

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Ruth Hook, Tom Thomson, Bill Paxton, Sue Taylor, Lawrence Hibbard, Ken Wiren

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Reviewed the Warrant Articles

WA #3 – Funding the Capital Reserve Accounts (CRA) for a total of \$276,700. Adams reported several years ago during the annual town meeting, a change was voted to reduce the total amount by a specific amount, but the individual CRA amounts weren't changed. This was deemed illegal by the NH DRA and it took some time to correct the change. He reminded the Selectboard that if changes to the total is requested from the floor at the annual meeting, the specific account funding needs to also be amended.

WA #10 – Mark Blanchard, Trustee of the Trust Fund requested the language be changed as follows:

To see if the town will vote to establish a Police Department Major Equipment & Database Update Expense Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for Police Department **updates or repairs to major systems related to safety, recording or documentation including necessary databases**, and software updates and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000) to be placed in this fund. Further to name the Selectboard as agents to expend from said fund.

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kidder to accept the revised language. Motion Passed.

WA #11 – Dobbins-Marsh reported by moving the replacement to 2020, additional funds will be needed to be raised or there will be a shortfall in 2026 when the Fire Department tanker is scheduled to be replaced.

WA #12 – Adams reported a concern was raised about what constitutes a Fire Truck under the language of the Capital Reserve Trust Fund. Does the UTV qualify as a Trust Fund expense? Kidder said he is in favor of removing this warrant article, Adams & Steketee were in favor of leaving for now. If the Trustees can determine the requirement of the CRF for Fire Trucks, the Selectboard can strike the article at the annual meeting, or the article can be amended to remove reference to the CRF account for funding.

The Budget Advisory Committee had requested the Selectboard add a Warrant Article to adopt a statutory Budget Committee under RSA 32:14-24. Steketee expressed concern on the 10% limit for changes to the budget at the annual meeting. Kidder said

in 2016 a petition was presented and it was passed over. He is not in favor of this request. Adams stated the Selectboard will not place a warrant article to adopt the statutory Budget Committee for 2020.

Review of the Selectboard Annual report

Adams presented a draft of the report for the Selectboard to review. A few changes were made, and the Selectboard agreed on the final version.

Kidder presented a draft of the report for the Highway Department. The Selectboard accepted the report as written.

The Selectboard reviewed a draft of a letter in response to a letter received from Rob O'Donnell regarding his historical barn. A few changes were made, and the final version will be added to the Town letterhead and sent out.

Public Hearing for the Town #100 culvert replacement project – Adams reported a public hearing needs to be scheduled with DuBois & King to review the construction plans for the Town Road #100 project. Dobbins-Marsh will contact the abutters to the project to see if 2/19/20 will be a good date. If not, she will ask for additional dates and coordinate with DuBois & King and the Selectboard.

A motion was made by Kidder, seconded by Adams to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) and (c) at 7:20 PM. A roll call vote of member's present was taken with a decision in the affirmative

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 7:44 PM. A motion was made by Kidder, seconded by Adams to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Motion Approved.

Adjourn

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Steketee adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh