

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of October 4, 2022*

*Present:* Tamara Fairbank, Chair; Aaron Allen, Betsy Coble, Sandi Pierson (clerical)  
*Other:* n/a

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

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Minutes:* Aaron motioned to approve the minutes of September 20, 2022. Tamara seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor.

*Highway:* The Board reviewed a road maintenance update from Scott Sanborn via email. Grading continues on weekends. A portion of Tug Mountain Road needs to be finished and will do some touch-ups to Williams Road; the completion delayed on Williams Road due to Burnt Hill Road being in bad condition. Upcoming plans include asphalt patches and shoulder improvement on the steep section at the end of New Colony Road, which should be started next week.

*9-11 signs:* The Board reviewed a letter from the Canaan Firefighter's Association which said they can only offer 9-1-1 house I.D. signs in the color red. After speaking to a number of residents the Board concurred to go with green signs and will notify the Firefighter's Association of their decision. An alternative vendor will be utilized.

*Other:*

- The Education Tax Warrant notice was received for 2023: \$52,571. This is a decrease of \$7,884 from 2022.
- A request was received from West Central Behavioral Health for a \$400 contribution for 2023. This is the same as 2022.
- A copy of a State driveway permit was received for Fred Hammond on Route 4.
- A notice was received from the State that they have deposited \$31,603.46 into the town's account for FEMA work.

*Other Select Board business and action items:*

- Action items still pending:
  - Having the tax maps updated by December 31: The Board had asked Sandi to check to see what Avitar's process and cost is to maintain the town's tax maps. Sandi reported that before an estimate can be presented, Avitar will need to know what software data program the maps are currently on and if Scott Sanborn will share those files. Tamara will contact Scott in regards. Sandi said to have the maps assessable online, a site that would be maintained by Avitar, will cost extra.

- Changing locks at the Town House doors and change combinations of the Select Board and Town Clerk's office. The Board concurred this will not be done until after the November elections.
- Authorize Barry Clause to remove abandoned porta-potty from the town-owned property across from Tug Mountain Road.
- *Beaver issue on Burnt Hill:* Aaron said he is waiting for a response from the State of NH on what action can be taken aside from a wildlife control business.
- *Roads:* The Board concurred to follow up with supplementary road maintenance contractors in case there are times that the regular contractor is not available to handle road upkeep requirements.

*Secretary's report: n/a*

*Reports from Boards and Committees:*

- Tamara said that the Historical Commission met on October 3.
- Betsy said the Planning Board did not meet in September because there was nothing on the agenda.

*Public comment: n/a*

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*The Board extended their sympathies to the Jaeger family on the passing of Dick Jaeger. Flowers and a card will be sent to the family on behalf of the Select Board and the residents. The Board recognized Mr. Jaeger's longtime service and friendship to Orange and the surrounding communities.*

*Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m.*

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Tamara Fairbank, Chair

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Aaron Allen

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Betsy Coble