



TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 9, 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; 4 citizens.

1. *Adjustments to the Agenda:* None

2. *Public Comments:* Resident, Sharon Caron asked if Dow Road was State maintained. She noticed markings on the road. Also asked if speed bumps can be put at the Johnson Mill Road/Dow Road intersection. There was a vehicle accident there a few weeks ago and it's a dangerous intersection. White stated he has spoken with DOT in the past about this. They have discussed blinking lights, line painting, etc. He would like to see something done as well. Nothing will prevent accidents, however; hopefully something can be done to slow traffic down. Driver inattention and poor judgment cause most of the accidents there. Ron Hamlin asked if brush can be cut back at that intersection. White will look at that area.

3. *Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for August 26, 2013:* Lavoie moved to approve the minutes as presented. Grover seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

4. *Awards & Recognition:* None.

5. *Appointments & Resignations:* None

Old Business:

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

New Business:

7. *Department and Committee Reports:*

A. *Fire/Rescue Monthly Report:* Presented in writing. Grover asked when the building at the Snows Corner/Rt. 15 intersection that has been used for fire trainings will be coming down. White said within a few weeks.

B. ACO monthly Report: Presented in writing.

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

9. *Report Folder*: Passed around.

10. *Town Manager's Report*: White briefed the Board on the Snows Corner intersection discussion he has had with DOT and BACTS. That is another dangerous intersection. White, Allcroft, and engineer, Bill Olver have been in contact with HDR regarding the Swetts Pond Dam. Resident and engineer, Jim Ring has volunteered to look at the area to give his opinion. White briefed resident, Donna Golding, who asked for an explanation of what the Board was discussing. Swetts Pond Dam is a low impact dam but needs attention according to FEMA. It was built on bedrock and the engineering firm wants to design a bigger dam that is more costly. Jim Ring has a lot of expertise in that field and White is confident that he will be able to find a resolution that will be effective and less costly.

11. *Board Comments*: Bladen inquired about the invoice from the City of Brewer Water/Sewer Dept. White informed him that it is a regular invoice for hydrants and not the sewer connections to residents in North Orrington. Bladen also asked about the invoice from Caribou for the buyout of the new police officer we hired. He felt the Board should have approved this expenditure prior to hiring. The Board members interjected that they had been informed and had approved this buyout before hiring. Bladen stated that he must have misunderstood. Goody brought up the letter in their packets from Louis Morin to MDOT legal services. The Rt. 15 project has caused water drainage onto his property on Ferry Road which is resulting in erosion. Morin expressed his displeasure with the handling of his concerns with the local engineer who informed him it was an existing condition and he needed to take care of it himself. Morin is pursuing this to see if he has a case in which DOT would need to remedy. Much discussion. Lavoie stated she had a chance to go to the Grant Road property on the waterfront with White today and thought it is looking nice. Grover voiced his displeasure on the paving projects. They haven't begun yet but he doesn't feel Fowler Road can be fixed with gravel only. Allcroft acknowledged a note in their packets from Sharon Caron who suggested a second "public comment" on the agenda near the end due to some residents having questions about items that are being discussed. The Board was in consensus that any member of the public is welcome to ask questions regarding discussions as they occur and a second public comment item on the agenda isn't necessary. Allcroft thanked Caron for the suggestion.

12. *Adjourn:* Lavoie moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Grover seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk