

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of September 10, 2019*

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

*Others:* Bev Ells, Aaron Allen, Karen McFarlane, and Judith Lindahl.

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

*Minutes:* The minutes of August 27, 2019 were approved. Dorothy abstained because she did not attend the meeting.

*Building permit:* The Board signed a building permit application for Dave and Joan Delgenio for a residential home at 54 Peaslee Road/Map 3, Lot 50-3. Building Inspector Doug Weekes had already reviewed and signed the permit. The permit was conditionally approved at the last meeting subject to documentation that a driveway permit had been issued. The Board was in receipt of the driveway permit.

*Highway:*

- The Board received information on three hazard mitigation assistance programs. It was noted that these were cost sharing programs, with the town being responsible for 25% of the cost.
- Information was received from the DOT about the 10-year state-wide transportation plan and public hearing dates in regards.
- Dorothy recapped her conversation with Road Agent Scott Sanborn regarding post-flood road repairs and FEMA status:
  - Scope of work: Scott has almost finished a detailed scope of the work necessary to repair the town roads. It is unlikely that all of the work will be done before winter but he says all the roads will be ready for winter plowing and will have two lanes.
  - Funding: On Monday, September 16, Paul Hatch of FEMA has a phone call scheduled with Scott. Sandi, members of the Select Board, Brent, and Doug are welcome to participate in the call. This is the next step toward FEMA funding. During the call, a meeting with FEMA will be scheduled in Orange to begin the paperwork the town will need to file.
  - Specific roads: Crew are working now on the Tuttle Hill Road shoulders. Although damage to Tuttle Hill were not as severe as the damage to other roads, the cost of repairs is lower and we are holding off on the more expensive work until we have access to FEMA funds. Since Tuttle Hill is a school bus route, repairs to that road are a priority.
  - Next update: Scott is unable to attend tonight's Select Board meeting, He hopes to be able to attend the next meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Dorothy has asked Scott to update the Board prior to each meeting, covering the scope of work, funding, and updates on the work to specific roads.

*Treasurer's report:* The Board reviewed the August treasurer's report and Select Board reconciliation. The reconciliation was on target and the Chair signed the report.

*Other:*

- An invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Grafton Regional Development Corporation was received.
- The MS-4 (Revised Estimated Revenues) as submitted to the DRA was reviewed. This is a summation of 2019 town revenue that offsets the tax rate.
- An amended authorization verification was received from the NH-DES for David Como to do specific brook erosion control measures at his New Colony residence.
- A notice was received from the NH Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources that they have approved the appointment of the following Orange Fire Warden and Deputies: Brent Stevens, William Bellion, and James McAllister.
- A notice was received from the NH-DES that a septic permit application has been received for Bree Camber/94 Cardigan Mountain Road/Map 3, Lot 4A.
- The municipal budget report ending August 31, 2019 was reviewed.

*Secretary's report:*

- Sandi asked if there is any action the Board should presently take regarding the property recently deeded to the town due to nonpayment of taxes. She said Sharon Proulx suggested they secure the property and post it against entry. After discussion, it was agreed that Sandi will contact legal counsel at the Local Government Center for their input, and to check with other towns on how they proceed.

*Reports from other boards and committees:*

- Dorothy stated that the Orange Conservation Commission will meet on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. at the town house. Sandi to post.
- Tamara stated that Aaron O'Leary volunteered to put up the new cemetery signs. They will be placed on 4 x 4 posts, which will be painted next year.
- Dorothy gave the Historical Commission a "road closed" sign from the July 11 flood that she got from the State highway department.
- Vice Planning Board Chair Judith Lindahl said that there has been recent legislation regarding the setbacks and noise levels of wind turbines. She asked if she could have the Orange Wind Turbine Ordinance reviewed by Attorney Richards to see if it needs to be amended to be in agreement with State statutes. She suggested that any cost be paid out of the Legal Expense Capital Reserve. The Board unanimously agreed to the request. Judith stated that any changes to the ordinance will have to be brought before the voters.
- Welfare Director Karen McFarlane is following up on a request for town assistance. The Board approved a request that she be issued a key to the town house so that she may meet with applicants there.
- The Historical Commission's programs are as follows: One-act play about Nathan Waldo on Saturday, September 28 at 2 p.m., which will conclude with horse-drawn wagon rides to the Common Cemetery for the unveiling of the Waldo Memorial. Saturday, October 26 at 7 p.m. is the Traditional New England Dance with caller Dave

Millstone. Sunday, November 10 at 2 p.m. is the dedication of the Veteran's memorial plaque.

- Annual Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 at 4:30 p.m.

*Public comment:*

- Judith Lindahl commented about the idea that was relayed to the Board by David Delgenio about crushing rock tailings at the Standard Mine on Tug Mountain Road and using the material to help rebuild the flood-damaged roads. She said she was not against the idea but, if it was presented to the Board formally, the Board should take into account the noise level of such an operation that would affect those living in the surrounding neighborhood, the town's noise ordinance itself, and the permit process for an excavation operation. She said that if a proposal is brought before the Board and is considered, the neighbors in the vicinity of the mine should be notified and the Board should require oversights and conditions. (Secretary's note: This suggestion of crushing rocks at the mine site was made after the adjournment of a Select Board's meeting and was not discussed by Board.)
- Judith commended Dorothy for the nice cards she sent in appreciation to those that stepped forward to help the community following the July 11 flood.

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM.*

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Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

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Robert Ells

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Tamara Fairbank