TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Work Session Minutes

November 28, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, David Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Chief Straight, Roger Hadlock

**Call to Order**

The work session was called to order at 5:30 PM

The Board, Fire Chief and Road Agent worked to develop 2018 monetary warrant articles.

**Adjourn**

The work session recessed at 8:25 PM until 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

**Reconvene**

The work session reconvened at 5:30 PM on November 29, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Paul Goundrey, David Smith

OTHER PRESENT: Cicely Richardson, Sandra Marsh, Roger Hadlock, Jim & Deborah McGoff, Tim Cole, Justin Adams, Lawrence Hibbard, Sheri Clifford

Adams explained that a special town meeting was not necessary to use funds from the capital reserve fund (CRF) for bridges and roads because at the 2006 town meeting the Selectboard was voted as agents of this fund.

A motion was made to approve the expenditure of $185,000 from the Bridges & Roads Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of payment for the July 1, 2017 storm event.

The motion passed.

Hadlock presented a proposal to change the waste oil heating system at the town garage to a propane. The cost would be $7,500 and the funds could come from his present budget.

Goundrey was not prepared to decide on this matter immediately, he wanted more information on pricing, how to improve the collection process of used oil, and keeping in mind the amount of money the July 1st storm event has cost the town he felt the highway should make do with what they have.

Adams tabled the discussion until the next regular meeting on December 13th.

Prior to meeting with the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC), Adams asked the Board to consider how to rebuild the Bridges & Roads CRF with a separate warrant article and also to consider increasing the Police Chief’s salary to a competitive amount.

The Board will meet for a working session to review warrant articles with the Fire Chief and Road Agent on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

The Board recessed at 6:00 PM to meet with the Budget Advisory Committee.

The Board reconvened at 7:40 PM.

Goundrey stated he did not want to make a decision last minute regarding an upgrade to the heating system at the highway garage. It would also effect the budget request from the highway department as they would have to request funds for propane.

Smith didn’t realize waste oil was available at the transfer station and he was aware of problems with the present heating system at the highway garage.

Adams will request that Hadlock investigate an upgrade to the heating system for next year’s budget request and continue using the present waste oil heating system.

Goundrey opened and reviewed the two request for paving proposals from Blacktop, Inc and Pike Industries.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 5:30 PM in a working session to develop 2018 monetary warrant articles.

**Adjourn**

The work session adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,