Ard, M Mayer, D Berry, R Stevenson, R Cunningham, W Trafton and J Trafton.

Robert Nelson opened the meeting at 6:35pm

Minutes: R Nelson 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

Fire Department:

Mowing: J Ard made a motion to add the mowing of the Fire Department to the mowing contract.

M Mayer seconded; motion carried. Marcus Lowe to mow and trim around the old and new fire houses. J Ard to contact Marcus Lowe for additional costs for this.

Engine 6: R Stevenson: pump test completed, all passed; some minor issues; couple of lights out and shifter level bolts are stripped. Muffler cost approximately \$200-\$800: Quote from Reliance.

R Cunningham recommended to contact Jordan Fowler as he has better hourly rates.

Engine 6: was leaking the transmission fluid, clamp was tightened on the hose and fixed this.

J Ard made a motion to cap the repairs on Engine 6 at \$1500 for the muffler and to tap the stripped bolts that holds the plate in place over the transmission. M Mayer seconded; motion carried.

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

Question about the Tanker not dumping, Per Fire Chief Ron Stevenson, there was a fuse that blew and it has been replaced so it is now dumping.

R Nelson had a question about the electrical work that Mac Electric quoted at the fire house, (replacing lights with LED and installing new compressor) . The quote does not include any rebates from Maine Energy. This will be TABLED at this time to get quotes from other electricians.

Old Business: None

New Business:

M Mayer made a motion to cast a vote for Penny Sampson to be on the Waldo County Budget Committee; J Ard seconded; motion carried.

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

Park and Recreation Committee: M Mayer made a motion for the purchase of bicentennial banners for \$360; J Ard seconded, motion carried.

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

J Ard advised that they needed flyers for a general schedule of events. M Mayer advised that there is a meeting scheduled for 8.22.2019 to verify a flyer that they are working on.

Discussion about vendors, flyers, marketing and a parade.

J Ard made a motion to replace the light in the front of the Town Office with an LED light. M Mayer seconded; motion carried.

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

R Nelson advised that Ralph Sullivan has completed removing the salt and sand from the old location.

M Mayer advised that Maine DOT representative Peter Coughlin to come out to do a site visit visit.

R Nelson to have Ralph Sullivan scuff up the area only.

Discussion on the ownership of this prior salt and storage location. The property is actually owned by Laurel Drew and he has since passed away. A written note bequeathed the property to an individual and the individual did not complete the deed work before Laurel Drew passed away. At this time the property is still noted to be Laurel Drew's name.

Discussion on the Planning Board: J Ard asked how the Planning Board meeting went and Planning Board member, Reggie Cunningham advised that they were tabling any decisions on Ordinances on Marijuana until January 2020. J Ard asked why as the Town of Thorndike is losing money in regard to revenue the Town can gain from issuing permits (per plant) in the Town of Thorndike.

Attendee, Jeffrey Trafton asked if any direction was given to the Planning Board as to what the Selectmen were looking for? Has an ordinance been proposed to the Planning Board by the Selectmen? J Ard & M Mayer advised that one has not been proposed to the Planning Board; but they can get a copy of Montville's ordinance for the Planning Board to review.

Discussion on Code Enforcement: should an ordinance get enacted; Code Enforcement Officer will have more responsibility/ workload. It was asked where does code enforcement begin; with the Selectmen or by the Code Enforcement officer? By the Code Enforcement Officer: Charlie Porter.

Warrants:

8.7.2019 AP Warrant: \$51,576.25

Current Warrant: \$124,270.65

Payroll Warrant: \$2085.72

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

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 8:50pm