TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Emergency Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2017

Call to order: 5:30 PM at The Selectboard Office

Paul Goundrey, David Smith, John Adams, Roger Hadlock

Chief Terry Straight. Heidi Peyton, Kevin Follensbee, Eva Daniels, Tom Thomson, Ken Cantlin

Minutes:

Heidi Peyton requested information on how to obtain assistance for her business and home losses resulting from the flooding. Their produce garden where they obtain 50% of their vegetables was destroyed, their well was contaminated so they had to close the restaurant early on Saturday and could not open on Sunday of the July 4th weekend, their second busiest day of the year. It was recommended she follow Mike Gilbert instruction to use 211 to notify the state.

Road status update:

Still closed:

Town Road #100: Two families affected.

Today unable to locate a 8x 10 x 40 ft. culvert. Located used culverts: 6 x 9 x 50 ft. tapering to 40 ft. Alternate proposals: Obtain permission for temporary road across Ted Eck property, obtain temporary bridge and install it. This keeps the temporary bridge out of the way of a permanent solution at Town Rd #100. Problems: crosses private property, means building road on private property.

Alternate culverts need viewing. They are used. If acceptable there is minimum cost, for the used tube, local cost to transport and timely installation: most likely by end of Friday assumes crew is removing old one while used one is obtained and transported. Coffer dam will be needed by installation crew. This would be temporary so citizens can get to their homes. Problems: used tube. Slightly smaller size. “Double expense, double eventual closure time because will have to remove it to put in final approved one.

After much discussion Selectboard authorized Roger to view used culverts and if acceptable to him, proceed. If not acceptable continue search for other sized culvert with a minimum acceptable size of 6 x 9.

Estimated opening: If used culvert approved: Friday or Saturday. (7/7, 7/8)

Far end of Quinttown Road beyond where power ends. One family effected. Bulldozer and two dump trucks progressing. Now within 100 yards of the bridge.

Mosley Brook Bridge reported to need fill on both ends. More review needed after vehicle can approach the area.

Estimated opening: to be determined most likely week of 7/10-7/14

Tillotson Falls road: needs review. Expected review by July 10. Two citizens report it is in very rough shape, not passible. No effort put into this seasonal road yet. Estimated opening: to be determined

25A: Not our responsibility. State reports it will be 7 days. They are currently filling the western most cut from the East. They expect to switch to a western approach on Friday which means they will no longer be traveling on Town Roads.

All other roads reported as passible for emergency vehicles (ambulance, fire trucks).

Grading and surface repair is now commencing on gravel roads.

State bridge inspectors expected on Thursday 7/6 to review Brook Rd, Creamery Rd and Town Road #100 bridges/culverts.

Meeting is scheduled for Friday 7/7 at the Fire Station at 9:00 AM to review roads and meet with FMEA.

Adjourned: 7:30 PM.

Submitted by John Adams