

**Town of Orange  
Selectboard Minutes  
November 13, 2017 6:00 p.m.  
Public Hearing  
DRAFT**

**Members Present:** Eric Holmgren, George Wild, Jr., Lee Youngman

**Others Present:** Kathie Felch, Laura Ranker, Roger Dickinson, Jim Donovan, Dan Currier, Dustin Comstock, Jim Brochhausen

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Approve Minutes of October 9, 2017**  
On a motion by George seconded by Lee the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 9, 2017.
- 2. Agenda Revisions if any – Kathie had 2 agenda revisions to discuss at the end of the meeting**
- 3. Public Hearing to discuss proposed updates to the Hazard Mitigation Plan – 6:00 p.m.**  
Eric opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Laura Ranker explained that the HMP that the Planning Commission has been working on has been approved by FEMA. This allows the Town to apply for federal grants. Eric closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.
- 4. Consider adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan – 6:15 p.m.**  
On a motion by Lee seconded by George the board voted unanimously to adopt the updated HMP.
- 5. Consider the 2 options from the Reservoir Road alignment and make final decision – 6:20 p.m.**  
Jim Donovan had a draft of the final report and explained the 3 changes since the last meeting as there has been an increase in costs in both options. Roger explained that when he gave us the original cost estimates he made a conversion error for an increase of \$300,000.00 he tried to quote on the high side so the town wouldn't be short at the end. It includes regrading and restoring the land that will be turned over to the City of Barre. The quote does not reflect any work that could be by the town so any work that could be done by the town could reduce the total cost. Dan will look into several options for the town for grant opportunities. Jim explained that the timeline of the project could be 2 ½ - 3 years. On a motion by George seconded by Lee the board voted unanimously to accept the realignment option. Jim will pass along to VTRANS.
- 6. Brookfield Service and Dustin Comstock to discuss the Orange School Generator.**  
Jim from Brookfield Service explained the reasons for changing the original quote from an 80 kw to a 100 kw generator. The 100 kw would run the school at 400 amps just as it does for Washington Electric and the 80 kw will not run efficiently with propane due to emissions. Kathie explained that this will have to be on hold until approved by FEMA as we are changing the grant specs.
- 7. Consider revising the Road Crew Personnel Policy**  
The board has discussed giving the road crew a minimum of 2 hours when called out after hours as they have been called out so many times this year for fallen trees and high winds. On a motion by George seconded by Lee the board voted unanimously to approve a minimum of 2 hours if they are called out after normal hours. Kathie will revise the policy to sign at the next meeting.
- 8. Review Reservoir Road Paving Quote from Green Mountain Paving**  
Dustin gave the board an estimate of \$75,000.00 to pave the section of Reservoir Road that was reclaimed this summer. Lee asked what it would cost to pave the entire road and Dustin rough estimated at about 3 million dollars. This will add 5 cents to the tax rate if approved by voters. On a

**motion by Lee seconded by George the board voted unanimously to approve this as a separate article on the 2018 Town Meeting Warning.**

**9. Discuss Municipal Road General Permit**

**There was discussion by the board regarding the impact the MRGP will have on the town. There is a study being done now by CVRPC to help us.**

**10. Approve Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants**

**The board reviewed and approved the Payroll and AP warrants for the month.**

**George excused himself from the meeting at 6:55 p.m. so the remaining items have been tabled for a special meeting on November 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

**11. Review 2017 Budget - tabled**

**12. Work on Budget for 2018 - tabled**

**13. Other Business: - tabled**

**Senecal Road – Plowing**

**Cutler Corner – Paving**

**Walter Jeffries culvert**

**Reimbursement from Tucker Road Paving Grant**

**Part time winter help**

**Next Meeting – November 27, 2017 6:30 p.m.**

**14. Adjourn – Lee made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.**