



TOWN OF ORRINGTON
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 28, 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, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Police Supervisor, Jon Carson; Deputy, Jason Matheson; 7 citizens. Allcroft informed the Board that Selectman, Howard Grover had informed him he needed to be absent tonight. He was excused.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:*** White asked that Treasurer's Warrant and Budget Summary be added. It will be placed as 14a.
- 2. Public Comments:*** Sgt. Carson introduced Deputy, Jason Matheson to the Board. Matheson is the Town's new 3rd full-time officer. He came to Orrington from Caribou and Carson said he is doing very well here. Matheson and the Board exchanged greetings.
- 3. Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2013.*** Lavoie moved to approve the minutes. Goody seconded. Bladen wished to clarify his comment regarding the traffic lights at the end of Center Drive. Allcroft asked that under item 11, "build the necessary funds" be changed to "raise the necessary funds". Vote: Yes-4.

Public Hearing Minutes on Junkyard/Automobile Graveyard Permits: Lavoie moved to approve the minutes. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

- 4. Awards & Recognition: None***
- 5. Appointments & Resignations:***
Old Business:
- 6. Update on Swetts Pond Road beaver flowage. None***
- 7. Update on Road Projects:*** White informed the Board that the Fowler Road and Brewer Lake Road are paved. For safety reasons they decided to

shift the paving a little further from the shoulder of the Brewer Lake Road near the entrance to the Dam Road due to pole placement. Ferry Road has been paved and the culvert has been removed and ditching done to alleviate the erosion situation on Louis Morin's property. Hoxie Hill has had some minor work completed. Overlay projects will be held off until spring.

8. Discussion for Public Hearing: White checked into some legal questions and has had nothing but positive feedback in regards to borrowing from the undesignated fund balance to pay for the Snows Corner Road/Rt. 15 project with a re-payment to the undesignated fund on an annual basis from TIF funds. He would like to have a public hearing scheduled sometime in January.

New Business:

9. Department and Committee Reports:

A. Policing Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

B. Public Works Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

10. Old Home Week for 2014. No discussion.

11. Clean-up Weekends Going Forward. Cleanup weekend went very well. White thanked Lavoie for working. Just over \$2900 was generated. The only concern is the burn pile. DEP informed White that we are in violation by taking in brush. In order to even collect debris, we need to be licensed as a collection site through the State. In order to be licensed, initial soil testing needs to be done, the ash after burning needs to be tested, and we would need to find a way to dispose of the ash. This would put us in a position of needing designated operating hours and someone on site at all times to take in debris. He contacted several neighboring communities and they do not accept brush. This is the first time DEP has been brought into this. White does not have a resolve at the moment other than not accepting brush any longer. White is going to continue to search for a resolve.

12. Approve General Assistance Change for Food Limits. Monthly maximum food dollars have been reduced by the State. A new ordinance needs to be signed every time a limit is changed by the State. Lavoie moved to approve. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-4. The ordinance is passed around for signatures from the Board.

13. YMCA request to hold Triathlon for 2014: Dr. Adam Lauer was present representing the Bangor YMCA requesting a Triathlon to raise money for children from low income families in order to be able to attend programs at the YMCA. He commended the Town Departments who assisted with past events as well as the community members who offered assistance. The

2014 event would be held in conjunction with Old Home Week. The Brewer Lake boat launch and parking is requested to be used exclusively for use during the race for a few hours in the morning of the event, as well as orange traffic cones from our Public Works Dept. Dr. Lauer presented the Board with examples of flyers and ads that they are proposing to run in the Bangor Daily News on the front page, highlighting the Old Home Week events along with the Triathlon. He is requesting exchange of services from Fire/Rescue and Police Dept. for running the ads in the paper. White reminded the Board that Orrington contributed \$5000 to the Old Home Week events this year. He was under the impression from Board discussion from preparing for this year's event that it would be an event that we would budget for once every 5 years or so. The Board is in support of the Triathlon Dr. Lauer is requesting. The Old Home Week events will be something that will be visited later in time. White requests that Dr. Lauer be in touch with him as the Y undergoes planning so that we are all on the same page. Dr. Lauer was very willing to do that and thankful for the support. Goody asked if the use of the boat launch/parking area would cause any difficulties should an emergency take place past the boat launch. Dr. Lauer stated it would not. Last year Fire Chief, Mike Spencer, informed him that the event went very smoothly and it was a wonderful training experience for his department in emergency preparedness aspect. Lavoie asked how much money they have been able to raise for their program. Dr. Lauer said just under \$12,000. Allcroft requested that he think about the painting on the roads that they did in the past. He wishes to see something a little more professional looking especially where we just paved the Brewer Lake Rd. Lavoie moved to support the Triathlon. Allcroft seconded. Vote: Yes-4.

14. Sale of Town Property on Dow Road: White explained that he had been approached by Jeffrey Higgins who owns property adjacent to the Town's property. Mr. Higgins has offered to purchase the property for a small amount. Bladen asked if it was wetland. White said it is slightly, mostly wooded. The Town took ownership in 2007 for back taxes. White recommends selling the property to Mr. Higgins for \$1500. Bladen moves to put it out for public sale for 30 days and see if there is any interest. Higgins stated the land is not buildable and he would like it to even out his property line. The Board deliberated back and forth regarding a fair price to sell it for. Allcroft asked what Higgins would like to pay for it. He said \$500. Allcroft suggested \$1000. The Board agreed to table the item until the property can be checked out. It is .24 acres.

14. a. Treasurer's Warrant and Budget Summary: Passed around and signed.

15. *Report Folder* : Passed around.

16. *Town Manager's Report*: White reminded the Board that Election Day is November 5th. The next Selectmen's meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th due to the 11th being Veterans Day. White will be meeting tomorrow with Bill Olver, Bruce Gray, Eric Calderwood, Herb Sargent and Jim Ring regarding the Swetts Pond Dam. Sunday the Fire Dept. is holding a recognition dinner for Fire Fighters and to honor the Firefighter of the Year. Selectmen are invited to attend this event

17. *Board Comments*: Goody asked what is going on with the Snows Corner Road intersection. White explained that his intent is to combine the project of widening the Snows Corner Road with the intersection/sidewalk improvement project. White has been informed recently from DOT that any improvements that are done with Arctic Station Road/Rt. 15 intersection have to be done separately from the Snows Corner Road project. Lavoie noticed the Welcome to Orrington sign in South Orrington is getting worn in appearance. White will look at this. She asked if she needs anything from the Town in order to utilize Waste Management in Brewer. She was informed that she does not. Allcroft commented on the corner plots at Oak Hill Cemetery in that they can be easily driven over. He suggests not pushing to sell those particular plots. Also the light outside the back door at the Town Office seems to be out once again. White will look into and see if the fixtures should be replaced as vibrations of the door closing seem to affect the operation of the fixture. Allcroft suggested looking into changing to LED lights. White said he is looking into replacing another light on the side of the building as well. Lavoie asked why the Town truck was carrying asphalt to Bangor. White explained that we were taking a load to Pike.

18. *Adjourn* : Lavoie moved to adjourn at 8:20. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-4.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk