TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2018

Call to order: 5:30

In attendance: Paul Goundrey, David Smith, John Adams, Tom Thomson

Topic: Paul led a discussion of the Mitigation Process for July and October rain events.

There are two levels of activities:

1. Presidential Decree of a disaster (Oct storm) which resulted in us filling information using the FEMA portal
2. Mitigation grants: 15% of total in original declaration. This fund is set aside and the entire state (not just the devastated counties) can apply for it. The grant would pay for 75% of the requested amount with the Town obligated for 25%. That 25% can be “soft” with Town employees doing the work with the labor charged out at their employee rate. Volunteers can be “contacted with” and their donated time and equipment would qualify against the 25%.

The starting point of mitigation is a Letter of Intent: a general description and ball park costs. The board agreed to send a Letter of Intent to initiate the process. Paul to draft a letter with the topics to include the re-establishing the channel of Jacobs brook along Quinttown Road; elevating Quinttown road; removal of debris in Jacobs brook and its tributaries, drainage and culvert improvement on Tillotson Falls Road.

The Selectboard thanked Tom Thomson for his research on this topic.

6:15 Closed session to discuss a personnel issue.

6:30 return to open session, minutes sealed.

Discussion of how money is authorized to be removed from Trust funds, It is required to have a Selectboard approval as reflected in the minutes so the Trustee of the Trust Funds can take action.

6:40 adjourned

Submitted by

John Adams