

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of April 23, 2019*

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

Others: Bev Ells, Gulley Dunlap, and Anita Garland

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

Minutes:

- The minutes of April 9, 2019 were approved.
- The nonpublic session minutes of April 9, 2019 were approved.

Timber:

- The Board signed a yield tax warrant for Richard Goodearl/New Colony Road: \$433.59
- A notice was received signifying “No Cut” for a 2018 Intent to Cut for Paul Dick/Tuttle Hill Road/Map 4, Lot 8.
- The Board signed a 2019 Intent to Cut for Paul Dick/Tuttle Hill Road/Map 4, Lot 8.

Legal retainer: The Board reviewed and signed the 2019-2020 legal retainer with Drummond Woodsum.

Veterans’ memorial plaque: The Board signed letters to Senators Hassan and Shaheen asking for their assistance in obtaining veterans’ of those inducted into service from Orange between World War II and the Gulf War so that their names may be included on the veterans’ memorial plaque.

Resignation: The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Don Pfaefflin as ZBA Chair, Deputy Emergency Management Director, and (as of May 8) building inspector. The Board will send Don a letter of appreciation.

The Board will confer with Director of Emergency Management Brent Stevens to get his recommendation for a new deputy. The building inspector position will be filled by Doug Weekes.

ZBA: Bev Ells, a longstanding member of the ZBA, stated that she had agreed to assume the position of Chair upon Don’s resignation. Dorothy thanked Bev for agreeing to take the position and motioned for the Board to appoint Bev as ZBA Chair. Tam seconded. Motion carried unanimously in favor.

Building permit: The Board reviewed and signed a building permit for an 8 x 10 shed for Aaron Allen/211 New Colony Road/Map 3, Lot 36A. The permit had already been reviewed and signed by the building inspector.

Veteran's credit: Dorothy announced that at the April 9, 2019 nonpublic session, the Board denied an application for a veteran's tax credit because the qualifications did not meet the legal statutes as require by the State. The Board signed a letter to the applicant in regards.

Other:

- A notice was received from the City of Lebanon that their recycling facility is no longer accepting construction and demolition waste because they are at full capacity. They noted that other local options include the Town of Hartford Recycling Station, Cassella (Lebanon), and Hammonds (Orange).

Other business:

- Dorothy said she met with Tim Jennings and took a tour with him of the Mascoma health facility in Canaan. Tim said they are in hopes of getting the HealthFirst grant that will put the facility "in the black." In the two years since they've opened, the health facility has brought in approximately 2,700 patients, many for dental services. There are two vacant positions for Board members for the facility, and would like anyone interested in serving to contact them. Presently Louis Shelzi from Orange is on the Board of Directors.

Secretary's report:

- 2018 pick-ups by Avitar are scheduled for Wednesday, April 24.
- The kitchen water has been turned on for the season
- The Town House septic will be pumped out on Wednesday, April 24. Barry Clause will see if he can find any dysfunction in the system and report back.
- Sandi will not be in the office on Monday, April 29 due to LCHIP orientation.

Reports from other Boards and Committees:

- Tam reminded everyone that this Saturday, April 27, will be the music program at the Town House hosted by the Historical Society. Pot luck at 5:30, music to begin at 7.

Public comment:

- Dorothy clarified for Gulley Dunlap the various places that will accept construction and demolition waste. She asked Sandi to put the information into the next town-wide email.

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 PM.

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Robert Ells

Tamara Fairbank