

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of March 8, 2022*

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

Others: Bob and Sharon Proulx, Gulley Dunlap, Chris and Amy Hausfeld

Meeting opened at 10:30 a.m. Attendance taken by the secretary.

Minutes: The minutes of February 23, 2022 were approved as submitted.

Historical Commission upcoming book sale: Historical Commission Chair Sharon Proulx said there were concerns from some townspeople regarding the book sale that the Commission is planning. She outlined the following (and requested they be put in the minutes verbatim):

At the March 10, 1992 Town Meeting the Orange Historical Commission was established. At the March 14, 1995 Town Meeting the voters gave the Historical Commission permission to sell library discard books.

Regarding any present concerns by townspeople, on March 14, 1995 the town voted on this topic with an amendment to article 7. The amendment contained four basic points:

- The building is in non-compliance with state public building and library safety.
- The stagnant condition of the books, their non-circulation, temperature and climatic extremes, destruction by insects and vermin was discussed.
- After the evaluation in 1992, it was determined that most of the books have no significant value.
- No new books have been added for 3 years. (27 years as of this date)

At the Town Meeting in 1995, the town voted to dispose of the books and that the books be sold at private sale first to the Orange citizens, and then to the general public and the proceeds be given to the Historical Commission.

Gary Hamel has already set aside the original collection of over 100 books donated by the State of NH when Orange established its library. There are also books of historical significance that will remain in the collection.

Our plans are to run the sale on a Friday for townspeople and the general public the next day.

We are facing a possible stabilizing of the roof and the commission needs to take action on this soon.

It is my hope that this will clear up any misunderstandings.

The Board thanked Sharon for the clarification on the book sale. Dorothy said that she will have Jay put the information on the town website.

Investment Policy: The Board signed the 2022 Investment Policy for the town.

Employee Pay Schedule: The Board reviewed the *Request for Payment of Wages Other Than Weekly or Biweekly (RSA 275:43-I)* to be sent to the NH Department of Labor (DOL). Dorothy stated that the DOL emailed the town saying this was necessary because the town's biweekly pay schedule for hourly-waged employees can be to some extent inconsistent depending on the dates that the Select Board meets to sign payment vouchers. The RSA does not apply to officer stipends.

Other: n/a

Other Select Board business:

Aaron said he has begun reviewing the Town House Assessment done by HEB consultants. He said the assessment report states that the town does not have a standby emergency generator, which it does.

Secretary's report:

- Wavecom reports that they have been notified by the State of NH that all of their telecommunications equipment must be removed from the Cardigan Mountain Fire Tower by June 30, 2022. Wavecom said that there are no customers accessing the equipment.

Reports from Boards and Committees: n/a

Public comment: n/a

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

Board members and the audience joined in offering Dorothy Heinrichs well wishes and appreciation for her many years of serving on the Select Board. Flowers and Thank-You-Cupcakes were enjoyed.

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen

Betsy Coble