

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of July 27, 2021*

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

Others: n/a

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

Approval of minutes:

- The minutes of July 13, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.
- The nonpublic minutes of July 13, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Health Officer: The Board signed the annual Health Officer nomination (renewal) for Doug Weekes.

Audit (MS-60): The Board was in receipt of the 2020 audit as prepared by Cohos Advisors. Tam said she would like to review it further before it is uploaded on the DRA web portal.

Cardigan State Forest: The Board reviewed and signed the Application to the State for Reimbursement for Forest Lands. The application is for Mount Cardigan State Forest: 5,507 acres in Orange with an ad valorem value of \$3,590,700.00.

Highway/FEMA: Dorothy said she has received phone calls with concerns about the completion of FEMA repairs on Tuttle Hill, especially the paving. A call was also received at the office about the lack of road signs on both ends of Cross Road. The Board concurred they would like to meet with the road agent as soon as possible to discuss the completion of FEMA work and other road issues. Dorothy will contact Scott Sanborn in regards.

Town-wide large trash disposal: The Board concurred to have the large trash pick-up on the weekend of August 28-29. A disposal box from Casella will be placed at the highway storage area on those dates and disposal will be monitored. Sandi will send out a town-wide mailing which will include the guidelines of what is suitable to be disposed of.

Other:

- A Notice of Application for a Septic System was received from NHDES for Dean and Rachele Vanier/12 Eastman Road/Map 1, Lot 1. The Board discussed the rationale of accepting a defined septic design when there is no building on the property. The Notice of Application will be forwarded to the Building Inspector.

Other Select Board business:

- The Board would like to get an update from the Salary Study Committee.

Secretary's report:

- The DRA will be finishing up their audit of current use records and tax exemptions and credits on Friday, July 30.
- The application for the town's share of ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) has been accepted as complete. The first half of the allocation should be received in a few weeks. Disbursements should be first reviewed by the State to be sure they fit the spending parameters. The second half of the town's allocation will come in 2022.
- Sandi asked if the Board would consider an air purifier as an ARPA expense for the Selectmen's office due to the lack of natural ventilation. The Board concurred.

Reports from Boards and Committees: n/a

Public comment: n/a/

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen