

Orford Budget Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 7, 2021

Members: Larry Duffy, Lawrence Hibbard, Ruth Hook, Bob Palifka, Tom Thomson, Ken Wiren

Meeting called to order 5:30

Elect Chairperson

- Tom T nominated Ruth H, Ken W 2nd. Ruth H asked the members prior to the vote if anyone else was interested before accepting the nomination. Ruth H was elected Chair of the BAC.

Warrant Article 16 – Petitioned Warrant Article that passed May 22, 2021 Annual Town Meeting

To see if the town will vote to request the Orford Selectboard to form a **“Orford Town Road Commission”** made up of **five (5) resident-taxpayers with town roads, bridges, and heavy equipment experience, for the purpose of assisting and suggesting** to both the Selectboard and Road Agent on issues that pertain to town highway garage building, roads, bridges, road equipment and vehicles, and any other items that fall under the Orford Road Department. And to explore the possibility of privatizing (contracting out) the care and maintenance of all town owned roads and **submit a report of its findings and recommendations** to the Selectboard and to the Orford general public **by December 2, 2021**. Members to be appointed as follows: three (3) by the Selectboard and **two (2) by the Budget Advisory Committee**.

- Allan Bean, experience with Heavy Equipment, is interested in being on this committee.
- Mike Wright, experience as a past Road Agent and currently contracted for Fairlee, Vermont Highway Department.
- Members will be reaching out to:
 - Shawn Washburn, experience – NH DOT – Bridges
 - Clifton Taylor, experience – construction
 - Larry Taylor, experience – construction
 - Stacey Thomson, diverse experience – highway, street and bridge construction
 - Jeff Hebb, experience – VT DOT South East District Supervisor – has been called on for advice by our Road Agent.

Other Business

None

We will reconvene next week to discuss who our selections will be.

Adjourned 6:06

Bob P Motion to adjourn, Tom T 2nd. Motion Passed

Respectfully Submitted

Ruth Hook