



TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2013

Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM. Those present were; Chairman, Kevin Allcroft; Christine Lavoie, Howard Grover, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; 10 citizens including Rep. Dick Campbell and several members of the Old Home Week Committee. Town Manager, Paul White is still on medical leave.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** Allcroft noted that an amendment to the June 10th meeting minutes will be added to item 3.
- 2. Public Comments:** Resident, Sharon Caron inquired about the minutes from a previous meeting that included Town Manager, Paul White's evaluation. In particular, regarding the extra compensation he receives for opting out of the Town's health insurance plan. She asked if this is normal practice for every employee or specific to him. Allcroft stated that this is for any employee who opts out of our health plan. However; health insurance is required. Any employee who does not pick up health insurance with the Town is required to provide proof of health insurance coverage. The amount White is compensated is approximately half of what the Town would pay for his coverage if he opted in. There has been one other employee who was compensated for not utilizing the Town's health plan in the past.

Dick Campbell presents the Board with the final schedule of events for Old Home Week. He met with Public Safety today. Rt. 15 between Snows Corner Road and Center Drive will be closed off for the parade on Saturday. Police staff will be at both ends to detour traffic. Bladen informed Campbell that he wishes to see his insurance coverage as an extra precaution due to the fatality at the 4th of July parade in Bangor. He assured the Board that precautions will be taken. Bruce Bowden stated that no candy will be tossed out to the crowd that would cause children to run into the parade route. Casella will be collecting items of donation from the spectators for Operation Christmas Child on behalf of Lighthouse Church of God. Allcroft stated that the Board will be available to judge the parade. They will need to coordinate schedules for judging the other events requested. He stated that he would get in touch with Sue Pate once that is done. Campbell also stated that the events at Wiswell Farm will be nice. A supper will be held as a fundraiser for a needy family on behalf of Calvary Chapel. \$10/person or \$20/family will be cost of tickets. There will be a cannon firing and civil war reenactments there as well.

- 3. Approve: Selectmen's Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes for June 24, 2013:** Bladen moved to approve the minutes for June 24th. Grover seconded. **Vote: Yes-3.** Lavoie and Goody abstained due to absence at that meeting.

Minutes for May 28, 2013 TIF Public Hearing: Lavoie moved to approve the minutes for the May 28th TIF public hearing. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes-4.** Grover abstained due to his absence at that hearing.

Amend Minutes for June 10, 2013: Resident, Donna Golding stated that she went online to review the posted minutes, and came across her name mentioned during the June 10th meeting in reference to item 6 regarding the Swetts Pond Beaver Flowage. She stated she called Susan Carson to inform her that she had not been in contact with Allcroft regarding access to the dam

as the minutes are written. Carson took the minutes off the Town's website at that time. Allcroft stated that Carson had informed him of this discrepancy and he called Golding today to inform her that the minutes would be amended and to assure her no discussion took place at that meeting as it is a legal issue that has not been resolved yet. Golding stated that she was very surprised to see her name and Pelletier's as well. She would like to believe that the minutes that are posted online are true and accurate. She does not feel like she can trust the Board at this time. Allcroft stated that the item couldn't have been discussed for legal reasons. Minutes are a generalized interpretation of discussion. The item should have simply stated that no discussion could take place. He informed her that he did not make the statement that was written "Allcroft indicated that Donna Golding and Pelletier have been in contact with him regarding access to the dam." He stated that he does the best he can to review materials closely, and do the best job he can. He apologized profusely for the oversight in allowing the minutes to be approved with the misstatement. He apologized to Golding and Pelletier (who was also present tonight). Allcroft stated that he has informed Golding and Pelletier that he could be in contact with them to let them know when discussion occurs at a meeting regarding the beaver flowage so they are aware and can be present should they wish. This is an open ended agenda item so that when a resolution to the matter comes, the Board would be prepared and not have to add the item to the agenda suddenly. Golding stated there are several statements in the minutes of that item that shouldn't have been said at all if no discussion could occur. Golding stated she has read through past minutes and took note of statements that Bladen has made during various items. She commended him for his character, and stated that she feels she can trust him. Golding has prepared her own minutes that she wishes to be added to tonight's minutes. Carson presents the Board with copies of them. After reviewing the requested minutes from Golding, Lavoie stated that she feels it is too much to add. Lavoie then made a motion to note Donna Golding's objection to the original minutes for June 10th regarding her and Pelletier, and to have that line stricken from the minutes as Golding felt it was a misstatement. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.** Allcroft apologized to Golding for going to the trouble to type her own minutes to add to tonight's official minutes, but he appreciated her efforts.

4. *Awards & Recognition: None*

5. *Appointments & Resignations: Appoint Jamie Wilkinson to ORC:* Wilkinson is present to meet the Board. Allcroft begins by informing Wilkinson that he has served on the ORC in past years and feels it is a very important program. He thanked him for his willingness to serve. Lavoie moved to appoint Wilkinson to ORC. Grover seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.** Wilkinson was then sworn in by Carson.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

7. *Department and Committee Reports:*

A. Fire/Rescue Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

B. Animal Control Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

8. *Treasurer's Warrants and Budget Summary:* Passed around and signed.

9. *Report Folder:* Allcroft noted that the only items were two agendas to Brewer City Council being passed around for review.

10. *Town Manager's Report:* Carson informed the Board of a couple of items in White's absence. Dr. Adam Lauer had called this afternoon to inform White that the Tri-Athalon event is all set and ready to go for Old Home Week. He had not been in touch with White or the Board for a while and just wanted to touch base. Core safety will be gone over with Public Safety. Dr. Lauer will be emailing White as well. The new tabulating machine for elections was delivered recently. Trainings will be attended by the clerks on use of the machine. Sgt. Jon Carson was involved in an accident in Bucksport when responding to a motorcycle accident recently. The new 2013 Ford cruiser was sideswiped by an 18 wheeler when he had it parked by the side of Rt. 15. Carson was not injured, but the cruiser sustained damages that were paid

for by the other party's insurance company. \$10,751.88 was received and then paid out to Simpy's Auto Body for repair work.

11. *Board Comments:* Bladen stated that he was thankful for public that take the time to look over the minutes from meetings that are posted on the web. Most people don't take the time to review. Goody thanked the Board for excusing him at the last meeting. He asked for clarification on Allcroft's comment in the last minutes regarding the Fields Pond Rd. culvert. Allcroft had stated that he didn't believe there should have been a drop off for water spillage, and that he believes the culvert should have been more flushed to the ground. Goody asked for clarification on his opinion. Allcroft stated that according to DEP, that body of water is a stream and that the current placement of the culvert was not acceptable by DEP at that type of wetland. After the meeting that he made that comment, Allcroft met with Susan and Public Works Foreman, Brian Stoyell to air his concerns. Stoyell was aware of the issue and said that it is being addressed. Allcroft has not had an update as of yet. Goody stated there is quite a bump in the road there now. Allcroft stated that it would be taken care of after the culvert issue is resolved. Grover stated he is surprised to see the memo from Sgt. Jon Carson regarding eliminating the two part-time positions. Allcroft stated that he is under the impression that eventually the part-time positions would most likely phase out with the new full-time position being added. Susan interjected that the two part-time deputies listed were still going to be on-call deputies, but that their benefits (sick time, vacation, etc) would be eliminated. Grover also mentioned the email regarding the Governor's budget veto regarding revenue sharing. Allcroft said more discussion would take place when White is back as he has the knowledge of the financial implications. Lavoie stated that her neighbors who also border the Disc Golf Course are pleased with the results of the course moving the parking lot to the lower field. It has made a big difference in the noise level and disturbance that occurred when the parking lot was near their house. The neighbors wanted Lavoie to thank the Board for following through on the issue. Allcroft stated he would like to review the minutes from previous meetings where the discussion took place regarding blocking off the old parking lot. If the Board said they were going to block it off, we should follow through soon. He would just like to be sure of who was going to do the barricade. Lavoie also apologized for not being at the last meeting as there was a personal issue that had come up. Allcroft asked the Board if they received his email regarding Old Home Week and judging the events. At this time the Board coordinates schedules and decides when a good time would be to travel to the homes for the decorating contest as well as the library for the photo contest. Allcroft also stated that Greg Spencer had left him a flyer with info regarding the Fire Association requesting sponsorship for a golf tournament on August 18th. We have time to put it on the next agenda for approval of that expenditure. Today he had a call regarding a PERC complaint. This was the first time he had been called to investigate. There is a new Plant Manager there and he was not sure of the procedure to follow. Allcroft received a contact list, procedure info and complaint form from Susan at the Town Office today. The contact list needs to be updated as there are former employees/Selectmen on the list. This will be reviewed with White.

12. *Adjourn:* Lavoie moved to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk

