

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of June 11, 2019*

Present: Bob Ells, Tamara Fairbank, and Sandi Pierson (clerical). Dorothy Heinrichs was out of town.

Others: Bev Ells, Anita Garland, Doug Weekes, and Aaron Allen

Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. Attendance taken by the secretary. Tamara chaired the meeting in the absence of Dorothy Heinrichs.

Minutes:

- The minutes of May 28, 2019 were approved.
- The nonpublic minutes of May 28, 2019 were approved. Motion was passed unanimously in favor to seal these minutes.

Building permit: The Board reviewed and signed a building permit application for a garage: Anita Garland/39 Peaslee Road/Map 3, Lot 44A. Building Inspector Doug Weekes had already reviewed and signed the application.

MS-535 (2018 Financial Report of the Town): The Board signed the MS-535 as submitted by Auditor Ruth Conwell.

Building Regulations: Building Inspector Doug Weekes spoke with the Board about the request to amend the building regulation for a five-foot frost wall to four feet. Doug submitted to the Board a list of regulations drafted by the former building inspector and stated that a number of them are arbitrary (recommendations that are not necessarily the same as the standard building codes). Doug said that a four foot frost wall is adequate for our area, though he recommends a frost wall be any measurement *over* four feet because footings should project above ground level to some degree to allow the structure itself to be above it.

Doug said he plans on reviewing the regulations from the prior building inspector and will bring his own recommendations to the Board.

Junk Yard: Sandi said that at the last meeting the Board asked her to draft a letter regarding a junk yard ordinance violation (more than two unregistered vehicles on a property), but did not know what the Board wanted to include in the letter. Building Inspector Doug Weekes had recommended the Board consider penalties for noncompliance to the ordinance. Sandi stated that to her knowledge there are no penalty schedules in place. The Board reviewed a 2014 letter from them to the same property owner about the same situation. The Board agreed that a letter should again be sent requesting the property owner take responsibility for removing the junk vehicles and to attach a copy of the State statutes in regards. In the meantime, the Board will review

model guidelines for enforcement should the property owner not comply with State and town regulations and discuss a penalty schedule.

Other:

- A note of appreciation was signed by the Board to the students at Canaan Elementary School for the Memorial Day wreath they made for the town.
- The schedule of attorney rates was received from Drummond Woodsum.
- The Board reviewed the financial data from the 2019 property change valuations (pick-ups). The town increased in value of \$356,300.

Secretary's report:

- NHEC changed the Town House electric meter.

Reports from other Boards and Committees:

- Tamara said she will be submitting and posting the minutes from the last meeting of the Historical Commission.
- Aaron Allen, a member of the Town House Committee, stated that he spoke with Andrew Cushing from the NH Preservation Alliance, and was told that laminated lumber would be acceptable in the stabilizing project for the upstairs structural concerns. (This is in regards to the application of an LCHIP grant application.)

Public comment: n/a

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Nonpublic session: At 6:20 p.m. Bob motioned to go into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, I (c) to review correspondence regarding a veteran credit application. Tamara seconded. Motion passed unanimously in favor. Motion was approved unanimously to come out of nonpublic session at 6:25 p.m.. Tam stated that no further action is required by the Board regarding a veteran credit application

Meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m..

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Robert Ells

Tamara Fairbank