

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh,

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Kidder to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) at 5:32 PM. A roll call vote of member's present was taken with a decision in the affirmative

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 5:45 PM. A motion was made by Kidder, seconded by Adams to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Motion Approved.

Review of the 2020 Proposed Budget and Warrant Articles

The Selectboard discussed the operating budget and warrant articles and made the following changes:

#3 - Warrant Article for the Bond for the Archertown Road Rebuild Project

Adams said the engineer design needs additional work. The abutters to the project are concerned about several factors of the design and Adams feels the project won't be ready this year. The board discussed the project priorities for 2020-Town Road #100, Sawyer Brook headwall, High Bridge road bridge and the Quinttown Road dual culverts. Kidder added chip sealing some of the roads vs paving. Currently we have approximately \$135,000 of encumbered funds to apply to paving, and \$22,000 was approved to be pulled from the Roads & Bridges CRF for the High Bridge. The Selectboard agreed to remove the Bond Warrant Article and postpone the project

#4 – Funding of Capital Reserve Accounts

The board agreed to increase the Roads & Bridges CRF funding by \$40,000 (total of \$143,000), reduce the Fire Truck CRF funding by \$20,000 (total of \$20,000), and reduce the Highway Truck CRF funding by \$20,000 (total of \$17,500). The total funding into all the CRF will remain at \$276,700

#6 – Radar Signs – no changes

Chief Bachus wanted the board to know that he has reached out to both the federal and state governments regarding any pending grants that would apply to the cost of this equipment. At this point, there are no grants pending thru 2020, but he continues to look for any grants that would benefit the Town.

#12 – Fire Department Rescue Truck

It was recommended by the NH DRA to make this article less specific. The board removed the specific length of the body

Dobbins-Marsh will update the warrant articles and send copies to the Budget Advisory Committee members.

Other

The Supervisors of the Check list asked to use the Selectboard office on January 21, 2020. Normally they would use the Niles Room, but the Conservation Commission is having a presentation of the culvert work completed this past summer. Debbie Hadlock, Town Clerk, will be here as well. The Selectboard agreed to this.

General Election Setup – Adams reminded the board members they are responsible to set up for the election on February 11th. He reviewed what they are responsible for.

Mark Burger requested time at the annual meeting to present the RRC findings. The board agreed he could share his report at the end of the meeting where other reports are presented. They also suggested having a table with this information available as well.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh