

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Jen Carter, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Tiffany Vance, Celia Bartlett

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Prettyman Road, Class VI section – the Selectboard met with Vance and Bartlett to discuss their property off the Class VI section of Prettyman Road. The board is concerned with the condition of the road. Class VI roads are not maintained by the Town; therefore, it is the property owners' responsibility once they become residents on the property. Vance said the trailer and two trucks do not belong to her, but will be removed by mid-August of this year. If the vehicles are not removed by mid-August, the Selectboard may need to act to have them removed. The board reminded Vance that the road needs to be passable for all vehicles. Once the vehicles in the road are removed, Kling will meet with Vance to review the work that needs to be completed on the road, including culverts that may need replacing. The culvert that Vance replaced (closest to her driveway) was approved by Road Agent Straight. Vance indicated she wasn't made aware of any other culvert that needed replacing. The deadline to have this work completed will be mid-September.

Grey water disposal was discussed with Vance, as she needs a septic system in order to dispose of grey water. Vance said that she'd inquired about how to dispose of grey water, but currently doesn't have any as she showers at her mother's home, and brings in water for her dogs.

Road Agent Job Description – Adams updated the original job description with input from the other board members. They reviewed the amended document and agreed to make a few additional changes. The section under Physical Exertion/Environmental Conditions was removed, but legal still needs to review the language. If legal feels it's important to include, it will be added back to the description, then posted to the webpage. The help wanted ad will be placed in the Journal Opinion, Valley News, the NH Municipal Website, listserv and the Orford webpage, with a due date for submissions of July 20, 2022.

Road Projects for the Highway Crew – The Selectboard agreed to have the highway crew finish the road work out east, then work on Baker Road, Indian Pond Road and Quinttown Road. Adams and Dobbins-Marsh will work on language for the shoulder work on River Road, then submit to vendors for estimates. The highway crew will work to smooth out the entry to driveways along the Brook & Dublin roads. The Selectboard agreed to contract out the replacement of culverts on Grimes Hill and Indian Pond road. Adams will contact Paige Excavating to discuss these projects. Ditching will still be needed on several roads, as well as culvert cleaning.

Mud Turtle Pond road – Kling met with Tom Thomson to review the site where work was done in the wetland area. Mr. Groff also joined the conversation. Per the NH Des report, it was

suggested adding a silt barrier fence to prevent material going into the brook. Groff wants this done on his property – Kling will help the landowner install this barrier, and has their written consent. For now, Thomson does not want any work done on his property. He will notify the town when he's ready for work to be done on his property. Carter reminded the board that the Town needs to directly purchase material for all projects – reimbursement to property owners is not allowed. We can order the silt barrier thru Thomson Excavation and possibly have them install as well.

Other

- A concern was raised about the possibility of a resident constructing three rental units on one lot. In order for this to occur, the property owner would need to submit an application for a sub-division to the Planning Board for approval.

Correspondence

- The Selectboard received a resignation from the Road Committee from Paul Goundrey
- Notice was received from the Town of Dorchester regarding a public hearing scheduled for 07/08/2022 regarding Vortex Towers LLC request seeking two variances to the Dorchester Land Use Regulation Ordinance
- Report of e-coli readings at the Orford ponds. The reading at Upper Baker Pond was over the acceptable limit, and it was agreed to post the e-coli warning at the pond. The Selectboard discussed if the posting should be near where the test was taken, but will need to obtain the location from the Conservation Commission. High readings will be posted on the ListServ and the Orford Webpage.
- Diesel Spill at the highway garage update – the drilling company will be at the garage on August 25th and 26th to perform work approved by the NH DES.

Review of Manifest, Payroll & Payables

Adjourn

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Carter to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3/0

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh