

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of August 27, 2019*

*Present:* Bob Ells, Tamara Fairbank, and Sandi Pierson (clerical). Dorothy Heinrichs was out of town.

*Others:* Bev Ells, Doug Weekes, David Delgenio, Aaron O’Leary, Aaron Allen, Sharon and Bob Proulx, and Paul Rogers.

*Meeting opened at 6:00 PM. Attendance taken by the secretary.*

*Minutes:* The minutes of August 13, 2019 were unanimously approved.

*Building permit:* The Board reviewed a building permit application for David and Joan Delgenio for a residential home at 54 Peaslee Road/Map 3, Lot 50-3. Building Inspector Doug Weekes reviewed and signed the permit. It was unknown if a driveway permit had been issued to the previous owner of the property. David described the improvements he had done to the driveway. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted in favor to conditionally approve the permit with the provision that they receive a copy of a driveway permit from the road agent prior to signing it. A septic approval is expected before occupancy.

*July flood event:*

- Tamara recapped information from a conference call that the Board, Deputy Emergency Management Director Doug Weekes, and Road Agent Scott Sanborn had with NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Assistance from the State included:
  - The State may expedite funds up to \$40,000 for emergency work done since the flood. The town would pay back the funds upon receipt of FEMA funding.
  - A loan from the State of up to 50% of the overall FEMA amount may be available at 2.25% interest. This also would be reconciled upon the receipt of FEMA funds. The interest would come out of the municipal budget. Tamara said that Mascoma Savings Bank has also reached out to the town regarding a low interest loan, but she was unsure if an interest rate had been quoted.
- Aaron O’Leary expressed concern that if essential improvements aren’t made to Tug Mountain Road soon, the road is in danger of worsening. He said that with every rain storm, more of the road washes away. He said that Tug Mountain Road got hit the worst during the flood but was one of the last roads to be addressed. Doug Weekes said it was about a quarter of a mile stretch of road that was severely damaged during the flood. Aaron O’Leary said he would address his concerns with the road agent.
- There were a number of comments from the public about the reconstruction of roads going out to bid.

*Unpaid taxes:* Sharon shared a list of properties with three years of unpaid taxes that may go to tax deed on August 29<sup>th</sup>. She said she expected payment for all properties except one.

*Other:*

- Tamara reviewed an email request from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management to partake in a survey. This will be referred to Emergency Management Director Brent Stevens.

*Secretary's report:*

- Sandi shared an email from Joseph Drier, a seasonal resident. Joseph and his family attended the Historical Commission's schoolhouse program and ice cream social, of which he wrote "the townspeople of Orange are some of the nicest people we have ever met. They are very welcoming and friendly."

*Reports from other boards and committees:*

- Tamara said the Historical Commission's next meeting is September 9.

*Public comment: n/a*

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.*

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Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

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Robert Ells

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Tamara Fairbank