

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of December 28, 2021*

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

*Others:* Gulley Dunlap, Anita Garland, Danny Hazelton

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

*Minutes:* The December 14, 2021 minutes were approved as submitted.

*Treasurer's report:* The Board reviewed the November 2021 Treasurer's report and Select Board reconciliation. All figures were on target and the Chair signed the report.

*Town meeting:* The Board and Moderator Danny Hazelton discussed the locale of the March 9, 2022 town meeting. (The decision is the Select Board's. It was held at the Mascoma High School auditorium in 2021 due to the pandemic.) Danny and the Board agreed that ballot voting on March 8 can be done at the Town House. Aaron said that last year's town meeting at the high school worked very well and that having it either there or at the Town House was acceptable to him. Dorothy and Tamara preferred the Town House if it was deemed safe to do so in regards to the ongoing concerns of the pandemic. After discussion, the Board tabled the decision until the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Moderator workshop:* Danny said he would like to attend the Moderator workshop on February 18. After discussion, Tamara motioned to approved Danny's attendance at the workshop at a cost of \$55.00. Aaron seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor. Danny is expecting to get guidance from the Secretary of State about mask mandates at town meeting and, if they are required, how to provide attendance for people who cannot wear a mask. It was noted that if town meeting is held at the high school and they have a mask mandate, then all participants at town meeting will need to adhere to that requirement.

*Other:*

- A notice was received from the State that they have deposited \$24,790.05 into the town's account for the 2021 Meals and Rooms revenue.
- A notice was left by the town's propane company, Inov8v Energy, asking that a pathway be kept clear of snow to the tanks.

*Other Select Board business:* n/a

*Secretary's report:*

- Sandi will have all budget reports ready for the Budget Committee and Select Board on Monday, January 3.

- Cale Perry had put a portion of his land in current use but it was not entered into the assessing software as such by Avitar thus he was taxed on its non-current use value. The Board agreed that after Avitar determines its current use value, they will issue an abatement for any taxes that were overpaid.
- Sandi reiterated Aaron’s concern at the last meeting about rodents being in the Town House. After discussion, the Board agreed to try various methods of humane, non-poisonous disposal including the purchase of an automatic mouse trap that kills them instantly by blunt force. Gulley explained how the device works and said she is using them with good results (for the homeowner, not the mouse). Sandi will also contact a firm to see what their cost is for extermination services.
- Sandi asked for clarification on what to charge for copies in the office. After discussion, the Board concurred on ten cents per page.

*Reports from Boards and Committees: n/a*

*Public comment: n/a*

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.*

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Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

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Tamara Fairbank

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Aaron Allen