



**TOWN OF ORRINGTON**  
**Public Meeting and Agenda**  
**Selectmen's Meeting August 12, 2013**

**7:00 P.M. Monday Town Office Meeting Room**

**Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7: 01pm. Those present were; Chairman, Kevin Allcroft; Howard Grover, Christine Lavoie, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager; Paul White, Assistant Town Clerk; Julie Chaffee, Fire Chief; Michael Spencer, Asst. Fire Chief; Scott Stewart, and seventeen residents.

**1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** None

**2. Public Comments:** None

**3. Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for July 22, 2013.**

Grover motioned to approve July 22, 2013 minutes and Goody seconded.

Vote: Yes- 4. Lavoie was excused.

**4 Awards & Recognitions: Presentation to the Old Home Week**

**Committee.** A presentation was given to the Old Home Week Committee from the Board of Selectmen. The committee members are: Dick Campbell, Ed Campbell, Colin Campbell, Pat Gero, Sue Pate, Bob Loblely, Keith and Heather Bowden, Charlie Green, Amber McCormick, Marsha Wilson and Kyle Killip. Allcroft read the plaque to the Old Home Week Committee and gave the plaque to Dick Campbell. Campbell spoke regarding Old Home week. It was a lot of work, but it was also a lot of fun.

**5. Appointments & Resignations:** None

**Old Business:** None

**6. A. Update on Swetts Pond Road beaver flowage.** None

**New Business:** None

**7. Department and Committee Reports:**

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- A. Fire/Rescue Department Monthly Report. Presented in writing.
- B. ACO Monthly Report. Presented in writing.

**8. Approve renewal of Assessor Annual Contract 2013-2014. Update on Assessing projects (Ben Birch).** Birch referred the selectmen to the memo that was provided to them. Birch explained what the assessors' duties are. Birch stated that the real estate market is heading in a positive direction. Birch stated that the tax commitment was a particular challenge. Birch and White analyzed the governor's budget and how it would affect Orrington. The commitment has been completed. Birch thanked Susan Carson and White for their help. The assessors' contract included Marylynn Hunter who has 26 years of experience. Birch stated the contract is a continuation of last years and he would like to implement the contract. Birch explained what assessors are required to do and spoke about how real estate and personal property are assessed. Birch stated that next year he and White feel they would like to take on the project of having a current photo of each property. Grover asked if the school photo club could take pictures. Birch stated Hunter would take the pictures. Allcroft questioned the City of Bangor's policy limits about insurance. Is Hunter covered under that insurance or does she have her own? Birch stated she has her own coverage. Allcroft pointed out an error on the memo that said Town of Veazie. It needed to be changed to the Town of Orrington and on page 3, it says Town o Orrington and should be Town of Orrington. Allcroft stated they are doing a great job. Bladen stated that we have never had personal property taxes on a small business before. White stated we did. Much discussion. Lavoie Motioned to approve the contract as corrected and Goody seconded. Vote: Yes- 5

**9. Approve/Amend Pierce Atwood Service Contract.**

White stated that the cost of \$7,500 was approved but the additional amount of \$3,500 was not included in original quote which includes the new power line TIF and revising the original BHE TIF. The new total is \$11,000. Lavoie moved to pay Pierce Atwood the additional \$3,500. Grover seconded. Vote: 5- Yes

**10. Update of TIF Program for Sidewalks (Ron Harriman).** Harriman stated that Orrington has completed for the Orrington Village Improvement Plan in 2011 and has formed a committee. Harriman talked about the need for a sidewalk from Harrison Ave to Pebble Creek. A TIF program has been set up from the Bangor Hydro

expansion. We have identified uses for those funds that would be important to the community. The plan was to apply for funds to help pay for these projects. We did submit an application for grant funding to the D.O.T. Ninety two applications were submitted, of which only seven were selected and Orrington was one that was selected. Harriman stated that \$495,000, will will be paid by federal funds and \$165,000 from TIF funds. In 2014, we will develop a RFP and get an engineering design. The agenda for tonight is to confirm that there is still support for this project. The total project is projected at \$660,000. \$165,000 from raised local funds and the remaining \$495,000 is from federal funds. Allcroft stated that this is big money but it is from the Bangor Hydro TIF, it was set aside. Grover asked if we can do our own engineering and design?

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White stated he preferred that we do our own engineering, but the most that will be contributed is \$165,000. Grover asked if we spend the \$35,000, are we guaranteed the funding is available. Harriman stated that this is as close to a guarantee as possible. Funding is not provided from this year's money. They want us to go ahead and design it. Serious projects will be the first to get allocated. If we fund the engineering estimated to be \$35,000 it will be part of the \$165,000 that we committed to the project, then 80% would be covered by federal funds. It is to our advantage to get the ball rolling. Allocation will probably be in January of next year. Allcroft stated that only the engineering cost now is \$35,000. White stated that we do have that money. Allcroft said this program has been around for a while. Bladen asked if the TIF money has to be spent on this project. Can it be spent on a fire-truck? White stated no, it can only be certain items and it has to be approved during the TIF approval process. White stated that roads have to be identified in the TIF.

Snows Corners Road widening project improvements at the corner of rte15 are identified and have been approved by BACTS/DOT. The town's portion is \$17,000 plus and rest of the money is from BACTS/ DOT. Much discussion. Bladen asked if there will be any lights along the sidewalk. White and Allcroft stated there are no lights along the sidewalk. There will be at least one crosswalk included in the project. Grover stated he can't believe a sidewalk will cost 5 times more than the Snows Corner reconstruction. Harriman stated it will be up to the community to decide what will be done. Grover asked what firm was used. White stated the firm was Wright Pierce. The total project cost is \$660,000. That includes crosswalks and 1.15 miles of sidewalk. Allcroft stated that next step is to return the letter to the state. We would look really bad if we decide to back out now. Bladen asked if an assessment was done on how it will affect houses along the sidewalk. White stated the sidewalk is within the right of way. Harriman stated that this will continue to be a public process. Bladen stated he is concerned about the amount of property that will be taken for the sidewalk project. Allcroft stated it will fit within the right of way. White stated that the idea for tonight is to say yes we will move forward. Lavoie motioned to move forward and send the letter back to the state. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes- 4, No- Bladen.

Allcroft stated that for every 10 million in improvements we TIF, the town tax is \$134,500. If we TIF it, we keep the \$134,500. If not 75% goes to the state and the town's valuation increases. We do raise those dollars except we retain those dollars.

**11. Discussion/Approval on new Fire Pumper Purchase.** Spencer thanked the board and thanked Scott Stewart for working with all the fire-truck salesmen. Stewart stated the figures were given to the board and they recommended they move forward with the low bid from E1. We had a checklist and E1 provided everything we had asked for. There were two things they didn't give us. We wanted three copies of the proposal and only one was given and the design came in 1.5 inches over height. We need to get rid of 1.5 inch of height. All three bids came in the same way. If we do a prepayment, we will get a \$12,700 credit. Stewart had spoken to White about the prepayment. Stewart recommended that we move forward with the project. White asked Stewart if he could give a brief overview of the equipment to refresh everyone's memory. Scott stated that we had the fire-truck customized and built for Orrington so it will meet our needs 25 years from now. The benefits are a life time frame warranty.

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You cannot get this on a commercial vehicle. Also, a commercial vehicle will not fit in the existing Fire Station. This fire-truck has a 1030 gallon tank, a 1500 gallon per minute discharge pump, increased compressed air system, increased storage space for equipment and it is much safer. Spencer stated that the initial thought for the price was \$437,000. This truck will be an improvement. We fought and made adjustments and lowered the price down \$2,000. It is helpful when all the trucks are the same make for parts and service. We have had exceptional service from E1. Goody asked where the truck goes for service. Stewart said it goes to Brunswick, ME or for major repairs it will go to North Attleboro, MA. Goody stated he is concerned about the size of the fire-truck getting in and out of the station. Stewart stated the fire-truck is longer but has a tighter turn radius. The size is a couple of feet longer than Orrington's longest truck. Stewart stated the new truck will fit in the station. Grover asked what this truck will do for the town. Why wouldn't a truck like Bangor's work. Why would they have a less expensive fire-truck? Stewart stated that they (Bangor) are spreading equipment out among more trucks. Orrington needs the enhanced body to get more storage where we have fewer trucks. We needed more water storage. Grover stated he has a hard time spending that much money. Spencer stated we need a truck that will serve this community for the next 25 years. Compress air foam costs more money but it is an asset in fire-fighting. Much discussion. Goody asked what is the cost difference to put out a fire using foam vs. water? Spencer stated that the cost of a five gallon jug of foam is between \$60 and \$65. There really is no way to know how much foam we are using. Stewart stated that this truck makes bubbles in hose which makes the hose lighter. Spencer said the price of these trucks are higher and they are built more efficient. They require less effort and they are safer for the fire fighters. Allcroft asked why they chose a 6 passenger cab instead of a 4 passenger. Stewart stated the cost of the cab is no different between a 6 passenger and a 4 passenger. The only cost difference is buying the two extra seats. The cab size is the same for either. Much discussion. Allcroft talked about the vehicle reserve policy and that we knew it would cost more. We bumped up the funds to the reserve. Grover stated that the plow truck was \$60,000 instead of \$40,000. Every vehicle costs more. Where are we with vehicle reserve? White stated that the fund has \$425,000 to replace fire truck. Spencer and White have spoken to move it to \$350,000 and then to \$400,000. We now have \$425,000 set aside for this truck. The funds now will not sustain for equipment for the future. We will have to increase funds from \$125,000 annually to \$200,000 annually. We will have a \$265,000 deficit unless we make a change. Allcroft stated that we have \$650,000 today in the account. The taxpayers have funded this. We need to do this now, if we don't, then next year it will be 15-20% more. Mark Buongiorno asked do you have to get that

fire-truck? Why can't we get away with a \$300,000 truck? Spencer stated that the fire-truck is built for the future of Orrington. We are doing what is right for the service of this community. Stewart stated that there are things on this truck that Bangor and Brewer's trucks don't have and Bangor and Brewer has things on their truck that our truck will not have. Combining apparatus is the wrong way to go today because of our building. The doors are not high enough. Bladen asked if there are any alternatives. Will we have to buy more fire-trucks in the future? Scott stated yes definitely we will have to purchase more fire-trucks. White stated that in 2018/2019 we will need a new fire truck. Bladen

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states that we are a small town. Spencer said yes we are a small town with big needs. Much discussion. Stewart stated that our firefighters deserve the same equipment that larger towns and cities have. We deserve the same safety and the highest technology. We can put out a fire in five minutes, be safer and use 5000 less gallons of water. We will keep this truck for 25 years. Much discussion. Goody stated that in 1981 he started with the fire department. When we bought the 361 it cost \$106,000. Gear was not much money. A fire truck was just a fire truck. Goody stated he is all about the safety part. Goody had a fire at his house and he feels we need to do this. Spencer stated that this truck was designed for our community. We are just trying to make it safer. Grover stated that he is not questioning safety I just feel there is an option for less money. Allcroft stated that we have asked the fire department twice for a less expensive truck. Stewart stated we can get a lower price, but it will not meet our needs. White stated he annually reviews the budget for each department and he has to keep increasing it. Goody asked what the differences are between the Rosenbower truck and the E1. Stewart stated that the Rosenbower truck was an overbid. Much discussion. Stewart stated that once the contract is signed, they have 240 days to deliver truck and have 2 full days of training. White stated he trusts that his staff to knows what the fire department needs are. Grover asked White if he feels comfortable that we can afford this fire truck. White stated that at the current state we could not, but as stated we need to make an adjustment to the budget. We can do it, but it will not be easy. We will more than likely see an increase in taxes for next year. Goody motioned to purchase the E1 typhoon fire truck with the prepay agreement for the price of \$435,000 and to have White sign the contract. Lavoie seconded. Yes: 4, No: Grover.

**12. Accept Donation from Lowes for materials for Fire Tower roof.**

White stated we have a donation from Lowes for building materials. Chad Bean wrote to Lowes for a donation and they have agreed to supply \$800 worth of materials. Lavoie motioned to accept the donation from Lowes. Bladen Seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

The Fire Department asked the Selectmen to accept a possible donation of a lift from a rental company. Lavoie motion to accept the possible donation of a lift from a rental company for the Fire Department. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes- 5

**13. Update on Road Projects.** White stated that paving didn't start this week.

The company is behind due to the weather. They will start approximately Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. However two sections of road that are opened up for culvert repairs will be paved this week. Paving crews are coming in this week due to safety concerns. Public Works are replacing culverts for roads being paved this year. The Brewer Lake Road, from Long Hill to the boat launch will be paved. Homestead Lane will get an overlay. This was supposed to be done last year. In addition, Center Drive, from Bowden's Corner down to Swetts Pond Road East. The Ferry Road will be reclaimed and have binder put down. White met with D.O.T again about the problems with the Ferry Road. Mr. John Devin met with White and he agrees with White's concern on erosion. White will get a report back from Devin. Also the Fowler Road from Johnson Mill to Center Drive will be repaved. Shimming will need to be done in some spots. We have a lot of ditching and brush clearing to do. Those projects will continue. In addition to that is the Brewer Lake Dam. The berms need some attention as far as, brush clearing and will be completed in

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the next couple of weeks. We are doing work around the Brewer Lake Road circle due to a water problem. Paving and shimming will also be done.

**14. Approve Rocky Knoll Renewal Application for Liquor License.**

Lavoie motioned to renew the application for Rocky Knoll's liquor license. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5

**15. Treasurer's Warrants and Budget Summary-** Passed around

**16. Report Folder-** Passed around.

**17. Town Manager's Report-** White stated that we were looking to put out to bid for a Town Vehicle for Public Works. White agreed with Grover to get a heavy duty truck. While purchasing this heavy duty White wants to trade the current 1 ton truck towards this heavy duty truck. White stated that it will be very favorable to do this. Bladen asked if that was the truck with the plow. White stated it was. Bladen asked if the plow be sold with truck. White stated yes, the new truck has a plow and a dump body. The new truck and Stoyell's truck will have a plow that fits both trucks. White mentioned that Allcroft, himself and Ed Bearor met in Augusta with DEP and Mallinckrodt. White was asked to keep the meeting in confidence. White had a request from Asst. Chief Stewart for a project that Stewart and Shellie Tourillotte have been working on. It is an outreach program for students. Stewart checked with the school about the process in developing the outreach program. Stewart and Tourillotte will move ahead with this project. The bus will drop students off at the Fire Department and parents will pick the kids up. Allcroft asked that Stewart look at all the possible things that could happen. White had meeting with Gary Williams. Williams is in public relations at CMP. White brought to his attention the road damage and that CMP should consider repairing it. White and Williams went thru town and measured roads where damage was and Williams will get back to White. They are willing to put some money towards fixing the superficial road work. Lastly, Sgt Carson looked at hiring an individual from Caribou. He has accepted position and is expected to start the end of August or beginning of September. He will have to go thru a physical exam and polygraph. Post Offices are making changes everywhere to their hours. This will impact the Town Office's mail delivery. The Orrington Post Office will be open from noon to 4:00pm. White had a discussion with Brewer Postmaster about having mail brought into the Town Office. We would have to have a mailing address other than 29 Center Drive. White suggested that we create new address for the Town Office. White stated that we will have to change our letterhead and mailing envelopes. White is looking at 1 Municipal Way for the new address. The Town Office cannot have a mailbox. Goody asked what if the Town Office is not open. White said the Post Office will hold the mail.

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**18. Board Comments-** Bladen stated that Campbell and others did a great job with the Old Home Week. We need more functions like that to keep people close. White stated that we need to consider how much money you want to spend to do that. The town paid \$5,000 this year. Bladen stated he thinks the fire-truck is a burden on the tax payers. Bladen stated that he is not an expert on fire trucks and we need to rely on our fire department.

Goody stated that the presentation that Ben Birch gave was top shelf and he does a great job. Goody stated he is confused about the Public Works replacement truck. Is Stoyell's truck the 3500 truck? White stated that we are looking at purchasing an 18,000 gvw truck. Goody stated that the new truck will be more heavy duty than Stoyell's current truck with same equipment. Goody commended Stewart and Spencer on their presentation.

Grover commented that the emergency contact numbers from PERC have changed on the handout. White believes that the selectmen do not need to respond to odor complaints on their personal time. The Public Works foremen will respond to complaints on normal business hours and White is available 24/7 and also the police. Grover asked why we do odor complaints. White stated it does serve a purpose. We don't have a lot of complaints like we use to. Grover stated he thinks it's a waste of time because nothing comes of it. White stated we get a report of why the complaint was made. Allcroft stated that it is a good idea to have it and an official from the town should be there. Allcroft is not opposed to having his name on the list. Allcroft stated we may want to reconsider and have a bigger list of names. Grover stated he voted against fire truck just because he is worried about the budget.

Lavoie informed the board that she will not be attending the Selectmen's Meeting for September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> and asked to be excused.

Allcroft asked if the DEP approved repairs to the culvert on Fields Pond Road. White states yes, they are all set. Allcroft stated he will also be away for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen's meeting. Allcroft asked the board to please check their calendars to make sure there will be three selectmen there for that meeting.

White mentioned to the board that a committee needs to be put together by late September or early October for the public safety building.

**19. Adjourn-** Lavoie motioned to adjourn at 9:40pm. Bladen seconded.

Vote: Yes-5

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*Chairman*

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*Manager*

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*Clerk*

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