

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of May 26, 2020*

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

Others: Doug Weekes and Danny Hazelton.

Meeting opened on the front lawn at 6:30 p.m. Attendance taken by the secretary.

Minutes: The minutes of May 12, 2020 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Town-wide revaluation: The Board signed an addendum to the town-wide revaluation contract with Avitar. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the process will be divided into two years with no increase in cost. This year Avitar will do a statistical update and pick-ups; in 2021 they will do the onsite measure and listing.

Tuttle Hill Road town property: The Board reviewed with Health Officer Doug Weekes a proposal from Hammonds to clean up the 200 Tuttle Hill Road property that is owned by the town. Hammonds gave a quote of \$9,500 for demolition, removal, and clean-up of the house and property. It will include cars and campers as long as they have titles. If the two trailers have clean titles, Hammonds will deduct \$1,500 from the cost. Aaron said he was in favor of the Board approving the proposal and subsequently putting the property on the market. If the junk cars on the property could not be taken because there are no titles, it was suggested they ask Hammonds to store them until the situation is resolved. Dorothy recommended a telephone conference with the attorney prior to moving forward to get clarification on the former owner's right to repurchase during a three-year period and the three-year period that requires that any proceeds a town receives over and above the "back taxes, interest, cost, and penalty" must be paid back to the former owner. The Board concurred to set up a telephone conference with the town's attorney before acting on the property.

The Board discussed the 0.65-acre town-owned property abutting 200 Tuttle Hill Road. Discussion included whether to merge the 0.65 with the 1.9-acre 200 Tuttle Hill Road property or ask the one other abutter if he is interested in purchasing it. No decision was made at this time.

Trash concern: The Board discussed with Health Officer Doug Weekes the situation of excessive trash and junk cars at a Peaslee Road property. Doug said he will speak to the property owner and report back to the Board at their next meeting.

Voting procedure: The Board recapped with Moderator Danny Hazelton the procedure for the special town meeting voting the next day, May 27.. Doug Weekes and Brent Stevens will be in charge of the flow of traffic and the Select Board will be present to answer any questions the voters may have. The drive-through voters and walk-ins will stop at three stations: the

Supervisors to check in, the Moderator to get their ballot, and the town clerk to return their marked ballot. Danny will ask all election officials to park at the Church Cemetery.

Secretary's report: n/a

Reports from Boards and Committees: n/a

Public comment: n/a

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 7:02 p.m..

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Tamara Fairbank

Aaron Allen