TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Goundrey, David Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Cicely Richardson, Roger Hadlock, Jordon Sutherlin, Emily Bryant, Paul Messer, Sr., Sheila Conley, Sheri Clifford

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by P. Goundrey.

**Roger Hadlock – Road Agent**

Hadlock updated the Board on road conditions since the July 1st storm. Roads continue to be pieced back together and sub-contractors are working on removing debris from Jacobs and Mousley Brooks, roads are being graded, adding additional material and brush has been cut and chipped on Grimes Hill and Bean Brook Road. By August 10th, all roads will have been graded with the exception of Tillotson Falls Road.

Goundrey reported that he, Hadlock and Tom Thomson met with Craig Rennie, NH- Department of Environmental Services, for emergency permitting to clear debris in Jacobs Brook, Mousley Brook and Brook Road Bridge area. This permitting is valid through August 31st.

Bryant offered to assist the Town, free of charge, with any necessary mapping of damage areas for the FEMA reporting.

Hadlock was asked to get more than one quote for the re-decking of Mousley Brook Bridge. He plans to have this by the end of the week.

Smith stated the Energy Committee and other residents were concerned with town trucks idling while unoccupied, becoming an energy and safety issue. Hadlock asked Smith to be more specific. Smith said the loader and a dump truck were left running with no one present at the town garage. Hadlock stated one of the trucks was left running due to a battery issue, but at no time was a piece of equipment left running with no one present.

A motion was made to enter into nonpublic session for a personnel issue at 5:58 PM. A roll call vote of member’s present was taken with a decision in the affirmative.

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 6:10 PM. A vote was taken with a decision in the affirmative to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session.

**Sheila Conley – Storm Damage**

Conley asked to speak with the Board to give her perspective with regards to storm damage on her property. Last year she contacted the highway department with the concern of the culvert near her property requiring cleaning, she was assured that this would be done. The culvert was not cleaned last year or this year and with the July 1st storm most of the road ended up on her front lawn.

Conley shared photos of the damage and flooding on her property. She asked what was her responsibility and what was the towns responsibility with regards to cleaning the silt and dirt from her lawn. Following the rain on August 5th additional dirt came onto her property.

Conley has been given an estimate to clean the property by Michael Wright and is awaiting an estimate from Thomson Properties. She asked if she was responsible for the area from the ditch to the road. Hadlock stated he was going to clear that area but Conley asked that it be left. He explained the ditch line would also require rocks to hold back any loose or fine silt. It was agreed that Hadlock would contact Conley when he would be working on the side of the road near her property.

1. **Old Business**
2. **Board Reports**

Smith reported the Energy Committee heard a presentation from Go-Solar with regards to installation and financing for solar energy. The committee felt they should not support one company over another, just have all information available for those interested. The Energy Committee will also be updating their information on the webpage.

1. **Other**

With regards to the complaint about disruptive behavior at Indian Pond Beach, Goundrey drafted a letter to the party in question that was approved and signed.

The Board discussed the estimate from Servpro with regards to the dead animal under the town office building. Servpro recommended the basement holes to the outside be fixed to deter from animals gaining access, having the basement cleaned, all wood structures treated for mold growth and cleaning of the duck work. Goundrey asked Smith, as Facilities Coordinator, to have someone come in immediately to treat the mold as this is not only a building issue but a health hazard. Smith will report at the next meeting regarding this matter.

Loan for Storm Damage:

The Board was informed by the NH-Department of Revenue that in order to apply for a loan to cover storm damage a special town meeting must be held for an emergency expenditure. This will be discussed further on August 16th.

1. **New Business**
2. **Correspondence**

The Board reviewed a written request from the Friends of the Orford Libraries to set up an area at the transfer station to hold a membership drive by handing out brochures. The Board agreed this could be held at the transfer station as long as traffic flow is not affected.

1. **Accounts Payable**

The correspondence and accounts payable folders were reviewed and signed where necessary.

**IV. Comments & Questions from Public**

Messer asked the Board if home owners are responsible for the culverts at the end of their driveways when they needed to be replaced. Goundrey said that it was the property owner’s responsibility. He would confirm with the town attorney, but if the owner was not doing the necessary culvert upkeep to deter road damage the town could replace the culvert and charge the property owner.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of July 26, 2017 were approved as written.

The Board will meet on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 5:30 PM for a working session. Agenda will be a non-public session to review a personnel matter followed by any other business as necessary.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,