

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Jennifer Carter, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Update on Road work

The crew is working on Indian Pond Road grading the rough sections. The plan is to have that road completed by the end of this week/early next week, then move onto the Orfordville Road for some minor repairs.

The highway department received a call from Chris Whitcher asking if the Town is interested in having them sort and sift the sand for the upcoming winter season. Kling said with only two employees, this might be helpful for this year. The board discussed needing between 2,000 and 3,000 yards of sand. Dobbins-Marsh will obtain estimates from several companies for this work.

Adams reported that he's not received a cost to do the shoulder work on the River Road from Pike's – he will follow up again next week.

Paige Excavation reached out to Roger Hadlock regarding various culvert projects for the Town of Orford, including the Clough Brook culvert replacement.

Kling spoke with the Lyme Road Agent regarding which town is responsible to plow the section from the town line, over the bridge into Lyme. Due to the weight of the Orford trucks, it was agreed that Lyme would now be responsible to plow across the bridge, and up to the Orford town line.

They also discussed maintenance of the Orfordville Road/Stone House Mtn. road that is in Lyme. The area created by the intersection of Orfordville Road and Upper Stonehouse Mtn road that is in Lyme is part of the Upper Stonehouse Mtn subdivision, and this section is Orford's responsibility as outlined in court documents. During mud season, the Lyme highway crew was told by the Orford Road Agent to take care of this area, so they ditched and put down material in this area. Lyme feels Orford should reimburse the Town for the cost of this gravel. Kling will discuss with the Lyme road agent. There also is a culvert in question (Orford's responsibility) in that same area - Kling checked it out - the culvert on the south end towards Lyme is crinkled, but water is flowing thru it. This culvert is a deep (5' to 8') and about 25'-30' culvert. The culvert is a galvanized culvert, and to change the culvert will require the road to be closed and the use of an excavator. The other issue is having water coming out from up above the area, and creates gullies to and across the Town line. To mitigate this may need some rip rap at the same time the culvert is replaced.

Bridges need to be swept – usually in the spring and fall, but due to the extended mud season this hasn't happened yet. It will be added to the schedule.

At the garage there are 12 “Road Ends Here” signs. The Board wants to see if they can be returned, and replaced with signs that read “Town Road Maintenance Ends Here”. These would be placed where Class VI roads and private roads begin.

The board discussed a letter received from the NH DES regarding a wetland violation on Mud Turtle Pond Road earlier this year. A photo of the silt barrier needs to be taken (Adams will take the photo), and submitted to the NH DES, and the Town will need to find a Certified Wetland Scientist to review the site and make recommendations to the work required to repair the area.

Adams reached out to Mark Neuroth, DuBois & King, regarding a recommendation of a temporary solution regarding the failed Mousley Brook culvert and D&K’s original recommendation to post that section of the road with a weight restriction. Durfee will work on a plan with options for the board to consider.

The Town received reimbursement funds from FEMA for the Town Road #100 project in the amount of \$53,212.35 A Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 28, 2022 to accept the unanticipated funds.

MS-1 – the assessor filed an extension for reporting to allow Orford to research if the house owned by Arnold Stygles, on Bean Brook road, Map & Lot #008-027-021, is assessed in the correct Town. Currently it’s assessed in Piermont. The Orford and Piermont perambulators will review the property on Bean Brook against the Town lines to determine which town the house was constructed in.

Non-Public Session

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Carter to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(a) for personnel matters at 6:15 pm. A roll call vote of member’s present was taken with a decision in the affirmative

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 7:18 pm. A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Carter to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Motion Approved 3/0

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh