

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Fred Kidder II
Chase Kling (physically at the office, but did not call into the meeting)

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Terry Straight, Deb McGoff

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Roll Call - John Adams and Fred Kidder were present for the GoToMeeting call in

Adams reported the NH Secretary of State confirmed that the results of the 03/09/2021 were to be effective immediately. This was in opposition to the Governor's Emergency Order #83 which was interpreted to say the election results would not be effective until after the business meeting. Because of this confirmation by the NH SOS, both John Adams and Chase Kling were sworn into office on Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Adams spoke with Kling about joining the meeting, however, Kling did not call in to the meeting but did request that Selectboard meetings be in person moving forward. Adams will discuss with the Town attorney how to proceed trying to honor Kling's request for in person meetings and still allowing for COVID regulations to apply.

The Selectboard agreed to hear department reports and to address essential business on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kidder to accept the minutes of 02/24/2021 (as amended)
Motion Passed

Reports

- A. **Fire Department** – Chief Straight submitted his report for February with 10 calls for February (7 medical calls, 2 fire calls and 1 mutual aid call). Last year there were 15 calls thru February.
- B. **Highway Department** – Terry Straight addressed the complaint on the road condition for Grimes Hill Road. Straight said the paved portion of the road is salted, then the plow truck for the dirt road will come in later to plow and put down sand. McGoff asked why the same truck didn't plow the entire road and should only sand be put on the paved road? McGoff is concerned that the road isn't plowed properly when the school bus arrives, and it needs to be able to make the hill. She also wants to make sure the turn around is plowed for the bus as well. Businesses on that road are also affected when delivery trucks can't make the hill. Straight said he hadn't received complaints from the bus company on the condition of the road. He'd also contacted Rivendell to see if they'd heard of issues and was told they had not. Adams told McGoff he'd contact her over the next few days to set up an appointment to review the road and the bus turn-around area.

Kidder suggested the Selectboard review the plow route policy and possibly change to better address when and where the plow routes start.

McGoff also addressed the leaf blower that was used last fall. The leaves were blown into the ditch, but the ditches were not cleaned out causing the culverts to become plugged and backed up, and are now frozen.

Dobbins-Marsh mentioned the damage to the bridge off Quinttown Road (by Mousley Brook). Straight said it's on the list of projects for April-May 2021.

C. OTHER

Adams said the Town Road #100 temporary bridge will be removed this week, as the concrete culvert will be installed.

New Business

A. Review of received "Notice of Intent to Cut Wood"

Property Owner: Alan Bean, #008-89-16B, Logger: Alan Bean

Manifests, Payroll and Accounts Payable folders

The manifest, payroll and accounts payable folders were reviewed and signed where necessary.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh