

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of June 22, 2021*

Present: Tamara Fairbank, Aaron Allen, and Sandi Pierson (clerical). Dorothy Heinrichs was out of town

Others: n/a

Meeting opened at 6 p.m. by Vice Chair Tamara Fairbank. Attendance taken by the secretary.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of June 8, 2021 were unanimously approved as submitted.

MS-535(Financial Report of the Town): The Board reviewed and signed the MS-535 as prepared by Cohos Advisors. It was noted that the unexpended fund balance has increased from \$47,050 in 2020 to \$68,071 in 2021.

Inventory forms: The Board approved a request for 2021 inventory forms (PA-28) from the DRA. There is no cost for forms.

Regional Transportation Study: The Board received a request from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for a town representative to partake in updating the Regional Transportation Study. After discussion the Board ask Sandi to put the information out in a town-wide email to see if anyone was interested in participating in the study.

Town-wide large trash disposal: Sandi recapped her inquiry into businesses that might be interested in doing a town-wide large trash pick-up.

- Bob Rudder will do a curb-side pick-up at a cost of \$300 per truckload, tipping [disposal] fees at Lebanon, and wages for one or two workers at \$20 per hour. Bob has a one-ton pick-up with five-foot sides.
- Casella will provide a large box dumpster to be left in town for a weekend and people can dispose of their large trash during that period. They will not charge for the dumpster nor transportation. The town would only be liable for the disposal fee.
- Beauchenes did not respond to the inquiry.
- Canaan has not yet responded if or when they are hosting a large trash pick-up. (Canaan's large trash pick-up would include a fee schedule to participants.)

The Board discussed the concerns of a dumpster drop-off: it would need to be monitored to be sure only appropriate items are disposed of, its location, and what if people did not have a suitable vehicle to transport a large item to the dumpster. It was agreed that some of us with pick-up trucks could help those that need assistance with transport. After discussion the Board asked Sandi to contact Casella and inquire if they could provide a one-day, curb-side large trash pick-up and, if so, what the projected cost would be.

Other:

- An Approval for Septic Operation was received from NHDES for Jay and Dorothy Heinrichs/148 Cardigan Mountain Road/Map 3, Lot 6.
- A list of lien notices was received from the tax collector. Liens will be processed if taxes are not paid by August.
- A list of deed notices was received from the tax collector. Tax deeds will be processed if 2018 taxes are not paid by August.

Other Select Board business: n/a

Secretary's report:

- Sandi is continuing to follow up on grant restrictions of the recent COVID relief stimulus (ARPA funds). Orange may apply for up to \$30,000 if the applications meet the guidelines. Presently it appears that Orange could apply for premium pay for essential workers. According to the ARPA guidelines, essential workers are defined as those who were required to interact with public during the pandemic. If premium pay is available and applied for, the Board agreed it should include the town clerk, secretary, road agent, tax collector, and all election personnel. Broadband development is also included in the guidelines, though Sandi was unsure how that could pertain to Orange. The agency overseeing the funds is presently considering allowing towns to use part of their apportionment to offset property taxes, though no decision on has been made. Sandi said she is getting guidance from both Cohos Advisors and the NH Municipal Association and will continue to update the Board. The town has until August to submit applications.
- Skip Smith said there is no fire extinguisher on the second floor and would like the Board to consider purchasing one. The Board agreed and asked Sandi to see if one can be purchased from NH Fire Protection (the firm that annually recertifies the present extinguishers).
- Skip reports that one of the emergency exit signs/lights is no working due to a defective circuit board. Replacement will cost \$42.99. The Board agreed to the purchase.

Reports from Boards and Committees: n/a

Public comment: n/a

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

The Board extends its sympathy to Ernest Mills
and family on the passing of Liz Mills.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 p.m.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen