

Town of Orange
Minutes of Select Board meeting – October 8, 2018

In attendance: Eric Holmgren, Sue Perrault, Lee Youngman, John Barnes, Becky O'Meara, Brian O'Meara, Diane Waters, Tom Dwyer, Sue Cyr, Carl Rogers, Bill Dodge, Ginny Raboin, Janis Blais, John McNeil, Amy White, Steve Pratt

Select Board Chair Eric Holmgren called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

The board noted three agenda revisions: The matter of loose pigs on Riddell Pond Rd, Authorization to re-issue a lost check paid to a vendor back in July, the matter of ROW violations by a resident on Melissa Lane.

Agenda Item 3 was tabled til Barre Town police chief Bill Dodge and Town Manager Carl Rogers arrived.

On a motion made by Sue and seconded by Lee, the board approved a resolution to add Eric Holmgren as an authorized signer on the town accounts until such time as a new Treasurer is appointed.

On a motion made by Lee and seconded by Sue, the board approved a resolution removing Kathie Felch as an authorized signer on the town's accounts effective October 13.

Diane Waters read a prepared statement to the board concerning her neighbors use of a dirt bike track on their land. Tom Dwyer, Diane and Sue Cyr spoke about how loud the noise is, described dirt bike road traffic and asked the town to consider adopting a noise ordinance or a nuisance ordinance. Eric asked what kind of violation they were looking for. Is it level of noise, which is hard to quantify without special equipment, is it time of day? Most of the noise is being generated on private property. Diane will ask Barre Town for a copy of their nuisance ordinance for the board to review.

Carl Rogers, Town Manager of Barre Town and Bill Dodge, Chief of Police of Barre Town came to discuss the two towns possible collaboration for policing services. Barre Town would definitely give us written reports showing what patrols, how long they were and outcomes on a monthly basis. The and Barre Town guests discussed what services the town was looking for. It seems mostly we need patrolling of secondary roads in addition to Route 302 and Route 110. Bill Dodge said that the Barre Town dispatch frequency doesn't work in East Orange, but there is another frequency they use that does. They need to talk to Barre Town select board and then will get back to us with a proposal. It appears both parties have in interest in continuing to pursue a collaboration.

Brian and Becky O'Meara came to talk about Walter Jeffries' loose pigs. Walter had sent an email last night saying all pigs were in and the fence secured, but today, the O'Mearas had to chase a sow and 3 piglets out of their yard 3 times, and two adults another time today. Brian O'Meara also pointed out the potential long-term fish and wildlife concern about pigs staying loose and becoming a feral menace. They have been rooting around in Brian's spruce forest as well as digging up his leach field. Eric talked about a nuisance statute, and Walter's pigs are now a nuisance. Fines are \$75.00 per animal per day, but the board will need proof of the animals continued presence on the O'Mearas (or anyone else's) land. Eric has already explained the fine structure to Walter and the town will begin assessing fines. Eric will write to Walter.

Amy White, Janis Blais and John McNeil came to update the board on the status of the audit with Kathie prior to her departure. They have completed the 2nd quarter but have been unable to get to the third quarter yet, as Kathie does not have the records ready yet. They are meeting with her Wednesday evening, October 10 at 6:30 and will update us again after that. They expressed a need to get NEMRIC training . Lee will call NEMRIC and set that up.

The board talked about draft job descriptions for the town clerk and town treasurer positions. The board continues to support splitting the two positions out. There is discussion about the assistant town clerk also serving as the treasurer and the town clerk serving as the assistant treasurer, which would allow for 5 day a week coverage and no additional payroll needs. It will depend on the skills of the available applicants.

At 7:38, Lee made a motion to go into Executive Session to review resumes for town clerk and treasurer positions. At 8:11, sue made a motion to come out of Executive Session and resume open meeting.

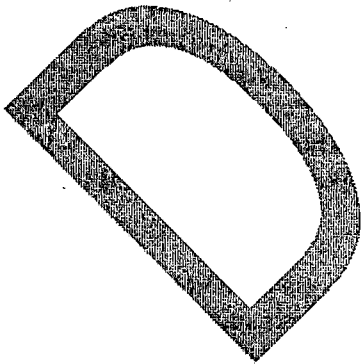
The board discussed Kim Persons' complaint that Steve Pratt is again encroaching in the town's right of way. Eric will ask John Barnes to go up and take a look and let us know if we need to contact Mr. Pratt.

The board identified potential interview time slots. Lee will contact applicants to set up interviews.

With no further business, the board adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted:

Lee Youngman

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