

**Town of Orange Selectboard
Public Hearing Meeting Minutes - Draft
October 17, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

In attendance: Dustin Comstock, George Wild, Eric Holmgren, Kathie Felch, Lynn Craig, Sharon Shatney, Hank Baer, Donald Morris, Kenneth Morris, and John McNeil.

Dustin Called the Public Hearing Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Sharon Shatney explained her concerns about the town taking over some of her property at the end of Moran Road the board advised they were not looking to taking over any of her property and we also discussed the issue of her property address being 1 Moran Road. However, the driveway is on Reservoir Road. Her tenant is in the process of moving out and we will make the adjustment through 911 and send her a letter confirming the new address. No other residents of Moran road were in attendance. However, George spoke with Greg & Judy Clark earlier in the day and they have offered to give us land to make a larger turn around. They will stake out the area and further review will be completed.

Donald & Kenneth Morris of Senecal Road explained the concern of trying to maintain the road during the winter. They advised they are in the process of removing all of the excess vehicles and all will be removed by the winter months. They feel that if the truck/grader comes up the hill and pulls to the left and backs around up the hill there should be no issues. George will talk with the road crew and they will go up some morning prior to snow fall and make sure all cars are cleared and this isn't going to be a problem.

No one was in attendance with regard to the Colby Farm Road.

George made a motion to throw up Colby Farm Road effective immediately, and we will follow up with a letter to the Senecal Road residents stating that we will continue to maintain this road at this time. However, if at any point the town vehicles do not have enough room for adequate turnaround maintenance of the road will stop immediately. We will continue with Moran road and move forward in making an adequate turn around so the town vehicles no longer have to back onto Reservoir Road. Eric 2nd the motion.

Dustin closed the Public Hearing at 6:23 p.m.

Dustin opened the regular meeting at 6:23 p.m. and welcomed John McNeil – Lister to discuss Errors & Omissions for Ricky Robert's Property. John explained that Ricky Roberts sold a portion of his land (2 Acres, out building, water, & sewer) to Thomas Chaffee & Lynn Satre. John added the property to the adjoining property owned by Chaffee & Satre however, did not remove from the Roberts Property. Which would reduce the value of Roberts's property from 98,500 to 78,200. Eric made a motion to approve the Errors & Omissions and George 2nd the motion.

George made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2016 meeting as submitted, and Eric 2nd the motion.

Agenda Revisions – None at this time.

Kathie explained that she has been in contact with the town attorney and the Richardson Family and we are hoping to have a closing on the land being given to the town around the Town Garage by the end of the month.

Kathie explained that she submitted all of the paperwork that she has found with regard to the Peake Cemetery to the town attorney and he will be sending a letter to Walter Jeffries with regard to our need to obtain access to this property. Research shows that there is record of at least 6 people buried there dating back to the early 1800's and the Town has maintained the cemetery in the past.

George explained that he has got pricing from F.W. Webb for the tank for the floor drain. The Tank would be \$655.00, the Alarm \$50, and the Metter would be \$105. The tank is a 525 Gallon tank with an 18 inch opening. There is money in the garage repairs and maintenance budget for this. The road crew can bury the tank but we will need to hire an electrician to complete the wiring. We will contact Dave at Martineau Electric and George will order the tank.

The board reviewed the 2016 Budget.

General Fund is in order with the exception of Animal Control and Mowing. No further mowing will take place this year.

Highway Fund overall will be ok under budget on Diesel but right at budget for Equipment Repairs and Maintenance. George spoke with Marshall Tire as we need tires for Truck 5. They agreed that if we order after the first of the month payment can be made after the first of the year if it needs to be. \$319 for Recaps and \$494 for New. George made a motion to purchase the Recaps and Eric 2nd the motion. George will discuss with the Road Crew and order.

The board discussed the security issues at the Town Garage and that an additional camera is needed. Mountain View gave us an estimate of \$400 for another camera and \$300 for Labor. Dave Martineau of Martineau Electric gave us an estimate of \$550 for a 2 headed motion light and labor. Dustin advised he knew of a different company that we should get figures from. He will get us that information. George also suggested we contact Integrity Security Systems for figures as well.

George discussed a complaint from the town resident that borders the Town Pit with regard to the property lines as the pins have been removed. George contacted Chase & Chase as they have already surveyed the land about placing new pins. He will follow up with this.

No additional culverts need to be purchased at this time but George is still working on the guard rails on Emery Road. And the small patch of pavement at the end of Tucker Road has been completed and an area of Reservoir Road by the end of Bisson Road will also be repaired.

George is working on prices to get the Car Port at the Town Garage extended another 4 ft to make it 14 ft wide and have it closed in for a cold storage space.

The board reviewed the first draft of the 2017 Budget Increasing the Equipment Payments to be able to get the 2013 truck paid off as well as the new Loader. Health insurance rates have just been received and are going up \$30.00 per month but will stay within budget. Added Equipment Purchase for the new HydroSeeder, and increased the Paving/Resurfacing.

The board reviewed and approved the Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants.

Kathie explained the issue with the recent accidents on Route 302 and the results from the speed study that was completed last year. Found that a majority of the cars are going the speed limit to about 10 miles over. So no major concern at this point.

Kathie explained that the Gazebo has been started and Bob is getting some other projects completed but he will be back to get things finished up. Unsure a completion date at this point. We are still collecting recipes for the cook book which proceeds will go to maintain the Gazebo and the Hunter's breakfast has been given up by the Recreation Committee so the Gazebo committee is going to be putting this on with all proceeds going to the Gazebo maintenance fund.

Kathie will follow up with Chris about the generator payments and Dustin will move forward with working with Brookfield Services. Grant is good until 2019 but Dustin hopes to have this completed in 2017.

George will follow up with Doug Dennison with regard to the road crossing permit.

There will be a BCA meeting on November 2nd at 5:00 p.m. with a special Selectboard meeting following at 6:00 p.m.

Our next regular Selectboard Meeting will be November 14th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. with guests Dan Currier from Regional Planning, The Orange Planning Commission, and Bill Bohnyak from Orange County Sherriff's office.

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. and George 2nd the motion.

Attest: Lynn Craig, Assistant Town Clerk