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## TOWN OF THORNTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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### Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 18, 2017

**3:00 P.M.** Chairman Paul-Hilliard opened the Thornton Board of Selectmen meeting work session with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice-Chairwoman Marianne Peabody, Selectman Brad Benton, Selectman Roy Sabourn, and Selectman John Gaites.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Tammie Beaulieu, Town Administrator

Chairman Paul-Hilliard stated that the Board of Selectmen is having a special meeting to arrange for interviews for the Town Administrator candidates.

**3:16 p.m. NON-PUBLIC SESSION – RSA 91-A:3, II (a-personnel, c-reputation, b-hiring )**

**MOTION: “To enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (b-hiring).”**

- Motion: R. Sabourn
- Seconded: M. Peabody
- Discussion: None.
- Roll Call: Selectwoman Peabody – yes, Selectman Sabourn - yes  
Selectman Benton – yes, Selectman Gaites – yes, Selectman Paul-Hilliard – yes.
- Motion Passes: 5 – Yes, 0 – No**

**MOTION 6:35 p.m.: “To come out of non-public session.”**

- Motion: B. Benton
- Seconded: M. Peabody
- Discussion: None.
- Motion Passes: 5 – Yes, 0 – No**

#### **Weeping Birches Lane**

Selectman Sabourn stated that he asked B. Reagan to address the Selectboard's concerns regarding Weeping Birches Lane as discussed during the previous meetings. He would like B. Regan to discuss a road inspection process during construction with the Planning Board and offered to have Selectboard members meet with the Planning Board to discuss their suggestions. B. Regan agreed that he will discuss this with the Planning Board and let them know that the Selectboard is willing to meet to discuss further.

Selectman Benton stated that the deficiencies listed by Nobis Engineering should be rectified prior to the Selectboard approving the road.

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Selectman Sabourn stated that the Board could review the guardrail recommendations when they are reviewing the road for acceptance if needed. Selectman Sabourn is not convinced that guardrails are necessary but does want the boulders to remain on the sides of the road.

Selectman Sabourn expressed concern regarding water flow when the pavement is placed on the steep portion of the road. He does not recall seeing cross pipes or drainage during last week's site visit.

Selectman Sabourn stated that Tom Avalone plans to submit a petition warrant article for Town Meeting for the town to take ownership of Weeping Birches Lane. The Selectboard plans to modify the warrant article on town floor to include acceptance by the Town Road Agent and the Board of Selectmen. Sabourn discussed concern with the amount of gravel over the ledge at the top of the road, and believes that the amount of gravel is not sufficient to prevent frost heaves. He also expressed concern with the drainage of the water and would like to see proper drainage to flow down the hill towards the cul-de-sac to prevent ice areas. Selectman Benton suggested installing a blind ditch to prevent icing as well.

Selectman Sabourn suggested accepting the road with a two-year probationary period to make sure that the road is functioning (especially during the winter) as intended before the town accepts it completely. ~~The Board discussed inspecting the road after town meeting in March~~ which should indicate if the road will be affected due to frost.

TA Beaulieu stated that the Board has never practiced this policy before by requiring a probationary period. Selectman Sabourn stated that this road has visible concerns and the Selectboard has never been asked to inspect a road prior to paving in the past.

The Board agreed that Tom Avalone is aware of their concerns with the water and softness of the road, as this was discussed during the site visit and during Board meetings.

The Board discussed revisions to the letter drafted to Mr. Avalone.

#### *Town Internet Issues*

TA Beaulieu researched the internet issues. The Selectboard had agreed to meet with the ISP. TA Beaulieu scheduled this meeting on the next Selectmen agenda.

#### **Selectmen Comments**

M. Peabody stated that the Beautification Committee would like to have the welcome signs installed. She asked if John Paul-Hilliard was able to assist the committee with the GPS for sign placement. Chairman Paul-Hilliard agreed that the committee needs to stake where the signs will be and he will set up GPS coordinates for the State of NH.

#### **7:06 P.M. MOTION: "To adjourn."**

Motion: R. Sabourn

Seconded: M. Peabody

Discussion: None.

**Motion Passes: 5 – Yes, 0 – No**

Respectfully submitted,

Jessi Fleury  
Board Secretary

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