



TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting July 22, 2013

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

Special Public Meeting Call to order: The special public meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM regarding the legislative ordinance changes to General Assistance. White explained the new changes in legislation concerning the rates for General Assistance. Housing increases have changed from \$29 to \$49. Meeting was closed at 7:04 PM.

Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 PM. Those present were; Chairman, Kevin Allcroft;, Howard Grover, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager; Paul White, Deputy Town Clerk; Michele Skillin; Policing Supervisor; Jon Carson, Public Works Foreman; Brian Stoyell and six residents. Christine Lavoie had been excused from the meeting.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:** The policing monthly report was added to 7B.
- 2. Public Comments:** Charlotte Lawton from Rocky Shore Drive wanted thank the Town for hosting the Triathlon which she said was a great success with 80 participants. She also commended all of the departments that were involved. White stated that there were no incidents this year and also noted that the Town will be compensated for the use of the Town's safety resources. Mark Buongiorno asked about Disc Golf. White stated that he would discuss this later in the evening. Ron Hamlin asked where the agendas were posted in town as he had trouble finding them. White told him of the three locations and stated that they were posted last Friday. Hamlin inquired if we graded the roads more than once a year and if the mowing had been done on public intersections. White responded that the roads were graded as needed and weather permitting and the public mowing was once a year. Much discussion. White instructed Brian Stoyell to look at the Public Boat Landing for mowing considerations.
- 3. Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for July 08, 2013.** Grover motioned to approve the minutes. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes – 4.**
- 4. Awards & Recognition: None**
- 5. Appointments & Resignations: None**

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Old Business:

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

New Business:

7. Department and Committee Reports:

A. Policing Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

B. Public Works Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

8. Discussion of new hire for Policing Department: Carson gave details of the candidate for full hire for the Policing Department. He explained the buy-out procedures when hiring an officer from another town (in this case Caribou) that had paid for the academy training. Carson would like to use \$3000 out of his budget for the buy-out cost for this officer. Allcroft stated concerns regarding hiring the officer and then in six month the officer going to another town. Could we negotiate in his contract that he remain for one year? Grover asked Sgt. Carson if he has the work schedules set up. Carson responded that he was working on it, but wanted input from his officers first. Grover motioned to approve the hiring and monies needed. Goody seconded. **Vote: Yes-4.**

9. Approve new Rates for General Assistance: White explained the changes to the state ordinance regarding rates for General Assistance. Bladen asked if there was a mandate that required the GA applicant be a resident of Orrington for a period of time. White responded that there was no time requirement. Grover motioned to approve the rates. Goody seconded. Bladen wanted an amended motion to require that the applicant be a resident of Orrington for six month. White explained that the town could not amend mandates to State law. Bladen wanted it noted that he wanted the Town to have more local control. **Vote: Yes-3, No-1.**

10. Acceptance of Safety Enhancement Grant for Public Works: Stoyell described the grant for purchasing safety equipment for the Public Works Department. Total amount awarded is \$1,977.17. He also explained that this grant can be applied for twice a year and the amount could equal as much as \$5,000/per year. Grover motioned to accept. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes-4.**

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

12. Report Folder: Passed around.

13. Town Manager's Report: White informed the board of a proposal for extra work done by Pierce Atwood on the TIF in the amount of \$3,500 and requested that it be put on the next meeting's agenda. White told the Board that Disc Golf will be moved out of the building that they are now occupying by the end of September. He questioned if Public Works could move the building down by the fuel shed and use the building for sign storage. White stated that he has requested an estimate from D & H Construction for moving the building and a constructing a slab to put it on. Grover had budget concerns as how to fit this into the current budget. Allcroft noted that moving Disc Golf to the back of the field has taken away many ongoing concerns that have been brought to the Selectmen in the past. Much discussion. White stated that he will be

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meeting with Mary Lynne Hunter and Ben Birch on Thursday, July 25th for the tax commitment. He also stated there will be no increases in the tax rate. White informed the board that he will be attending a meeting on August 8th in Augusta in regard to the Holtra-chem site. Maine DEP, Town of Orrington and Mallinckrodt will be in attendance. White asked Brian Stoyell to attend a picnic lunch at the Penobscot Energy Recover plant on Wednesday, July 24th. He also requested that if the board members were available that they also attend. White spoke about his concerns with the increasing costs for the Swetts Pond Dam. He will make inquiries regarding other options to HDR. White stated that the Public Works Departments one ton truck needs replacement. White stated the he would like to put a RFP out for bids in the near future with the approval of the Selectmen. Bladen inquired if funds were available. Goody, Bladen and Grover discussed size of replacement vehicle and if it would be traded in.

14. Board Comments: Grover inquired about the Fields Pond culvert repairs. White explained that they had put rip rap along the culvert, seeded and mulched. Allcroft requested that John Cullen be called to inspect so that it may be paved. Grover inquired about a small piece of land near the boat landing access on the Swetts Pond. He questioned if we should pursue a purchase of a small piece of land at the access. White explained that he had spoken to someone in the past and they had said no. Grover can pursue if he wishes. Would they donate the small piece and if they do, can we upgrade? Grover also inquired if we were going to start with the industrial park entrance now that zoning is done. White will make inquiries with the planning board for the first two sections. Bladen remarked that we should look into environmentally friendly businesses. Allcroft asked Bladen to do the research. Goody questioned the purchase of lenses and a squad bench net on the Autotronics invoice. Greg Spencer from the fire department informed him of the uses of the items purchased. Goody also commented that the Old Home Week went well and that our departments involved did a good job. It was brought up that Dick Campbell had asked in passing that someone speak for the Town at the Curran Farm during the Old Home Week ceremony at the farm. Allcroft was out of town when contacted. Grover was in attendance, but did not speak. Bladen had no comments. Allcroft noted that the committee and everyone involved did a great job on Old Home Week. He thanked the committee for all their hard work. Allcroft also reported that there are some residents of the town that would like to see Clark Falls from the road. Could the brush be cleared for visual effect? Grover noted that the falls have some history. White stated that they would not open the road to the falls for obvious reasons, but that maybe the conservation committee could revisit it.

15. Adjourn : Grover motioned to adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM. Bladen seconded.
Vote: Yes – 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele G. Skillin, Deputy Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk

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