

**Town of Orange Selectboard Meeting Minutes – Draft
April 11, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Dustin Comstock, George Wild, Eric Holmgren, Kathie Felch, Lynn Craig, Kim Richardson, Sue Perreault, David & Sue Palisoul.

The Board listened to David & Sue Palisoul before the meeting about the condition of the stone line ditch work on Rock Place performed last year (2015). George advised that they would review it and see what can be done to fix the situation.

Dustin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Agenda Revisions – Fire Warden Appointment & Review Budget to be discussed at the end of the meeting.

George made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14th, 2016 meeting as submitted, and Eric 2nd the motion.

The board welcomed Kim Richardson & Sue Perreault as representatives of the Richardson Family. Kim Richardson explained the proposal of giving the Town land that borders the current property that the town garage is located on at 144 Richardson Road. They proposed an “L” shape parcel of 100 Ft Road frontage and 100 ft from the back of the property. The town would be responsible for all legal fees, survey and current use. George made a motion to accept this proposal and have Kathie discuss with the Lister’s to discuss what needs to be done as this property is currently in Land Use, Kathie will also contact the Town Attorney to draw up the deed, and Tom Otterman to complete the survey.

The Board reviewed the paperwork that Kathie, John Barnes, and George have been working on for the Manning Road Better Back Road Stone Line Ditch grant. George made a motion to sign and send in the grant paperwork for FY17 as submitted and Eric 2nd the motion.

The Board reviewed the Junk & Rubbish ordinance that Kathie and Eric have been working on. George made a motion to table until next month until further review could be completed with Lee Youngman (Orange Health Officer) and have her attend the next meeting. Eric 2nd the motion.

The Board reviewed the Local Emergency Operations Plan that Kathie completed. George made a motion to accept as submitted and Eric 2nd the motion.

The Board reviewed the new contract with Orange County Sheriff’s Department. The cost is going from \$38 - \$40 hr. George reviewed the current invoices and he asked that they submit to us on a monthly basis the location that each citation is issued. George made a motion to approve the contract from May 1st 2016 – April 30th 2017 and Eric 2nd the motion.

George discussed the performance of both John Barnes and Mark Little he feels they are both doing a great job. Kathie explained that a 2 1/2% raise was budgeted. After board discussion George made a motion to give both a \$0.35 hr raise from March 1st 2016 – March 1st 2017 Eric 2nd the motion.

The Board reviewed the new Animal Control Agreement with Paula Russell. George made a motion to approve as submitted and Eric 2nd the motion. There was a brief discussion regarding the status of the dog that is being held at Random Rescue.

Dustin explained that he has talked with Jeff Blow of Barre Town about the past Animal Control invoices for 2015 and they are very busy and will get back to him. The Board discussed this further and decided to just put this on hold at this point and wait for them to get back to us.

The Board reviewed and approved Payroll & Accounts Payable and George reviewed and signed Fleet Permits.

The Board discussed the flooring project for the Town Clerks office and advised Kathie to send out the Bid paperwork to Morrison & Clark, Barre Tile, Delairs, Capitol Floors, Eagle Floors, Jake Smith and Bob Richardson.

Kathie explained that Brian O'Meara has stepped down from being the Forest Fire Warden and the state has approved Orange resident Fred Byrd and the Board needs to appoint him. George made a motion to appoint Fred Byrd as our new Fire Warden for a 5 yr term Eric 2nd the motion.

The Board reviewed the current Budgets and all seems to be in order at this time.

The Board discussed the mowing of town properties. We have been very happy with the work of Jay Ransom and his cost is very reasonable. He does have liability insurance. George made a motion to continue the same as last season and Eric 2nd the motion.

Dustin asked if the Listers could provide a list of town residents that have ponds. He is looking for another Dry Hydrant location.

Pre-Bid meeting at Manning Road 4/25 at 10 a.m.

Next Meeting – May 9, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

George made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Eric 2nd the motion.

Attest: Lynn Craig, Assistant Town Clerk