

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of February 9, 2021*

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

Others: Danny Hazelton

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

Minutes: The minutes of January 26, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Warrant: The Board signed the 2021 warrant. Articles on the warrant are:

- Election of officers
- Prepayment of taxes
- Appointment of a salary study committee
- \$8000 into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
- \$5000 into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund
- \$4000 into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund
- \$1000 into the Town Road Improvement and Repair Capital Reserve Fund
- Budget Committee's recommendation of a \$241,132 municipal budget
- Reports from agents, auditors, committees and officers, etc.

Town Meeting: The Board and Moderator Dan Hazelton discussed town meeting procedures. Voting on the March 9th (election of officers) will be held at the Town House with the same COVID-19 procedures as in 2020 voting. The business portion of town meeting (Articles 2 through 9) will be held on March 10 at the Mascoma High School auditorium, which will allow ample social distancing. As required by statute, a bus will provide transportation for those who request it from the Town House to the high school and back. Town meeting begins at 7 p.m. thus the bus will leave at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Masks and sanitizer will be made available. Butler Bus Company is providing the bus and driver at no cost. The Board concurred the town shall give the driver a \$50 gratuity. Danny will follow up with the town clerk to be sure the ballots will be ready.

Other:

- Notice from the State that they have deposited \$6,609.44 into the town's account for the January Block Grant payment.

Other Select Board business:

- Cardigan State Forest logging operation: Aaron is continuing to follow up on if the loggers have the authority over the town's New Colony plow turn-around and closing the area to hikers.

Secretary's report:

- The town's deed to the Moores has been recorded and the original sent to Jim and Candy Moore.
- Gary reports mice are occupying the meeting room. Sandi has brought all restroom supplies downstairs.

Reports from Boards and Committees: n/a

Public comment: n/a

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Nonpublic session: Tamara motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3-c to review two Elderly Exemption renewal applications as required by the DRA. Aaron seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor. Nonpublic session: 6:20 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dorothy announced that they approved one renewal and denied one provisionally until documentation and DRA standards are available for review.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen