

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of April 19, 2021*

Present: Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair; Tamara Fairbank, Aaron Allen, and Sandi Pierson (clerical).

Others: Trish Weekes, Kathleen and David Stacy, and Scott Sanborn.

Meeting opened at 6 p.m.

The Board scheduled this special meeting to discuss with Road Agent Scott Sanborn the progress on the FEMA road repairs from the July 11, 2019 flood and the FEMA reimbursement process.

Scott said it was important to finish the projects before the extension period ends because it is difficult to have a second extension approved. He expects the projects being done by Bobby Senter and Art Conkey will be completed on schedule. He will speak to Richard Remacle to get a realistic indication of what projects he can complete before the present extension expires. Richard has been experiencing health problems which has hindered his schedule.

Scott said whichever projects can't be completed by Richard, the FEMA procedure is that they must again be subject to the bidding and procurement process. The Board and Scott agreed this would be an inconvenience, especially given the timeline. Aaron suggested that if there are projects Richard can't complete, perhaps he could subcontract them out (meaning Richard is still the contractor). Scott agreed it was a good idea and will broach the idea with Richard.

Dorothy said she would like September 30, 2021 be the target date for the completion of all FEMA work.

Scott said that FEMA is still hesitating about including the stream channel work as part of the FEMA-paid work because it is not "infrastructure" despite that it directly affects the infrastructure of the roads and is essential mitigation work.

Trish talked about the interest being accrued on the FEMA Recovery Anticipation Note and recommended proceeding with the State's reimbursement process on payments made to date and yet reimbursed. She stated that so far the town has drawn down about half of the original note, about \$425,000. Scott said he is pretty close to getting all the documentation into the web portal. Sandi gave Scott copies of all FEMA vouchers and invoices since the first payment in 2019 and emailed him PDFs of the same.

Other business that came before the Board:

- During the meeting, Dorothy received an email from the office of Vanessa Stone Real Estate asking if the town wanted to counter the \$20,000 offer made on the 200 Tuttle Hill Road town-owned property. Because it was agreed by the Board at a previous meeting

that the sale price must at minimum include all costs and back taxes incurred by the town, Aaron motioned to counter offer \$24,000. Tamara seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor.

- Trish asked that Select Board approval of rolling over the FEMA Recovery Anticipation Note be put on the next meeting agenda. The Board concurred.
- Kathy Stacy asked if the Board would consider moving the day of the week that the Board meets so that it does not conflict with the School Board meeting schedule. The Board concurred they will put this on the next meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen