

Town of Thorndike Special Town Meeting Minutes 8.19.2019

50 in attendance

7:00pm Town Clerk Doreen Berry called the meeting to order

State of Maine \ Waldo ss

To: Danny Page, a constable of the Town of Thorndike, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Thorndike in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the THORNDIKE TOWN HALL, in said town on Monday, the 19th day of August, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the forenoon to act upon the articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Motion to nominate Donald Berry, seconded, motion carried.

Call for any additional nominations, none noted, nominations closed and vote called by written vote.

Votes cast 7- yes / 1 Blank

Donald Berry voted as moderator by written ballot

Article 2. The Selectmen are proposing the following 3 properties for sites in which to construct the salt and sand shed as follows. Please select one:

Option # 1: Mill Road property; adjacent to the Post office consisting of 4.05 +/- acres at a purchase price of \$30,000

Option # 2: Brooks Road property; on Route 139 consisting of 3.6 +/- acres for the purchase price of \$53,000

Option # 3: Brooks road Property on Route 139 consisting of 4+/- acres at for the purchase price of \$24,000.

VOTE: Option 1 ____ Option 2____ Option 3____

Before continuing with the Article it was asked to do the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Donald Berry agreed and asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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VOTE: Option 1 ____ Option 2 ____ Option 3 ____

Motioned made to accept the article, seconded, motion carried. Discussion:

Moderator Donald Berry advised that the Selectmen would like to offer a few words in regards to Article 1 before opening the floor to discussion.

Third Selectman, Michael Mayer addressed an information sheet that is available, see attached, that gives a description of all 3 properties as proposed.

First Selectman, Robert Nelson, advised that he would be abstaining from voting as he is the owner of the property noted as "Option 1".

Second Selectman, Joshua Ard, addressed the attendees in reference to Greg McMorrow's property that was reference at the last town meeting. The property is 3.5 acres and this would leave 1.5 acres for the property for the salt and sand shed. The Town of Thorndike building lot ordinance requires 2 acres. Greg McMorrow, (the property owner), would need to get the variance approval from the Town of Thorndike Planning Board if not from the Town of Thorndike Appeals Board if declined from the Planning Board. Per the 7/24/2019 Special Town Meeting prior Second Selectman Robert Carter advised that the property of Greg McMorrow's was approved by DEP, and the property has not been approved. Second Selectman, Joshua Ard addressed the informational sheet to review all 3 properties that have been offered on Article #2 and the properties listed have been site evaluated and approved by DEP.

Second Selectman, Joshua Ard, advised that they have reviewed with the snow removal contractor to get his opinion of the best property that he, (John Cranouski) would recommend. John Cranouski addressed the attendees and stated that he recommends Option 1 as it is at the bottom of Gordon Hill and still in town.

Roger Collinet, resident of Thorndike asked if there was a price comparison for all 3 properties for the complete construction?

Second Selectman, Joshua Ard, advised that there are no estimates for construction or excavation at this time.

It was asked to verify the locations of Option #2 , Before Bruce Tweedie's property on the left heading to Knox. Option #3 is on the right just after Bruce Tweedie's on the right heading to Knox.

Prior Second Selectman, Robert Carter stated it is late August and we need to have a place to store the salt and sand for winter, made motion that a vote be conducted on the Article; motion seconded. Moderator, Donald Berry asked for 2/3 vote by show of hands to approve the motion to vote on Article 2. Motion carried by show of hands. Moderator asked for Article 2 to be voted on by written ballot and to indicate on the ballots "1, 2 or 3"

Votes: Option # 1: 18 Option # 2: 2 Option #3: 20

Moderator Donald Berry advised that Option #3 is the property that has been selected.

Motion made to adjourn, seconded; motioned carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm