

Town of Orange Selectboard Meeting Minutes - Draft September 12, 2016 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Dustin Comstock, George Wild, Eric Holmgren, Kathie Felch, Lynn Craig, Jessie Foster and Corinne Relation

Dustin called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Dustin tabled agenda item # 1 – Site visit to Peake Cemetery, and driveway accesses on Riddle Pond for a future meeting until further review is completed.

Dustin reassigned agenda items, # 3 turns to # 1.

George made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8th, 2016 meeting as submitted, and Eric 2nd the motion.

Agenda Revisions – Changed the time of agenda item # 3 meeting with the Schoolboard to 6:15 due to above items being tabled.

Dustin skipped over agenda item # 3 until the school board members arrive.

The board discussed agenda item # 4 consider discontinuing the following 3 town roads. TH 42 Colby Farm Road, TH 37 Senecal Road, and TH 11 Moran Road. George made a motion to move forward with this process and Eric 2nd the motion. Kathie will send letters to all affected property owners and we will publish a public notice and hold a public meeting on October 17th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the resolution to add Lynn Craig's name as an authorized signer on the Cemetery investment accounts George made a motion and Eric 2nd the motion. Dustin signed the resolution.

The board reviewed the request from the church group who uses the town hall to install a small projector up on the stage. Eric made a motion to approve the request and George 2nd the motion.

The schoolboard members arrived and Dustin welcomed them. Jessie acknowledged the letter sent regarding the use of the Town Hall by the school. She explained the boards concern about shutting the students and community out of the Town Hall. They did not feel the damage was done intentionally and asked the board to rescind the decision. The board expressed the concern of no one being responsible for the care of the building. Jessie agreed and stated that she and the board would be sure that it didn't happen in the future. She also mentioned having a learning experience with the kids of the history behind the building. The hall is also an emergency shelter if the school ever needs to be evacuated. Eric made a motion that we allow the use to continue with the stipulation that a full walk thru happens prior to and after the use and if any further problems happen in the future the board would stop the use of the hall for graduation. The Schoolboard agreed and George 2nd the motion.

The board reviewed the 2016 Budget and all continues to be in order with the exception of the Equipment Repairs due to the grader problems earlier in the summer. Dustin suggested we contact Stones Garage to set up a gas account now that Cameron's is no longer selling gas. The board also discussed the drain holding tank that still needs to be buried at the shop George will look into getting this taken care of. Budgeted \$2500.

The board discussed other business – Taking over Foster Lane as a town road. They agreed that this is not a road they would be interested in as with the flooding in the past few years it would need a box culvert and to be widened and surface up to grade. The residents of the road would be looking at well over \$100,000 to bring the road up to standards.

Kathie explained to the board that the Town Clerks office will be closed on Monday September 19th & the morning of September 20th for Kathie and Lynn to attend the Vermont Municipal Clerk's and Treasurer's Association Annual conference.

The board reviewed the budget for 2017 and so far looking to increase paving and resurfacing and working on a road plan to support the increase, also increased the equipment payments to include a Hydro seeder that was suggested by the state that we should have after ditch work is complete. Further review will be completed.

The board reviewed and approved Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants.

Next meeting will be on October 17th, 2016 at the Town Hall as this will be a public hearing to discuss the discontinuing of the 3 town roads.

Eric made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and George 2nd the motion.

Attest: Lynn Craig, Assistant Town Clerk