

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of March 24, 2020*

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

*Others:* Alasdair Dunlap-Smith, Trish Weekes, Doug Weekes, Scott Sanborn, and Dave Stacy.

*Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. Attendance taken by the secretary.*

*Minutes:* The minutes of March 10, 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted.

*Tax Anticipation Note (TAN):* The Board and Treasurer Trish Weekes signed the documentation for the 2020 TAN with Mascoma Savings Bank for the amount of \$535,000 at 3.15% interest.

*Orange Recovery Fund:* The Board signed a letter of authorization for the treasurer to open an account at the Mascoma Savings Bank for the purpose of revenue received for flood-damaged road repairs and reconstruction.

*Special Town Meeting:* The Board discussed petitioning Superior Court to allow them to hold a special town meeting for the purpose of taking up Article 6 on the March 11th warrant which was passed over due to procedural requirements. The article will ask the town to spend \$1,187,000 on flood-damaged road repairs and receive \$890,250 from FEMA, with the town to pay the balance of up to \$296,750. Mascoma Savings Bank give a line of credit at 2% interest with a payback time of up to seven years. A second article at the special town meeting will be to ask the town to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from the Road Improvement and Repair Capital Reserve Fund established at the 2020 town meeting for the purpose of improving roads and making repairs to damages caused by catastrophic weather events.

After discussion, the Board concurred to hold the special town meeting on April 27 at 6 p.m., with the required public hearing to be on May 5 at 6 p.m. Sandi will contact legal counsel to notify them to proceed with the petition and to outline the legal procedures. They will have the DRA review the articles for wording accuracy. Sandi will email Moderator Hazelton of the dates.

Alasdair Dunlap-Smith asked if it was permissible for a resident to submit a petitioned warrant article for the special town meeting. The Board will refer the question to legal counsel.

*Robert Senter's Burnt Hill gravel pit:*

- The Board signed the 2019 Report of Excavation.
- The Board signed an abatement of \$88.22 for excavation taxes as approved at the last meeting.
- The Board signed the 2020 Notice of Intent to Excavate.

*Board correspondence:* The Board reviewed a letter from Steven Hennig in regards to the town's record of his acreage size, which he said was 61.5 acres and not 65. The Board reviewed documentation that substantiated the town's records: the acreage listed on the deed and on the current use map done by a registered forester for the prior owner. Mr. Hennig also inquired about the recent residential water testing program, indicating it pertained to the recent flood damage. The Board signed a letter to Mr. Hennig regarding his acreage and also noted that the water testing program was community service coordinated by the health officer and was not specific to the July 11 flood. Sandi will enclose copies of the deed, current use map, and a 2014 letter sent to Mr. Hennig from the Select Board that had notified him of the acreage discrepancy.

*Flood-damaged road reconstruction:* The Board was in receipt of the complete bidding package prepared by Road Agent Scott Sanborn for all flood-related repairs. An "Invitation to Bid" public notice will be placed in the Valley News, the bidding deadline being April 10.

*MS-232 (Appropriations Actually Voted):* The Board signed the MS-232 which itemizes what was voted on at town meeting. Because there were no amendments to money warrant articles at town meeting, the figures on the MS-232 are the same as the Budget Committees recommended budget.

*All Veterans Credit:* The Board approved and signed two applications for the All Veterans Credit; the applications were reviewed at earlier meetings.

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.*

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Tamara Fairbank

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