

# TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Fred Kidder II, Tom Steketee

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, John Berryman

## **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

## **Budget:**

The Selectboard reviewed all line items for the 2020 budget and adjusted the previously proposed budget requests as follows:

- Executive – postage – increased to \$1500 due to multiple mailings that will be sent in 2020
- IT – Equipment – reduced from \$7,000 to \$5,500 as two computer replacements will be completed in 2019
- Legal- Other Expenses – reduced from \$1,500 to \$750
- Cemetery Mileage – increased from \$600 to \$700
- Insurance – the 2018 F-550 generated some of the increase, Dobbins-Marsh will research the increase for Property Insurance
- Highway – Changes were made to salaries & benefits, equipment rental, contracted services, vehicle maintenance, building maintenance, road improvements, road treatment, equipment repairs & replacement, culvert, hot top, gravel, salt, road signs, training, road signs and tree removal

Dobbins-Marsh will enter the changes into the budget program for final review at the 11/13/19 Selectboard Meeting

## **Warrant Articles:**

The Selectboard reviewed the list of warrant articles and adjusted the previously warrant article requests as follows:  
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- Amended the warrant article requesting funding for the backhoe and other town equipment to \$10,000
- Requested Dobbins-Marsh to contact Chief Bachus to clarify the warrant article wording for his request to create a Police Dept. Equipment CRF
- Requested Dobbins-Marsh to contact Chief Straight to clarify the warrant article wording for his request to purchase a new Rescue Truck
- Requested Dobbins-Marsh to contact Chief Straight to clarify the warrant article wording for his request to purchase a new UTV and Trailer

- Requested Berryman to send Dobbins-Marsh a copy of the detail for the request to purchase a new Highway Truck
- The Selectboard agreed to remove the warrant article request to request funding to rebuild 8 ½ miles of gravel roads, and the warrant article request for paving the aprons of several roads in Town

The Selectboard will meet on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to review the re-written warrant articles for final approval at the November 13, 2019 Selectboard Meeting.

### **Other**

The Selectboard reviewed the tax rate provided by the NH DRA. After discussion, the Selectboard agreed to not use any of the fund balance this year as the Municipal tax rate of \$6.43 is lower than last years.

*Motion made by Steketee, seconded by Kidder to accept the tax rate of \$29.98  
Motion passed.*

*A motion was made by Kidder, seconded by Steketee to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) and (c) at 10:10 PM. A roll call vote of member's present was taken with a decision in the affirmative*

*The Board resumed the regular meeting at 10:53 PM. A motion was made by Kidder, seconded by Steketee to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Motion Approved.*

### **Adjourn**

*Motion made by Kidder, seconded by Steketee to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh