

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 14, 2022 6:00 p.m. Orange Town Hall

Selectboard Present:

Emily Ruff-Selectboard Chair, Samantha Lefebvre-Selectboard Vice-Chair, and Sheila Stone-Selectboard Member.

Others Present:

John Barnes-Road Foreman, Angela Eastman-Town Clerk, Lee Youngman-Treasurer, Michele Boyer-Animal Control, Cathy Hartshorn-Co-Director Barre Area Senior Center and Kevin Wilson-Resident.

Call meeting to order:

At 6:03pm Selectboard Chair, Ms. Ruff, called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider approving agenda/agenda revisions:

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre, Ms. Ruff the approval of minutes to be moved to December 12, 2022 meeting. All in favor.

Consider approving minutes:

Moved to the December 12, 2022 meeting-see above.

Guest Speakers/Public Comment:

Ms. Cathy Hartshorn, Co-Director of the Barre Area Senior Center introduced herself and her agency and discussed what their agency does and how they are structured and thanked us for allowing her to be on the town warning.

Town Treasurer Report:

Approve warrants-Payroll and Accounts Payable:

Town Treasurer, Ms. Youngman, presented the Selectboard with the payroll warrants and the accounts payable warrants for review. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Stone, the payroll warrant was approved. The motion passed 3-0. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Stone, the accounts payable warrant was approved. The motion passed 3-0.

Review Current Budget:

Town Treasurer, Ms. Youngman, presented the Selectboard with a budget review. This was reviewed by the Selectboard.

Approve Journal Entries for October 2022:

The journal entries for October were reviewed. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre, the October journal entries were approved. The motion passed 3-0.

Town Clerk Report:

Ms. Eastman gave a report that included discussion regarding the land records going live with COTTS possibly next week, on the installation of the hot water heater and the furnace installation. Mrs. Eastman gave an election update given with recognition to Mr. Barnes and Ms. Boyer for their extra help. She also advised the Selectboard of the potluck on Friday night. She advised that there was a recount being done county wide for

the office of Sheriff.

Road Foreman Report:

Mr. Barnes reported that he has finished up Warsley Rd and reported that the Town of Barre has resurfaced our portion of Partridge Rd and this has been done free of charge including grading. The upcoming storm was discussed and John stated that he is ready.

Old Business:

Discuss Animal Control Ordinance

This was discussed by all members present and in conjunction with Town of Orange Animal Control Officer Ms. Boyer. Mrs. Eastman and Ms. Boyer will work on draft copy and Mrs. Eastman will send draft to Selectboard the week of December 5th for possible review at the Selectboard at the December 12th meeting.

Fireworks Permit and Policy Review

This was tabled until further response from Mr. Carl Andeer, Staff Attorney at VLCT.

Cost Recovery Ordinance Review

This was discussed amongst the Selectboard members and others present.

New Business:

Sign updated Advance Notice to Proceed form for State Grant

This was signed by Selectboard Chair Ms. Ruff.

Sign Fireworks Permit

This was discussed with the Selectboard and signed by all Selectboard members.

Sign 2023 Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Brookfield Service

This was discussed with the Selectboard and on a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre, the board approved the annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$409.00 if paid by November 20, 2022. On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Stone, the board approved to exceed the budget by \$9.00 for the annual maintenance agreement.

Discuss July 9th fire invoice from Washington Fire Department

Ms. Youngman discussed the fire department invoice from a fire on Spencer Rd. This was discussed with the Selectboard.

Discuss Transportation Alternatives Grant

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre, the board authorized Mrs. Eastman for the Transportation Alternatives Grant with an \$8,000 town match. All in favor.

Discuss Downtown and Village Center Tax Credits grants

This grant was reviewed by the Selectboard but it was determined that we are not eligible to apply.

Other Business:

Executive Session

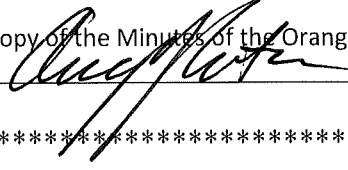
On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Stone, the Selectboard moved into a 9-minute break at 8:11pm and then moved into Executive Session at 8:20pm. Selectboard Chair advised that they do not anticipate making any motions after the Executive Session.

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre, the Selectboard exited Executive Session at 9:11pm.

On a motion made by Ms. Ruff and seconded by Mrs. Lefebvre, the Selectboard exited adjourned the Selectboard Meeting at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Eastman, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the Orange Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest,  Town Clerk
