

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of November 26, 2019*

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

*Others:* Louis Shelzi and Scott Sanborn

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

*Minutes:*

- The minutes of November 12, 2019 were tabled for Tamara's review.
- The nonpublic minutes of November 12, 2019 were approved.
- The minutes of November 14, 2019 were approved. (Meeting to sign the tax warrant)

*July 11 Flood:*

- The Board met with Road Agent Scott Sanborn and Louis Shelzi to review the \$5,412.25 invoice from Phil Salvail for flood work done on Tuttle Hill Road in the vicinity of Louis' driveway. Louis displayed a number of photos that showed the extent of damage. Scott said in proportion to the total road repairs, the invoice was higher than he expected. Aaron said the 18 hours of truck time and 11 hours of excavator time seemed excessive. Louis explained that the trucking took more time because local material was not immediately available due to the amount of flood repairs going on at that time. He said he paid Salvail for the culvert at his driveway entrance and that the bill covers the road work. After discussion, it was agreed that Scott and Aaron will meet Louis at the site to review the work done. Aaron motioned to table paying invoice until the next meeting. Dorothy seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor. As agreed earlier, Louis said he would pay the 25% of the invoice not covered by FEMA.
- In regards to the recent flood damage inventory that Scott signed for FEMA, he noted that it's a placeholder for damages (sites and scope of work) and that the costs listed are not fixed. He will be meeting with FEMA on Monday to finish the site reviews.
- Aaron requested a receipt for his donation of \$2,200 worth of work done on the town roads immediately following the flood.

*Abatement:* The Select Board approved and signed an abatement for property taxes of \$2,314.20 for 200 Tuttle Hill Road. This is now town-owned property.

*Budget report:* The Board reviewed the municipal budget report ending November 12, 2019. There is \$58,345.33 remaining in the \$217,896.00 town budget.

*December meeting date change:* Due to the Christmas holiday, the Board's second meeting of the month will be on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> instead of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Other:*

- The Board received a letter from the NH Office of Licensure and Certification stating that anyone who installs a mobile home and/or concrete pad needs to be licensed by the Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board. A copy of the letter was forwarded to the building inspector.

*Secretary's report:*

- Two property owners contacted the office to say they felt their property taxes were excessive. Sandi explained the tax abatement process to them and sent them both an abatement form.

*Reports from other boards and committees:*

- Aaron said that the Orange and Canaan Conservation Commissions hosted a home energy program by NHSaves, though the turnout was low.

*Public comment: n/a*

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*Nonpublic session:* At 6:50 p.m. the Board unanimously voted in favor of going into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3-c to review an Tax Deferment Application. Motion to come out of nonpublic session at 6:58 p.m. Dorothy stated that no decisions were made in nonpublic session.

*Meeting adjourned 7 p.m.*

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Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

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Tamara Fairbank

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Aaron Allen