

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of July 13, 2021*

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

Others: Anita Garland

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

Approval of minutes: The minutes of June 22, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

200 Tuttle Hill: The Board signed a letter to the former owner of the tax-deeded property at 200 Tuttle Hill Road re: net proceeds after taxes, penalties, interest, and various town expenses were deducted from the sale price. A voucher was processed to disburse the net proceeds to the former owner as required by RSA 80:88.

Road hazards: Anita recapped her earlier email to the Board concerning a hazardous tree on Peaslee Road, and getting the necessary pavement repairs over a culvert that has been a problem for over five years. Scott Sanborn had weighed in on the email stating that he has had a call in for someone to take care of the tree and is waiting to hear back. He further stated that the pavement issue will be taken care of in the fall concurrent with other paving projects. Aaron said if the tree is not removed soon, he will do the job. Anita suggested that all of the town roads should be evaluated for hazardous trees and other hazards. The Board agreed.

The above led into a discussion about the timeline for the remaining FEMA work. Dorothy will request a report from Scott. Aaron said that the road agent's hourly rate of pay should be more in line with what the town is paying the contractors.

Building permit renewal: The Board reviewed and signed a renewal for a building permit issued on November 24, 2020: Alan Kharsyntiew and Susanna Rymbai/Tuttle Hill/Map 4, Lot 14F. The applicants attached a \$10.00 check. The Board concurred there is no fee for a renewal and the check will be returned.

Morrill's Salvage Yard: The Board reviewed and signed the annual salvage yard license for Warrant Morrill.

Other:

- A notice of Application for a Septic System was received from NHDES for Judith Lindahl/460 Burnt Hill Road/Map 10, Lot 10.
- The Board reviewed an email from Drummond Woodsum in response to the letter the Select Board Chair sent regarding the cost of the 2021 TAN review. The firm decreased the bill by \$500.00 and said it was the bank that required the additional legal work.

Other Select Board business:

- Aaron is following up on the multiple trash bags thrown over the bank at the Cardigan Mountain winter parking area on Burnt Hill Road. The owner of the trash has been positively identified, though it may have been a relative that did the disposing. Aaron will contact law enforcement if the family does not immediately clean up all trash.

Secretary's report:

- The DRA will begin their 5-year office records audit on Friday the 16th. Record review includes current use, exemptions, and tax credits.
- Casella declined on a curbside large trash pick-up. Their standing offer is to drop off a dumpster during a weekend for people to dispose of items. There will be no cost for the dumpster or transport, only disposal fees. The Boards concurred with the dumpster drop-off proposal. They agreed an attendant should be present during drop-off hours. Sandi will contact Casella and get a list of what items are appropriate for the dumpster.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Sandi has a telephone consultation on Friday with a representative from goffer.gov (the ARPA web portal system) to review the town's application to be sure it is both accurate and complete and to ascertain how the funds are received by the town, the expenditure parameters, and the subsequent documentation requirements. The town's portion is \$32,349.00.
- Dave Stacy would like a key to the Town House to begin work on the time capsule, a project of the Historical Commission. The Board concurred. Sandi to follow up.

Reports from Boards and Committees:

- Anita asked how the Board felt about the town having the Harvest Festival. All agree it would be fine. The festival will be in mid-October.
- Dorothy said that the Hazard Mitigation Update Committee is finishing up and that the contractor feels the resident's volunteerism on the project has satisfactorily met the in-kind hours needed to cover the first of three payments. Sandi will check with Trish to see which of them wants to upload the documentation.

Public comment:

- Congratulations to Dorothy Heinrichs on her 1000th hike up Mount Cardigan!

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Nonpublic session: At 6:30 p.m. the Board voted unanimously in favor to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3-c to review a Veteran's Credit application. The Board voted unanimously to come out of nonpublic session at 6:38 p.m. Dorothy stated that the Board voted to approve a Service-connected Total Disability Veteran Credit.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen