

**Town of Orange
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2018 6:00 p.m.
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Members Present:

Eric Holmgren, Lee Youngman, Sue Perreault

Others Present:

Kathie Felch, John Barnes

Kathie Felch opened the Select Board Meeting at 6:04 p.m. and asked the board to nominate a Chairman for the Selectboard. Lee nominated Eric and Sue 2nd the motion.

1. The Board reviewed the current appointed positions Lee made a motion to appoint positions discussed by the board members. Sue 2nd the motion. See Below for details.

**Road Commissioners – Eric Holmgren, Lee Youngman, Sue Perreault
Central VT Transportation Advisory Committee – Lee Cattaneo
Civil Defense Director – Sue Perreault
Economic Development Representative – Lee Cattaneo
Emergency Preparedness – Lee Youngman
Energy Coordinator – Sue Perreault
Green Up Chair – Kathie Felch
Health Officer – Eric Holmgren
Deputy Health Officer – Lee Youngman
Pound Keeper – Country Canine Kennel
Animal Control Officer – Michele Boyer
Regional Planning Commission – Lee Cattaneo
Road Foreman – John Barnes
Solid Waste Management District Representative – Lee Cattaneo
Recreation Committee Members – Ginny Raboin
Mike Raboin
Bonnie Raboin
Sylvia O’Brien**

2. The approval of minutes was tabled until the next meeting. The board had not had a chance to review the February 28th minutes as they just received them.

3. The Board reviewed the highlights of Town Meeting and adopted the Roberts Rules. Lee asked the board if it would be okay to switch the monthly meetings to 6:15 p.m. Lee made a motion to set the meeting schedule to the 2nd Monday of the Month at 6:15 p.m. Sue 2nd the motion.

4. Agenda Revisions – Review Budget, Mud Season Policy

5. Discuss Emerald Ash Borer – The board reviewed the information we have received so far. A public meeting is being held in Barre on Thursday. Eric, John and Kathie will attend. At this point it doesn't affect people cutting Ash trees for firewood until May 1st. It is still able to be transported until it is over 40 degrees but has to be brought to an approved mill. The board will consider

appointing a tree warden to assist in this process. This will be put back on the agenda for discussion next month. Our County Forester is planning to attend.

6. Discuss quotes/options for a new town truck – John has several prices on trucks and asked them all to quote on the same thing and list the options separately. He would like to bring the 1999 and 2002 truck to state auction and possibly the excavator in May and put the money we can get toward the purchase of a new truck. He also got a quote for a trade on the 2011 truck and it still has a trade in value of \$52,500.00 which he would like to trade next year and get another new truck in 2019. The board discussed that the state has a 7-year replacement plan so they still have a good trade in value. There was discussion about a 5-year plan for Orange as the dirt roads are harder on the trucks. The board looked over the quotes and asked Kathie to put them in a spreadsheet to compare.

7. Update Road & Bridge Standards – Tabled until April

8. Update Annual Financial Plan – The board approved and signed at the February meeting

9. Update Local Emergency Operations Plan – Tabled until April

10. Approve Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants – The Board approved and signed.

11. Discuss Annual Road Posting – last year the board did not post the roads but after a request to look at Tucker Road at the Town Forum the board agreed that it should be posted to prevent any further damage to the new pavement.

13. Other Business – The board reviewed an email and an invoice from a Smith Road resident asking the town to pay for service performed on her car due to the back-road meltdown in mid-February. The board asked Kathie to write a letter stating that the town does not repair vehicles due to road conditions beyond our control.

14. Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. and Sue 2nd the motion.

Next meeting on April 9th, 2018 @ 6:15 p.m.