



TOWN OF THORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes April 21, 2015

3:31 P.M. Chairman Paul-Hilliard opened the Thornton Board of Selectmen meeting work session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Chairman John Paul-Hilliard, Vice-Chairman Roy Sabourn, Selectwoman Marianne Peabody, Selectman Brad Benton and Selectman Jim Demeritt.

STAFF PRESENT: Tammie A. Beaulieu, Town Administrator

AGENDA ITEMS:

3:30 PM 2015 P01 / P11 Warrant

TA Beaulieu presented the 2015 tax warrant for review. The Board reviewed the 2015 tax warrant. TA Beaulieu met with N. Decoteau, M. Conn and Dave Woodward to make sure all assessing information was current before processing the warrant. TA Beaulieu explained that Avitar has not finished processing all of the abatements in the software yet, however all abatements that have been processed are included in the warrant.

MOTION: "To approve the 2015 P01/P11 Tax Collector Warrant in the amount of \$3,533,778.00."

Motion: R. Sabourn
Seconded: M. Peabody
Discussion: None.
Motion Passes: 5– Yes, 0 – No

The Board reviewed the completed tax abatements.

MOTION: "To deny the following 2014 abatements as recommended by Avitar to include:

- PID 17/14-16B10 Avallone
- PID 17/14-16B07 Bujalski
- PID 13/2-6 Cordiero
- PID 16/1-210 Carruthers
- PID 16/7-79 Downing Trust, Larry & Donnalee
- PID 17/14-16B06 Goodman
- PID 17/14-16B09 Johnson
- PID 17/14-16B5 Moore
- PID 15/3-2 NHEC
- PID 16/3-4 NHEC
- PID 17/14-16B04 Swope
- PID 17/14-16B08 Tommasi
- PID 10/11-5 Toulin
- PID 17/14-16B02 Waterville Birches LLC
- PID FAIR-001 – Fairpoint."

Motion: J. Demeritt

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 5– Yes, 0 – No

MOTION: "To approve the following tax abatements for 2014 processed in 2015 for a refund:

- PID 11/3-3 Barry, difference in assessed value is \$7,700
- PID 17/19-14 Bernard, difference in assessed value is \$23,100
- PID 17/8-2-1B Burke, difference in assessed value is \$40,000
- PID 16/4-17 Capuzzo, difference in assessed value is \$19,700
- PID 17/8-2-1A Cloutier, difference in assessed value is \$40,000
- PID 3/5-2 Davis, difference in assessed value is \$10,600
- PID 3/8-7 DeMarco, difference in assessed value is \$10,800
- PID 11/3-4 Flinkstrom, difference in assessed value is \$7,200
- PID 11/1-50 Gleich, difference in assessed value is \$700
- PID 16/1-10-3 Hatcher, difference in assessed value is \$9,400
- PID 12/1-9 Keene, difference in assessed value is \$9,200
- PID 16/1-10-1 Rodie, difference in assessed value is \$13,400
- PID 17/8-2 Sano, difference in assessed value is \$40,000
- PID 11/1-122 Smith, difference in assessed value is \$28,100
- PID 17/8-2-1E Suddard, difference in assessed value is \$40,000
- PID 16/7-39 Uhlman, difference in assessed value is \$25,000
- PID 13/7-4 Zielinski, difference in assessed value is \$17,300."

Motion: J. Demeritt

Seconded: B. Benton

Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 5– Yes, 0 – No

TA Beaulieu informed the Board that Hubbard Brook Scholarship process is scheduled for the next board meeting. TA Beaulieu presented the scholarship applications for review prior to the next meeting.

3:45 PM Planning Director, Brian Regan – Reclamation of Whitehouse Gravel Pit Bond (PID 16/4-29)

B. Regan met with the board to request an authorization letter relative to a gravel pit that is now closed, formerly known as Whitehouse gravel pit on Day Drive known as PID 16/24-29. B. Regan explained that last summer the daughter of the previous owner contacted the Planning Board seeking the requirements to close the pit under the RSA reclamation process. The Planning Board then issued a notice of action to the owners of the gravel pit. During this process, the Whitehouse estate sold the gravel pit to the new owners and the bond that assured completion of the project was in the Whitehouse name and was extended through May 9, 2015.

The notice of action contained six items needing completion and no notice of work done had been received by the Planning Board. As of February the new owners indicated they were 75% complete in addressing the required items from the Planning Board and expected to have the remaining requirements met by this summer. The new owners had indicated that the new gravel pit bond would be issued in the new owners name, once received the bond was not explicit enough for the Planning Board standards. B. Regan stated that the Whitehouse bond expires in 15 days, and Planning Board is working with the new owners to the new bond in place before the current one expires. The new owners indicated that the insurance company stated that they would forward a substitute bond by the end of the day today and as of now it has not been received by the Town. B. Regan explained that two options before the Board of Selectmen is to authorize or request the release of the Whitehouse bond or to call the Whitehouse bond in the event that an adequate substitute bond is not received. B. Regain is confident that a substitute bond will be received today.

R. Sabourn asked if there is still standing water with rusty equipment in the pond at this time. B. Regan explained that the pond is remaining in place, the debris has been removed. The Planning Board has not inspected for compliance of their conditions set forth yet.

The Board discussed the requests and agreed that the proposal set forth by B. Regan to release the Whitehouse bond makes sense if the new bond is specific and as explicit as the current Whitehouse bond, and if it is not then the Board would not accept the new bond and would call the current Whitehouse bond.

B. Regan clarified the board that the gravel pit owners have brought photographs and he has inspected the site. Some of the items on the list have been addressed, and have staked out necessary items that need to be fixed still regarding erosion issues. The new owners have agreed to add a rider to the bond to be specific to the items left to be addressed. The Board agreed to approve each request with the understanding that corresponding action will be followed as applicable and any unnecessary paperwork will be destroyed accordingly.

MOTION: "To authorize and request the release of the Whitehouse bond (PID 16/4-29) as recommended by the Planning Director."

Motion: R. Sabourn

Seconded: J. Demeritt

Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 5– Yes, 0 – No

MOTION: "To call the original Whitehouse bond (PID 16/4-29) in the event that an adequate detailed substitute bond is not received from the new owners in the amount that was agreed to and if the new bond does not include a rider that is specific to the items left to be addressed as recommended by the Planning Director."

Motion: R. Sabourn
Seconded: J. Demeritt
Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 5– Yes, 0 – No

The Board reviewed two letters prepared by B. Regan to notify the bonding agent of the Board's decision. After review, the Board agreed to sign the letters with the understanding the appropriate letter be sent according to the outcome of the bond situation and to destroy the remaining letter.

NON PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION 4:19 PM "To enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a-personnel , e-legal).

Motion: J. Demeritt
Seconded: R. Sabourn
Discussion: None.
Roll Call: B. Benton – Yes, J. Demeritt – Yes
R. Sabourn – Yes Paul-Hilliard – Yes M. Peabody – Yes

Motion Passes: 5 – Yes, 0 - No

MOTION 5:07 P.M.: "To exit non-public session."

Motion: R. Sabourn
Seconded: M. Peabody
Discussion: None.

Motion Passes: 5– Yes, 0 – No

5:09 P.M. MOTION: "To adjourn."

Motion: R. Sabourn
Seconded: J. Demeritt
Discussion: None.
Motion Passes: 5 - Yes, 0 - No

Respectfully submitted,

Jessi Fleury
Board Secretary

Planning Board
April 21, 2015
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**TOWN OF THORNTON
Selectmen's Agenda
Tuesday, April 21, 2015
3:30 PM**

Public Input is not permitted throughout the Selectmen's meeting unless requested by the chairman of the board. Public forum is scheduled for the public to have a 5 minute discussion period. If the individual requires more than 5 minutes we request that you schedule as an agenda item.

3:30 Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Items: (no public input unless approved by the Chairman)

3:30 2015 P01/P11 Warrant

3:45 Planning Director, Brian Regan – Gravel Pit Bond

Public Forum

Other business or non-public issues as needed pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II
Residents may contact the Town Administrator to get placed on a future agenda.

*The board may review decisions made during the meeting in public input, at the closing of the meeting, provided information that could result in an adjustment to a decision that was made during the meeting.