

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of June 7, 2022*

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

*Other:* Karen McFarlane, Donald McFarlane, Levi Lemere, Barbara Lemere

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

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Minutes:* The minutes of May 17, 2022 were unanimously approved as submitted.

*Property Tax Appeal:* The Board received a notice from the NH Bureau of Tax and Land Appeals that an application has been submitted to them from Aaron Allen and David Allen challenging the Board's May 3, 2022 abatement decision for their 2021 property tax for 127 New Colony Road. After discussion, Betsy motioned for Avitar Associates of New England to represent the town in the appeal. Tamara seconded. Aaron, being the applicant, recused himself. Motion passed 2-0.

*Building permit:* A building permit was received from Scott and Laurie Sanborn for a deck at 32 Peaslee Road/Map 3, Lot 51. Betsy motioned to approve the permit pending approval from the building inspector and payment of the application fee.

*Intent to Cut:* The Board approved an Intent to Cut for Terhunes/Town House Road/ Map 3, Lots 7 and 10. Access will be via Mount Cardigan Road. Logger is Dick Maxfield.

*Treasurer's report:* The Board reviewed the May 2022 Treasurer's report and Select Board reconciliation. All figures were on target and the Chair signed the report.

*Letters of support:* Letters of support were signed by the Board for a Moose Plate grant and the LCHIP grant. These grants will help fund the refurbishment of the Town House roof.

*Other:*

- The Board reviewed a copy of Attorney Mitchell's letter that was sent to Barbara and Levi Lemere regarding the ongoing violations on Peaslee Road of the State's junkyard statute and the town's local use regulations. (See below under public comment.)

*Other Select Board business and action items:*

- The Board will review the guidelines of the NHDES culvert grant to see if and how it might be pertinent to the town. The will ask Road Agent Scott Sanborn to meet with them in regards.

- Aaron stated that the grant application to renovate the restrooms was denied by the Locality Equipment Grant because it did not meet the grant usage guidelines.

*Secretary's report:*

- Rob Kuhn and Laurie Sanborn have offered to serve as alternates on the ZBA. After discussion, the Board motioned unanimously in favor to appoint both Rob and Laurie as alternates. It was noted that there may be a number of times Laurie may have to recuse herself if Scott Sanborn is representing an applicant.

*Reports from Boards and Committees:*

- Betsy, the ex-officio to the Planning Board, stated that the Planning Board is now meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The Planning Board intends to start meeting in person instead of by Zoom.

*Meeting change:* Due to scheduling conflicts, the Board concurred that the second meeting of the month shall be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> instead of June 21<sup>st</sup>. Sandi will post this and send out a town-wide notification.

*Public comment:*

- Barbara Lemere (Peaslee Road property owner) and son Levi Lemere (resident of the property) met with the Board to discuss the violations of the State's junkyard statute and the town's local use regulations outlined in Attorney Mitchell's correspondence. Levi said that he has begun the trash clean-up and that it will be unproblematic to dispose of a number of the junk vehicles. The letter from the attorney specified a July 1, 2022 deadline for them to be in compliance with the State's junkyard statute and the town's local use regulations before daily fines are levied. Levi asked if the deadline could be extended to August 1. After discussion, Aaron motioned to extend the deadline to August 1, 2022 for the compliance to State and town regulations contingent that they see immediate progress of the clean-up. Betsy seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor. Sandi will notify Attorney Mitchell of the Board's decision.

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*Nonpublic session:* At 6:35 p.m. Tam motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3-c to discuss a personnel issue. Betsy seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor. Motion to come out of nonpublic session approved at 6:55 p.m. Tamara stated a decision was made to follow up with the ongoing issue of the safe that has been inaccessible.

*Meeting adjourned 7:10 p.m.*

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Tamara Fairbank, Chair

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Aaron Allen

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Betsy Coble

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