

**TOWN OF ORRINGTON**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**January 14, 2013**

**Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00PM. Those present were; Chairman, Kevin Allcroft, Christine Lavoie, Howard Grover, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager, Paul White; Asst. Clerk, Julie Chaffee; Public Works Foreman, Brian Stoyell; Asst. Fire Chief, Scott Stewart; and 5 citizens.

1. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** White asked to add acceptance of donations for smoke detectors 7C and to add the write off policy for ambulance billing 7D.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approve Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2012:** Lavoie moved to approve minutes. Grover Seconded. Vote- Yes-5.
4. **Awards & Recognition:** None
5. **Appointments & Resignations:** None
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. Swetts Pond Road Beaver Flowage update. No updateNew Business: None
7. **Department and Committee Reports:**
  - A. Policing Monthly Report- Submitted in writing.
  - B. ACO Monthly Report- Submitted in writing.
  - C. Acceptance of donations for smoke detectors- 24 Smoke detectors were donated from Sams Club valued at \$699.12. Also a donation from Pine Tree Burn of 34 smoke detectors valued at \$500.00.
  - D. Write-off policy for Ambulance Billing- A draft policy for uncollectable bills are done and sent to the billing agent. White will need the board's signatures at the next meeting. If there is not a policy in place and we are audited, there will be fines.

8. **Review Budget goal and objectives for 2013-2014.** White stated that we need to take a look at where we want to be with the budget. We are very diligent with budgets and have asked the department heads to submit a tight budget. We will see increases. The county tax has increased \$12,500 based on previous town evaluations. Health care costs have increased \$8500. We need to decide where we want to go with budget. White is advocating for increase for the vehicle reserves. We need to plan for a future increase of \$5,000. Health insurance represents \$50 per pay period from employees and I plan to keep things the same there. FICA, social security, had a 2% hit for each employee. The Federal Government reduced FICA 2 years ago. Today, effective Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> that is

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gone and they have increased it by 2%. White is asking the board for a 2 % increase for all full time employees and for part-time employees. The increase would be \$14,500 for all employees and \$10,000 for just the full-time employees. Any objections the board has, White would like to know. Grover, Goody, Allcroft, and Lavoie are ok with the increase. Bladen is ok with increase for employees but not for the economic developer. Bladen asked if Capital Ambulance Services paid the town. White said no, we had to pay them. Bladen asked if we have an idea of what we paid them now and what it was before. He would like to see a comparison. White stated the ambulance is not here to generate a profit. It is to provide a service to the town of Orrington. If we make some money great...but it is very difficult. Asst. Chief Stewart stated that we have to have an EMS. White said we can account for how much money is coming in.

**9. Donnie Sinderson, 10K Race in spring.** The road race will be May 4<sup>th</sup>. There were a record number of participants last year. Over \$2,000 was made for Center Drive School's track team. Local Brownie troops sold items at concessions. Signs were put early to warn citizens about the race. Everything all set for the race and we have checked with Sargent Carson. The 1 mile fun run for kids starts at 9am and 10k race starts at 10am. Grover motioned to allow the 10K road race for May 4<sup>th</sup>. Lavoie seconded. Vote Yes-5.

**10. Eric Michaud, Disk Golf:** White stated Mr. Michaud's dissatisfaction with Disc Golf. White sees no ordinance violations. There have been discussions between the two parties. Some corrective measures have been taken care of. Michaud's biggest complaint is the noise, swearing and traffic. Michaud submitted his complaint in writing to the board. White stated Michaud has asked him several times as to when Disc Golf will be moving to the lower field. Plans are in the works to start towards moving. The Police have been to that location several times for nuisance issues. These issues have been addressed per the police and Mr. Enman. The Planning Board met with the Enmans and set ground rules and they are abiding by them. Allcroft stated that usually the planning board deals with these issues. We will check with the code enforcement officer to see if there are any violations. Allcroft asks Enman to comment on the move. Enman stated they would love to move, but money is the issue. The timeline on the move is as soon as possible. The second course is cut and ready but we would have to build the club house before we move.

Michaud said that the agreement had been to lease the land to Disc Golf. The lease has been renewed, this year will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year. The parking lot at Disc Golf is 75 feet from my window. The land use ordinance calls for a buffer of thick vegetation between a parking lot and a residence. The buffer strip should be at least 10 feet wide per Article 4. Why is there a land use ordinance if no one is following it? Allcroft stated that would have to be thru the planning board and Mr. Harriman. The only thing we can change is the lease, whether to allow Disc Golf to use our piece of property and building. Bladen asked if there were issues before Disc Golf. Much discussion

White stated he will approach the planning board with the issue and come back to board. The next Planning Board Meeting is this Thursday and it would be best if Mr. Michaud attend that meeting. If there are violations, then the planning board and the code enforcement officer will address them. Bladen thinks there should be a vegetation buffer between the parking lot, clubhouse and the Michaud's house. White stated that the clubhouse was temporary. The town has been flexible but this needs to move ahead. Disc Golf is supposed to be closed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> thru March 15<sup>th</sup>. If someone wants to play during these dates, they are supposed to call a phone number at Disc Golf. Our

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insurance is not set up for 9 months...it is a yearly liability. White asked how much of a problem is it to put up barricades so they can't park there or maybe a no trespassing sign? Enman asked Michaud if we are out of building and parking lot then would you be happy. Michaud stated he wanted them on the far west side. Allcroft stated the site plan is public record. The original site plan had the clubhouse on the right side of Tupper Drive. It was revised and put in the back of lefthand field. Grover motioned to set a plan on when Disc Golf will move and for White to contact the planning board and Harriman. Also to put a notice on building that Disc Golf is closed Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> to Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> and to keep the Michaud's informed. Lavoie seconded. Vote Yes-5.

Goody asked if there were permanent hours of operations or if there were any restrictions? Enman stated there were not.

11. **Treasurer's Warrants and Budget Summary** - Passed around and signed. Allcroft mentioned that the board was invited to school budget on Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

12. **Report Folder** Passed around.

13. **Town Manager' Report** - White informed the board that a memo was sent to Mr. Nelson regarding the Swetts Pond beaver dam, but got no response. White sent out another memo today. If white doesn't get an answer, we are going to move on. I will have to talk to Mr. Oliver to start making preparations. I have been on this for months trying to get this resolved.

Allcroft stated he has second thoughts on him doing this job. Goody asked what our options are on having someone else do this job. White said we do have other options. White said we have 7 or 8 companies to do the job, we just need the engineer.

The furnace at Public works has been replaced. Furnace and boiler inspections have been completed at the Town Office.

We are moving forward with accepting credit cards at the town hall. The fees will be passed on to the resident if they decide to use a credit card. The cost to the town will be for the machines and the program. If a customer wants to use a debit cards, it will have to be run as credit.

14. **Board Comments** - Bladen commented about the ambulance. With situations as they are now, we will have to really allocate funds and really tighten things up. I am really concerned. Goody- There has been beaver trapping at Gray's Pond. The public awareness of smoke detectors has been great. He really appreciates all the work the Fire Department has done. Stewart stated about 15 smoke detectors have been given away. The Fire Department has offered to go out to houses and show residents where the detectors should be placed. The Fire Department will be having fire safety classes at the fire station. There has been a lot of interest in it. Could the town be held responsible if the Orrington Fire Department installs fire detectors? White stated he is checking on that. We could possibly require a waiver to be signed. Stewart stated the Fire Department is looking at getting grants for the Smoke Detector Program. Pastor Carl was vital in getting the donation. Stewart also stated what an amazing job Shellie Tourtillote is doing.

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Grover- none

Lavoie- asked if the fire safety class information was posted everywhere. Stewart stated they are posted at the local stores, on the web, at school and will be going home with the kids.

Allcroft- At BACTS, was Harriman on the attendance list? Also, Surveyors' said the bill from August was unpaid. White stated the bill never came in. Allcroft mentioned that there were two Orrington residents who participated in the Household Hazardous Waste Program in Bangor. The bill was for \$138. White stated the amount residents paid were \$80 each.

15. **Adjourn** - Bladen motions to adjourn at 8:49pm and Lavoie seconded. Vote Yes-5

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie L. Chaffee, Asst. Clerk

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Chairman

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Manager

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Clerk

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