

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of June 14, 2022*

Present: Tamara Fairbank, Aaron Allen, Betsy Coble, and Sandi Pierson (clerical)

Other: John Powell

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- The minutes of June 7, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.
- The nonpublic minutes of June 7, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Highway: The Board reviewed an email from Road Agent Scott Sanborn. Scott reports that the two large FEMA projects are in the final phase of going from the State to the federal government. The process for the reimbursement of administrative costs follows the reimbursement of the work. He has emailed NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management asking on the status of the projects being submitted to the federal government and if the interest incurred on the FEMA loan is a reimbursable part of administrative costs.

Scott is waiting for Richard Remacle to initial the road contract with the town that has the expiration date adjustment. Scott has contacted Scott Borthwick (Estate Wildlife Services) to eliminate the beavers that are flooding a Burnt Hill culvert. He has installed a temporary culvert guard to block the accumulations of beaver activity.

After discussion, Tamara motioned to request of Scott to submit a monthly highway department report due for the first meeting of the month. Betsy seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor. The broad-spectrum report should include FEMA reimbursement progress, the grading schedule, and any other road plans, current activities, concerns, and accomplishments.

Auto salvage permit: The Board signed Warren Morrill's annual permit for a salvage yard.

School residency: The Board reviewed the Mascoma Regional School District's student residency list for 2021-2023. Sandi said the 38 students listed all live in Orange. Aaron said he did not understand how the list correlated to those students about to graduate and those registered begin school. The Board said they will ask Orange School Board representative Kathy Stacy to come to a meeting to clarify how the residency list is compiled. Tamara signed the list.

Other:

- A copy of a forestry access permit application was received from the State for Terhune's logging operation. Access will be Cardigan Mountain Road.
- An approval for the construction of a septic system was received from NH DES: Mark Packard/48 Cross Road/Map 1, Lot 53

Other Select Board business and action items:

- New action items: Finalize Remale contract, ask School Board member Kathy Stacy to attend a meeting to clarify how the residency list is compiled and how the tuition formula is implemented.
- Aaron stated that the ZBA now has a full board.
- Answering a question from Aaron, Sandi said she emailed the town clerk asking her to set up a time to copy the town's listserv onto her computer should she need to send out a town-wide notice.
- The Board had a brief discussion on tax deeds and what the procedure should be in setting up a possible payment plan for property owners who are at the tax deed phase.

Secretary's report:

- Jana Maceye has offered to serve as an alternate on the ZBA.
- The culvert grant program discussed at previous meetings are for "a natural freshwater, non-tidal stream channel" which might disqualify the culverts in town that handle intermittent water run-off. Upon Aaron's request, Sandi has emailed NH DES asking for the definition of "stream channel."
- The Newfound Trail Riders have a rally permit for hosting a noncompetitive, recreational trail bike ride, the Cockermouth Turkey Run, on August 7 with up to 200 motorcycles. The loop ride will begin in Canaan and the motorcycles will take off in small, staggered groups. All bikes are registered for street use. In Orange, the motorcyclists will be coming up New Colony Road from Sculptured Rocks in Groton and then to Mount Cardigan Road, Tuttle Hill, Cross Road, and to Route 4. At the opposite side of town, the motorcyclists will eventually cross the 200-foot of maintained road at Skyland that is in Orange as they ride from Alexandria Four Corners to Gifford Four Corners in East Grafton. A bike route map and more details will be sent out as a town-wide email as the date of the rally approaches.

Reports from Boards and Committees:

- Tamara said that the cemetery lawnmower is not presently working. Aaron said he would take a look at it to see if it can be repaired.

Public comment:

- Sandi said that if you divide the Orange student population list by our school property tax commitment, it comes to about \$24,500 per student. She inquired as to how that figure is arrived at. The Board will ask Kathy Stacy to clarify how the Mascoma schools are funded by the five towns.

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Tamara Fairbank, Chair

Aaron Allen

Betsy Coble