

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Jason Bachus, Ann Green, Bob Palifka

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to accept the minutes of 11/09/2022 (as amended) Motion Passed 2/0*
- *Motion made by Kling, seconded by Adams to accept the minutes from the Work Session of 11/15/2022 (as amended) Motion Passed 2/0*
- *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to accept the minutes from the Budget Work Session 11/15/2022 (as amended) Motion Passed 2/0*
- *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to accept the minutes from the Work Session of 11/16/2022 (as amended) Motion Passed 2/0*

Reports

- A. **Police Department** – Chief Bachus presented the October activities to the Selectboard. In October there was a total of 70 calls for service (NHSP responded to 8 calls) which included 3 thefts, 2 fraud cases, 1 sex offense investigation, 1 disorderly conduct, 2 vehicle crashes and various other non-criminal events. There was a total of 27 motor vehicle enforcement calls.

Bachus reported the speed cart was moved last week and after moving it the unit shut down and is not operational. Bachus has a call into the service/warranty department for assistance. The agreement between Piermont and Orford for shared police services has been submitted to Primex for review. Bachus reported a local taxpayer has donated a game camera with a solar panel to the Police department for use in enforcement activities. The camera will be deployed as needed in areas of illegal activities or events, and will comply with NH RSA 236:130

Police Coverage at large events - Ann Green expressed her concern about fees being charged for local events, as high fees might prevent organizations from holding events that benefit the citizens of Orford. Bachus said fees would be based on the anticipated number of attendees, and the activity. When an event draws a large number of people, and pedestrians are crossing our roads, in conjunction with increased vehicle traffic, it has the potential to create an issue. This step of requiring police presence will allow the Town to show it's taking appropriate preventative measures. Police presence would also help in the event of a medical emergency. When Bachus is under contract for an event, his time is dedicated to that event, unless a major event occurs in town. The current contract rate is \$75 per hour and would only apply to events not sponsored by the Town of Orford. Town sponsored events, such as the July 4th parade and Annual Meeting, are covered by Bachus as part of his contract. Green asked if it's a conflict of interest for the police chief to require an organization to pay a fee for the event, with the fee being paid

to him? Could there be a list of all officers the organization could select from? Bachus said he would be the primary officer to provide coverage for these events, but will have other officers that can be called on to provide coverage if needed. Private organizations submitting requests to hold events on Town property will be reviewed by the Police Chief starting in 2023, and he will determine if a police coverage contract will be needed.

B. Selectboard attended Committee meeting recap – no committee meetings were attended

Old Business

A. Update of Outstanding Projects

- **Town Highway Storage Addition** – The walls have been poured, and the floor is scheduled to be poured the week of November 28th
- **Archertown Road Jacobs Brook bridge** – Adams reported on the email received from DuBois & King regarding the schedule of work for this project. When Adams challenged their timing, Bob Durfee (D&K) said the project has been pushed out 6 months, with the final design scheduled to be completed by June 2023, with the project going out to bid in late 2023. The engineers are hoping some of the work can be done during the winter of 2023-2024. Durfee understands the level of intensity of this bridge for our Town, and is pushing to get this project done.

Regarding winter plowing of the bridge, the Road Foreman feels the F-550 could plow the bridge if the truck carries a light load of sand. He is also looking for residents that have smaller trucks with a sander that meets the weight restriction of the bridge. Another option would be to purchase a snow blower to use on the bridge

- **Highway & Roads**
 1. There is a large rock that was placed on a property at 163 Mud Turtle Pond road and the rock appears to be in the right of way. The concern is a snow plow hitting the rock this winter. It was agreed to send a letter to the property owner to have the rock removed from that location
 2. Kling spoke with Mason (Josh) Bailey, resident on Archertown Road. They've inserted a solid metal pipe in their driveway culvert that needs to be removed as it will block water from flowing thru it, and potentially undermine the town road. A letter will be sent to the Bailey's to remove the pipe from the culvert.
 3. Tiffany Vance needs a plan to maintain the Class VI section of Prettyman Road this winter. Kling will try to contact her regarding this.
 4. Road Foreman Williams contacted Susan Miller Hild and recommended she work with a contractor to create a better drainage system around her house on Upper Baker Pond road. This should provide better run-off after a rain storm

New Business

- A. Review of received "Notice of Intent to Cut Wood"** None Received
- B. Complaints** – None Received
- C. Contracts** – None Received
- D. Correspondence** – None Received
- E. Other**

Manifests, Payroll and Accounts Payable folders

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

Adjourn

Motion made by Kling, seconded by Adams to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 2/0

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh