

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of September 6, 2022*

Present: Tamara Fairbank, Aaron Allen, Betsy Coble, Sandi Pierson (clerical)

Other: Jana Mackay, Dan Hazelton, Dorothy Heinrichs

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

- Betsy motioned to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022. Aaron seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor.
- Betsy motioned to approve the nonpublic minutes of August 16, 2022. Aaron seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor.
- Aaron motioned to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022. Tamara seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor.
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Intent to Cut: The Board reviewed and approved an Intent to Cut for the Cardigan Mountain State Forest contract: Robert E. Lee/Map 7, Lot 1. Access is Tug Mountain Road. The bond set by the DRA for \$1,283.60 was paid.

MS-1: The Board reviewed and signed the MS-1 (Value Summary of the Town).

Treasurer's report: The Board reviewed the August 2022 Treasurer's report and Select Board reconciliation. All figures were on target and the Chair signed the report.

Dog complaint: The Board received an email regarding dogs barking for a lengthy period at night on Razor Hill Road. Tamara read the RSA in regards. The Board will send the property owners a letter. It was noted that the State police also followed up with the complaint.

Other:

- The municipal budget report ending August 31, 2022 was reviewed.
- A notice was received by the state that they have deposited \$8,788.87 into the town's account for FEMA work on PW 23.

Other Select Board business and action items:

- Action items still pending:
 - Having the tax maps updated by December 31.
 - Possible nonconforming auto body shop in town: Sandi said that the post office reports that the party has not picked up the certified letter sent by the Board.
 - Changing locks at the Town House doors and change combinations of the Select Board and Town Clerk's office. Tamara will call Gatekeepers.

- Roads graded before school starts on August 30. Not accomplished. Some grading done later on Tuttle Hill and Cross Road. Burnt Hill and Brock Hill undone. Action by the Board to contact other possible road graders tabled until September 13.
- Action items completed:
 - BMD Electric to replace exterior light with malfunctioning dawn to dusk sensor.
 - 9-1-1 house signs: Canaan Fire personnel Alton Hennessey is going to make a sample sign for the Town House.
- The Board requested Sandi to send NH FEMA the information from Treasurer Trish Weekes re: FEMA loan interest being a reimbursable aspect of the disaster declaration.
- The beavers are still an issue on Burnt Hill. Aaron said Scott Borthwick said he may take an alternative approach to eradicate them. Aaron may call Paul Gove to see if he is still trapping in Orange. Aaron said he broke two rakes while repeatedly unclogging the affected culvert and would like to get reimbursed. Tamara and Betsy concurred.
- A safe for the Town Clerk's office was donated by Jay and Dorothy Heinrichs. Aaron will give Michelle Goffreda the combination.

Secretary's report:

- Sandi asked if she may get an answering machine for the Select Board's office. The Board agreed.

Reports from Boards and Committees:

- Moderator Dan Hazelton said he will be out of town on the September 13 voting day and has appointed Dorothy Heinrichs as Moderator pro tempore. He said Gary Hamel and Anita Garland will be the ballot clerks. He thanked Jana Mackay for offering to volunteer on election day.

Public comment:

- Jana Mackay asked about the disposal of an air conditioner at the large trash disposal weekend. Aaron said the cost of disposal is lot less at Canaan than what Casella is charging and suggested disposing of it there. The Board noted that fee items are a lot cheaper to dispose of in Canaan than what Casella charges at the large trash disposal in Orange.
- Sandi expressed her dismay that the Board was tabling the matter of grading Burnt Hill and Brock Hill for another week.

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 7:21 p.m.

Tamara Fairbank, Chair

Aaron Allen

Betsy Coble