

**Town of Orange
Selectboard Minutes
July 10, 2017 6:00 p.m.**

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Members Present:

Eric Holmgren, George Wild, Jr., Lee Youngman

Others Present:

Bill Crowther

1. Approve Minutes of June 12, 2017

On a motion by Lee seconded by George the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 12th.

2. Agenda Revisions: None

3. Discuss Reservoir Road re-alignment study.

George requested re-alignment of a sharp corner on Reservoir Road and requested a quote for an engineering study to change the curve. Dubois & King submitted a quote for the work in 2015 to the Selectman but was tabled due to the lack of State funding at the time. State funding maybe available again for the 2018 year and George will contact Dubois & King for an updated quote. George also stated a New Hampshire firm might be interested in sending a quote for the work. George noted that the work would amount to more than \$5,000.00 and would require a bidding process to take place.

4. Set the tax rate and sign the 2017.

The board noted the net tax rate had little change from last year. School taxes went down approximately 2 cents while the town tax increased approximately 4 cents.

On a motion by Lee seconded by George, the board voted unanimously to set the tax rate and sign the 2017 Grand list.

5. Discuss flooding event of July 1st and repairs.

The board review figures of labor and materials used to repair flood damage done to the town roads. The estimated total dollar figure for repairs was \$5700.00+ the board was impressed with the work done and the pleased with the low cost of repairs.

6. Discuss purchasing an excavator or backhoe.

George stated a good size backhoe would better serve the needs of the town than an excavator. A machine with a bucket in the front and a backhoe with a twister knuckle would be more efficient for road work. George stated he and John are still exploring machines at this time.

7. Review 2017 Budget

The board reviewed the budget and felt everything was on track with the exception of the animal control costs which were high as a result of a one- time incident's legal fees.

8. Approve Payroll and Accounts Payable warrants

The board reviewed and approved the warrants for July.

9. Other Business:

Sign Fleet Permits

George approved fleet permits for New York Drilling Services Inc. and R.E. Vize Home Trans LLC.

Sign Fireworks Permits

The board approved firework permits for David Otterman (6/20/17 e-mail) and Dwight Coffrin.

10. Next Meeting-August14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn