



TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 10, 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; Kevin Allcroft, Christine Lavoie, Howard Grover, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; No citizens present.

1. *Adjustments to the Agenda:* White asked to add approval of a one-time outdoor liquor license event by Jeff's Catering. Will be added under New business, item C.
2. *Public Comments:* None.
3. *Approve: June 3, 2013 Town Meeting Minutes:* Lavoie moved to approve the minutes for the June 3, 2013 Annual Town Meeting. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes-4. Grover abstained due to absence at that meeting.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2013: Lavoie moved to approve the minutes for the May 28th meeting. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-3. Grover and Bladen abstained due to their absence at that meeting.

4. *Awards & Recognition:* None
5. *Appointments & Resignations:*

A. Appointment of Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for 2013-2014: Lavoie moved to appoint Allcroft. Bladen seconded. Grover moved to appoint Goody. Lavoie seconded. Vote for Allcroft: Yes-4, No-1. Grover voted no. Vote for Goody: Yes-1. Allcroft, Lavoie, Goody and Bladen voted no. Allcroft was appointed Chairman for the year.

B. Annual Appointments for Boards/Committees, Re-Appointments for 2012-2013: Lavoie moved to approve the list as presented. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Old Business:

6. A. *Update on Swetts Pond Road beaver flowage:* Goody asked if he could ask a question regarding the dam. White stated that no discussion can take place due to still being a legal situation. We are nearing the end and hope to have a resolution in the next couple of meetings.

New Business:

7. *Department and Committee Reports:*

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

B. ACO Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

C. Outdoor Event Liquor License: The requested event will be on 7/13 and is requested by Jeff's Catering at Sandra Green's property on Green Ln. A public hearing will need to be held before the next Selectmen's meeting and public notice will need to be advertised. The Board was in consensus to allow the public hearing.

8. *Approve Contract extensions for Public Mowing, Equipment Rental, Snow Removal, Road-side Mowing, Gravel/Winter salt and sand contracts for 2013-2014.* : Bladen moved to allow White to sign the contracts. White stated there is no increase in Equipment Rental or Snow Removal. Lavoie seconded. Vote: Yes-4. Grover abstained as an employee of D&H. Salt/Sand and Gravel contract. White stated Clisham Construction has been very reliable and we receive quality products. Lavoie moved. Grover seconded. Vote: Yes-5. Roadside Mowing- White stated Atwell Edgecomb has not raised his price. Bladen moved to approve, Lavoie seconded. Vote: Yes-5. Lavoie moved to approve and Bladen seconded the Public Mowing contract. Vote: Yes-5.

9. *Approve Town manager's Contract for 2013-2014:* Grover said we are supposed to have an executive session for review. Allcroft stated that the charter does not specify there has to be an executive session. Lavoie moved to approve the Town Manager's contract. Allcroft seconded. The Board discussed how evaluations can be done and that it just needs to be discussion around constructive criticism and if there is a direction the manager needs to take they would give it then. Bladen stated he feels White does a good job. The only thing he has a hard time with is the insurance option. The Board opted to pay him an extra \$4,000 not to sign on with health insurance as he is saving the Town money by not having the Town pay his health insurance. White explained that when originally hired, he was paid

a salary. Last year he asked for his salary to be adjusted to reflect not taking health insurance. It is listed separately in the contract so that it would be not construed as a performance increase. Bladen stated White has done an excellent job in bringing budget together. Grover agrees that White does a good job but he has just had several comments from the public that he has come across short/abrasive. Goody asked if it specifies in the Charter that an executive session has to happen. It does not. Allcroft reads the charter section 4 under Town Manager annual contract renewal. White opted to not have executive session. He wanted the discussion around contract renewal/evaluation to be in open session. Allcroft stated that he feels that the meeting around Memorial Day is when this should annually be discussed. Town Meeting and budget time has a tendency to overshadow this. Goody asked for clarification around last year. He thought contract renewal was separate from personnel issue. He wanted to be sure they were not going to be held accountable for not having an executive session. The Board was in consensus that what is presently being discussed is what would be discussed in executive session. White stated that if there is ever an issue he would hope the Board would come to him at that time instead of waiting 6 months to a year to discuss. Allcroft reiterated the good job he feels White does. Vote: Yes-5 in support of renewing the contract as written.

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

11. Report Folder: Passed around.

12. Town Manager's Report: White stated the appropriations committee at the State is pretty much done but the budget will be negatively affecting the Towns with Revenue Sharing and Homestead Exemption reimbursement. White will be looking at the budget numbers closely. Swetts Pond Dam repair proposal will come from HDR mid-July. Road closure will happen on June 17-19 on Fields Pond Road due to culvert replacement. Notification was sent to all property owners on Fields Pond Road and roads off from it today. Donations to the Orrington Fire Association were requested in lieu of flowers to the funeral service of Linda Severance. The Board was in consensus to give a donation of \$100. White and Dick Campbell accepted a plaque that was presented to Orrington from Brewer City Council for old home week. On June 19th White will be out having back surgery. 3 week

absence from the office but he will be tied in remotely to the computer from home.

13. Board Comments : Bladen stated that we have it pretty good here considering the challenges most Towns are facing. Paul and his staff do a good job along with the rest of the Board. Goody gave his kudos to the office for what gets done. He appreciated the kind words spoken by Mr. Elkin at Town Meeting addressing the Boards who do a good job with budgets. Grover apologized for not being at the last meeting and Town Meeting. He also agreed that White is doing a good job. Grover asked White to look into the signage at Rocky Knoll. Much discussion regarding sign ordinance. Grover also noted that the Disc Golf Course has a new building down on the lot. He asked when they will be in it. White stated July. Painting on the Town Office is done. Allcroft asked what happened to the car annex on River Road. White stated they pulled out because they aren't going to go through the site plan process.

14. Adjourn : Bladen moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Lavoie seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk