

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of August 24, 2021*

Present: Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair; Tamara Fairbank, Aaron Allen, and Sandi Pierson (clerical).
Others: Skip Smith, Gulley Dunlap

Meeting opened at 6 p.m. Attendance taken by the secretary.

Minutes:

- The minutes of August 10, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.
- The nonpublic minutes of August 10, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

DRA Municipal forms:

- The Board reviewed and signed the MS-60W for 2022 (Audit Request Waiver). Due to its population size, Orange is exempt from a full-scale municipal audit upon approval of the DRA.
- The Board reviewed the MS-50 (Report of Borrowing) as prepared by Treasurer Trish Weekes. This relates to the Tax Anticipation Note and is FYI only.

Cemetery: The Board signed a deed for the sale of cemetery lot. Payment was received.

Town House Restoration Fund: The Board signed the matching grant agreement with NH Preservation Alliance. The town's share is \$3,450.00. The Board approved this grant at the last meeting in order to fund a Historic Building Structure Assessment. Sandi will explore if this is an expense that is applicable to come from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Large Trash Disposal: The Board reviewed the plans for the upcoming large trash disposal scheduled for the weekend. Scott Sanborn emailed to say he would stake out the locale of the disposal box from Casella. Aaron expressed concern that the single 30-yard container could be inadequate for the expected volume.

Other:

- A notice was received from State that they have deposited \$3,500.00 into the town's account which is reimbursement of the town's portion of the Hazard Mitigation Update grant. This reimbursement was made possible through the in-kind volunteer hours from the Select Board, Road Agent Scott Sanborn, Emergency Management Director Doug Weekes, and several community members.
- A notice was received from the Grafton County Broadband Committee of their upcoming meetings: Woodsville (9/7), Lebanon (9/8) and Campton (9/9).

Other Select Board business:

- Dorothy noted that the 2020 census has the population of Orange listed at 277. In 2010 it was 331.

- Canaan's Broadband Initiative: Aaron said that Canaan Town Administrator Mike Sampson would like to add Orange as an advocate to their Grafton County Broadband initiative. After discussion it was agreed that Aaron would consult with Alasdair Dunlap-Smith, a member of the Orange Broadband Committee which is working with the NH Electric Co-op broadband initiative.
- The Board discussed the Town House Road classification and public access. After discussion it was agreed that Tam will follow up with Andrew Terhune whose family owns the residence at the end of the maintained section road.
- Aaron has not yet heard back from the NH State trooper who is following up on the trash that was dumped at the Cardigan Mountain State Park winter parking area on Burnt Hill.
- Tam will continue to follow up on the status of the town's anticipated history book.

Secretary's report:

- The Board concurred that Sandi could go forward on a purchase of an office air purifier; the cost to come from the ARPA funds.
- Sandi asked if protective deed covenants were the jurisdiction of the town, particularly of the building inspector when issuing a building permit. Skip said that it was his experience as a former Selectmen that implementation and adherence to deed covenants were between the land owners within the subdivision of which they were established. Sandi will check with the Local Government Center.
- Deputy Town Clerk Angel Buckwold has not signed the Delegation of Deposit Authority. Sandi has emailed her in regards for the past two months. The Board concurred this should be referred to the Town Clerk and have her follow up if she wants to have the deputy make bank deposits.

Reports from Boards and Committees:

- Cemetery Trustee Gulley Dunlap reiterated that the Trustees are hosting a workshop on September 18 with John Lord of the Old Graveyard Association on the proper care and maintenance of old gravestones.

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen