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TOWN OF THORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 30, 2019

ROLL CALL: Vice Chairman John Paul-Hilliard, Selectwoman Marianne Peabody, Selectman Brad Benton, and Selectman Jack Gaites.

ABSENT: Chairman Roy Sabourn

STAFF PRESENT: Town Administrator (TA) Debra Shepard, Jessi Fleury, Board Secretary

5:00 P.M. Vice Chairman Paul-Hilliard opened the Thornton Board of Selectmen meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: "To approve the payroll manifest dated February 1, 2019 in the amount of \$27,443.78."

Motion: M. Peabody
Seconded: J. Gaites
Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 3 – Yes, 0 – No Abstained: B. Benton

MOTION: "To approve the a vendor manifest dated February 1, 2019 in the amount of \$176,701.28."

Motion: B. Benton
Seconded: J. Gaites
Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 3 – Yes, 0 – No Abstained: M. Peabody

MOTION: "To approve a second vendor manifest dated January 11, 2019 in the amount of \$135,441.56."

Motion: M. Peabody
Seconded: B. Benton
Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

TA PRESENTS:

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District

TA Shepard informed the Board that the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District is applying for a 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Grant and has requested that the Town of Thornton sign the letter of commitment for participation. The Board agreed to sign the form and support the event.

Request for Funds

MOTION: "To approve a request to the Trustee of Trust Funds to withdrawal funds from the Hubbard Brook Scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,500.00."

Motion: B. Benton
Seconded: M. Peabody
Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

Intergovernmental Agreement

The attorney general office has approved the updated Campton-Thornton Fire Department Intergovernmental Agreement with the Towns of Campton, Thornton, and Ellsworth. This agreement is in now place.

Weeping Birches Update

TA Shepard informed the Board that a letter was receive from the WEVD responding to the road ownership issues and their suggestions to move forward with the town ownership of the road. TA Shepard stated that three members of Weeping Birches met with the Board last meeting to discuss the status of road ownership and items that needed to be resolved to allow the Board to move forward with the road acceptance. The residents will meet again with the Board during the BOS Meeting on March 13, 2019.

TA Shepard presented a response letter drafted by Chair Sabourn to WEVD acknowledging receipt of their letter. The Board reviewed and signed the letter.

MOTION: "To approve and send the letter to WEVD as drafted by Chairman Roy Sabourn."

Motion: B. Benton
Seconded: M. Peabody
Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

Veterans Credit Update

TA Shepard clarified the Standard Veterans Tax Credit of \$50 which is a mandatory credit approved by the State. If the town has adopted additional Optional Veteran's Tax Credits, the Standard Tax Credit cannot be in addition to the optional credits. However, veterans can qualify for more than one optional Veteran's tax credit. For example, the Town of Thornton has an Optional Veteran's Tax Credit and an Optional Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit so if a veteran qualified for both, they are entitled to receive both.

DES – Emory & Garrett Summary Report

TA Shepard informed the Board that a summary report for the landfill was received from Emory & Garrett indicating that 1/4 dioxide levels were exceeded in a recent test. DES is requesting something in writing from the BOS indicating that there are no sources of drinking water located within 500 feet of the test pit. Selectwoman Peabody met with the Kevin McGuire and Steve Chiocca from the Transfer Station to review maps and plans and they are confident that the closest source of drinking water is at least 800 feet from the subject test pit. The Board asked TA Shepard to draft a letter for signature.

FEMA Update

TA Shepard stated that FEMA has a new program for administrative cost reimbursement for the October storm that would allow for a 5% reimbursement, an increase from the previous reimbursement rate. TA Shepard and RA Kubik will need to keep an accurate log of all hours spent on administrative duties on any FEMA projects going forward for reimbursement. The Board agreed to this new cost reimbursement program and TA Shepard will confirm with Paul Hatch.

TA Shepard presented handed out three possible scenarios for the funding of the Berm project next to the Covered Bridge Road Bridge. The board reviewed all of the possible financing scenarios. There is a meeting scheduled for February 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. with FEMA and Paul Hatch, Director Plummer and Fallon Reed of Homeland Security to discuss this project. The Board is optimistic and agreed to work with FEMA to move forward with the berm project. HEB will be in attendance as well.

Events Committee

TA Shepard asked the Board if they would like her to arrange for coffee and donuts for Town Meeting on March 16. The Board agreed they would and TA Shepard agreed to contact the Events Committee to see if they would be willing to do that. The Board felt this would be a great way to introduce this new committee to the residents of Thornton.

SAU #48 Meeting

TA Shepard informed the Board that the SAU will meet on March 25, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. She asked the Board if they would like to meet with the school board to discuss use of the school for elections. Selectwoman Peabody and Selectman Benton agreed to attend with TA Shepard.

6:02 p.m. MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: J. Gaites

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 4 – Yes, 0 – No

Respectfully submitted,



Jessi Fleury
Board Secretary