



TOWN OF ORRINGTON
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2013

Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:01 PM. Those present were; Chairman, Kevin Allcroft, Christine Lavoie, Howard Grover, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Economic Development Advisor, Ron Harriman; 4 citizens.

1. *Adjustments to the Agenda:* None

2. *Public Comments:* Resident, Sharon Caron asked if a street name had been decided for the Town Office. White said One Municipal Way.

3. *Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2013:* Grover moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-3. Allcroft and Lavoie abstained as they were not present at that meeting.

4. *Awards & Recognition:* None

5. *Appointments & Resignations:*

Old Business:

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

7. B. *Update on MDOT Sidewalk Grant:* White had presented the Selectmen with a memo from Ron Harriman that listed what the project would entail. Harriman addressed the Board at this time. He stated that if we (the Town) decide to proceed with the project on our own, we can likely expecting funding in the 2016-2017 budget cycle from Federal and State programs. If we wait for MDOT to share the design cost, he believes the cost will increase significantly. The construction split will be 80% grant and 20% Town. However, the design cost will not be applied to the 20% match required for construction. Board approval would be needed should the cost be higher than the newest estimate for design & permitting which is projected at \$45,000. He believes the highest the cost would be is \$60,000

which would require us to come up with an additional \$15,000. There is a chance that the cost could exceed the original estimated amount for the Town's total project cost of \$165,000. Excess funds would come out of Tif money. The SEAC committee was in support of moving ahead with the design & permitting. Allcroft is in support of moving ahead with this project, he does not feel \$15,000 is an unreasonable amount with grant money coming in. He stated the next step would be getting RFPs. There is no way to know what the actual cost will be, although he believes it will be on the higher end. There is also no definite knowledge of what budget year the funding will come in. White stated he met with Bruce Matheson, safety engineer from DOT regarding the intersection at Snows Corner and Rt. 15. It was agreed that area needs to be addressed. Improvements could be made during the Snows Corner Rd widening project. Resident, Donna Golding asked what the SEAC committee is. Harriman explained it is the Selectmen's Economic Advisory Committee that meets and brings recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in regards to economic development. Sharon Caron asked why MDOT doesn't pay for the project fully if they are already going to be funding 75-80% of the cost. White stated that is the State's way of reducing cost.

New Business:

8. Department and Committee Reports:

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

B. ACO Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

9. Approve Junkyard Permits as submitted: Lavoie moved to approve the junkyard permits as submitted. Bladen seconded. Lavoie asked if White has heard any complaints against any of them. White stated he has not. Vote: Yes-5. Grover asked White if he has seen the CEO inspections for the junkyards. White stated he has not but will check with Mr. Wellington.

10. Enhancement Grant for Turnout Gear for Fire/Rescue Dept.: White stated this grant would provide 2 sets of turnout gear which will cost approximately \$2,000, with the Town contributing to 1/3 of the cost. Lavoie moved to approve allowing the Fire/Rescue Dept. to pursue the grant. Grover seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

11. Discussion on Snow's Corner Road Re-construction: White informed the Board that in order to use Tif money for this project as we had planned it will take an additional 5 years to raise the necessary funds. The estimated cost for phase 2 are \$55,000 for plans, \$350,000 for construction, \$95,000 for paving, \$200,000 for overlay from to the Dow Road/Johnson Mill Road

intersection, with contingency funds of \$77,000 for unforeseen expenditures. White anticipates the total cost, with contingency to be around \$770,000. There is currently just over \$134,000 generated annually into the Bangor Hydro Tif fund with a current balance of \$190,000-\$200,000. White recommends asking the Town voters to borrow \$770,000 from surplus, paying back over 10 years at a rate of \$77,000 annually from Bangor Hydro Tif fund. He stressed that we cannot wait 5 years for the Tif to build up. This would also allow for the Tif account to not be depleted so that funds are available for any projects that may come up. Grover asked White how much money is in the surplus fund currently. White stated approximately 3.5 million. Allcroft stated he has 2 reasons why he and Paul discussed the option of borrowing from surplus. First is the length of time to finish the project and waiting for Tif account to build up funds, and second being the auditor having stated that the Town has too much money in the undesignated fund. Resident, John Cunningham stated that from a taxpayers point, this option may help out when it comes time to finalize plans for a new Public Safety building. Goody asked to clarify his understanding of the payback process. White confirmed the cost would be \$77,000 annually over 10 years. Lavoie moved to accept White's recommendation of carrying to the voters the request to borrow from surplus. Sharon Caron asked if the surplus grows every year. White stated it does not build up as a budgeted item. He informed her that over past years, the overlay that has been added to the tax commitment has been too high causing the surplus to rise. White clarified that surplus cannot be used to reduce the budget, but it can be used for capital projects. Resident, Ron Hamlin asked if the engineering has been done for the entire project. White stated it has not. Goody seconded the motion made by Lavoie. Vote: Yes-5. A special town meeting will need to be scheduled.

12. Drainage/Water runoff on Ferry Road: Mr. Morin's property on the Ferry Road is experiencing more erosion due to the DOT project on Rt. 15 that concentrated the collection of water and has caused substantial erosion on Mr. Morin's property. Mr. Devlin with DOT feels the Town is partially responsible due to the cross culvert that was installed on the Ferry Road several years ago. He gave White a cost estimate to remedy the situation. White feels the estimate is too high. He asked Mr. Devlin if we can work with our own contractors. He was told we can. White met with Dan Grover, Jr. with D&H Construction and Public Works Foreman, Brian Stoyell and looked over the area. It was agreed it is not feasible to rip-rap Mr. Morin's property. An alternate plan would be to ditch and rip-rap the easterly side of the Ferry Road. The estimated cost for this type of project would be estimated at \$8,000. DOT will split the cost. This would entail removing the existing

culvert and do rip rapping. White would like D&H to begin tomorrow if the Board will approve. Ditching will be run to the brook where it was before. After the ditch line is dug, fabric will be put under and rip rapped with 5"-9" stone to the brook. The culvert will be torn out last. White stated we will pay the entire cost with DOT reimbursing us half. Lavoie moved to approve the Ferry Rd. ditch re-configuration to resolve the erosion problem. Bladen seconded. Goody voiced that he feels DOT should be paying 100% of the cost since the erosion worsened after their project. Vote: Yes-5.

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

14. *Report Folder*: Passed around.

15. *Town Manager's Report*: White reminded the Board that Saturday the 19th is Fall Cleanup Day. He asked if anyone else is able to work other than Lavoie who has committed to work already. Allcroft will check his schedule. Public Safety Building Committee has been put together. The first meeting will be November 20th. Oak Hill Cemetery project is complete. D&H Construction did excellent work. White met with a Bangor Hydro rep regarding access to the Orrington Pound. During the Rt. 15 project, it was agreed that DOT would create a curb cut. Hydro has an access area that is flat in surface and agreed that can be used for the public to park and access the Pound. The Fire Association is putting on an appreciation dinner on the 27th at 5:00 PM at the school. The Board is invited to attend. We have experienced frustration with the engineering firm we are using for the Swetts Pond Dam. Orrington resident and Bangor engineer, Jim Ring, is looking for a resolve. Meeting will be held on the 29th with Bill Olver, Bruce Gray, Eric Calderwood, Herb Sargent, Jim Ring, and White in attendance. Sharon Caron asked if the Town owns the dam. White confirmed. It was voted on at Town Meeting in 1995 to take ownership. White explained that beavers have built dams before the man-made dam. This raised water levels and FEMA has stepped in and is requiring a resolve from us. Donna Golding asked what the Town's goal is for this dam. Allcroft informed her that it needs to be replaced and/or modified. The cost originally started at \$230,000 and has increased to \$600,000. This dam needs to be approved by FEMA, so it needs to be fixed to their specs. We are now looking for a more cost effective way to repair/replace it. Paving is moving ahead. Fowler Road will be done tomorrow, Brewer Lake Road on Friday, along with patching at Kozy Korner culvert. Monday Ferry Road will begin. Some overlay projects will need to wait until spring. John Cunningham informed the Board that there is a benefit dinner being held at the Holbrook School on Saturday the 19th from 4-8 PM for David Morrill who was active with the Fire and Ambulance Departments in past years.

16. *Board Comments:* Bladen noted that there is too much activity with the blinking traffic light at the end of Center Drive. He feels it is flashing erratically. Goody asked what was decided on for the new Public Works truck. White informed him that the decision was between a dealership in Massachusetts and White Ford in Bangor. White Ford's bid came in \$9.00 more, so they went with them in order to keep business local. Grover stated that Mr. Bouchard's house on the Snows Corner intersection has been torn down. However, the lilac trees were left. He believed they were supposed to be cut down. White will look into. Sharon Caron asked if that intersection will be widened. White explained that BACTS has a grant and will be helping to fund in order to widen the intersection and put in turn lanes. DOT will be doing the actual work.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk