



TOWN OF ORRINGTON
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
November 25, 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 Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Fire Chief, Mike Spencer; Asst. Chief, Scott Stewart; Fire/Rescue Employee, Shellie Tourtillotte; 3 citizens.

1. *Adjustments to the Agenda:* None

2. *Public Comments:* None.

3. *Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2013:* Lavoie moved to approve the minutes. Grover seconded. Vote: Yes-3. Allcroft and Goody abstained as they were absent for that meeting.

4. *Awards & Recognition:* None

5. *Appointments & Resignations:*

Old Business:

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

7. *Update on Swetts Pond Dam replacement:* White informed the Board that the committee had previously met and the members were asked to bring back a proposal for what they felt was needed for a structure at the location of the current dam. The proposals brought back last week were very different than what was given to us by HDR. White is hopeful that the end result will cut the cost in half of what HDR had given us. Allcroft stated that even with the cost savings, we would need to budget for future maintenance of our other dams.

8. *Update date on Clean-up weekends concerns:* White has been working on a resolve to not being able to accept brush and yard debris for burning at Public Works. White stated that he has no alternative at this point other than to discontinue taking in brush and yard clean-up debris. A public notice will

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go out shortly. He is still working on an alternative for clean-up weekends. Much discussion regarding possible alternatives.

New Business:

9. *Department and Committee Reports:*

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

B. Public Works Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

10. Update on Meeting of Public Safety Committee: White informed the Board that there were 6 people involved, and the first meeting went well. Sgt. Jon Carson, Fire Chief, Mike Spencer, Kevin Allcroft, Jim Ring, Kyle Casburn and himself, make up the committee. It is hoped to have a proposal to bring to the Town for building in 2016. White will likely bring a recommendation to the Board that we use some of the building reserve money, apply for a grant, and then to use a portion of the undesignated funds as the auditor has often recommended. A dollar figure has not been estimated yet. The first project will be determining the needs. Resident, Mark Bourngirno asked if there is a dollar figure White has in mind that he won't exceed. White said he has one in his mind but the needs need to be decided first. He is not ready to put a dollar figure out there at this point. Allcroft interjected that if the needs are listed, and it is proven that they are in fact needs, the dollar figure will reflect that. The goal of the committee is meeting the needs of the departments cost effectively.

11. Approve Application for Smoke Detector Grant: Scott Stewart introduced Shellie Tourtillotte who is the public safety educator for the Fire/Rescue Dept. Stewart stated that following the fatal house fire last year, Tourtillotte has been working on educating the public on fire safety. She recently attended a training event in Saco and had been made aware of a grant available to purchase smoke detectors in order to make them available to residents who need them. Tourtillotte would be going door to door with information for residents. Chief Spencer stated that detectors should be replaced after 10 years. Goody asked if Tourtillotte would be able to counsel the residents who have a detector that is not of quality. White feels this would be an educational opportunity if the resident wants to receive it. It will not be an opportunity to pressure people or embarrass them about what they do have if it is not quality. White extends his kudos to Tourtillotte for her efforts. Tourtillotte said that she is in hopes that by going door to door it would give the opportunity to those who may not have the time or desire to go to the Department to obtain one. Allcroft asked how they will handle residences that have more than one floor since code requires one per floor. Tourtillotte said that with 1000 detectors, their goal

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would be to at least get one to those who do not have one and for those who are under-protected, an additional detector to cover an extra floor that may not have one. The detectors they want to obtain for the grant would have dual sensors to detect both smoke and heat. Grover made a motion to allow the Department to apply for this grant. Lavoie seconded. Bladen asked what the cost would be to the Town. White said \$2,000. Resident, Sharon Caron, asked if individual units within apartment houses are considered residents for this purpose or if it is the landlord's responsibility to make sure the unit is protected. White stated that he personally feels it should be the landlord's responsibility. However, he doesn't feel that anyone should be left out of this opportunity. Vote: Yes-5.

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

13. *Report Folder:* Passed around.

14. *Town Manager's Report:* White will be on vacation the rest of this week. Vandalism has occurred in Town involving poster boards covering speed limit signs, etc. specifically targeting individuals and it has been taken care of and the person has been spoken to by the police. Mallinckrodt and DEP will be holding a meeting in Portland soon and White will be attending with Attorney, Bearor. White invites any of the Board to go to the Town's property on Grant Road before it is gated and posted. He stated it looks very nice. The annual audit report has been delivered. It is typical of what White would like to see. No major deficiencies were reported. There were some significant deficiencies that have already been fixed and took minimal time to correct. Allcroft asked about a specific statement in the report that said a specific dollar amount in the bank is at risk. White explains that is not a concern as some are investments. The Finance Committee regularly meets about this. Grover asked about the increase in assets and what that entails. Allcroft points out the list on previous pages that bring it to light.

15. *Board Comments:* Bladen wishes the beaver dam issue can be resolved soon. Goody has the county budget book and has a lot of interesting information in it if anyone wants to look at it. He also asked if there will be a Christmas get together. The office will have a luncheon at noon on Christmas Eve. The other departments will do their own thing. The Board decides on a night to do a dinner for their celebration. Spencer informs the Board that the Association has a get together planned for 12/12. Grover asked about the procedure for calling in for plowing this year. White will get with him on that. Lavoie noted the entrance to Center Drive when turning from the north is in need of reflectors of some sort. She feels the pavement drops to the large rocks in the ditching and finds it hard to tell where the pavement ends at night. Allcroft apologized for missing the last meeting.

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16. *Adjourn*: Lavoie moved to adjourn at 8:20. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk

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