

TOWN OF ORFORD

Orford Road Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 09, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charlie Smith, Michael Wright, Herb Austic, David Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Taylor, Selectboard, Ted Nutter, Road Agent

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes from 3/14

Approved Minutes from 4/9

Approved work session Minutes from 4/11

Charlie handed out the Town of Orford Officials Code of Conduct Policy to the committee members

Charlie asked Larry if he had gotten any clarification on the N.H. Block grant monies use and whereabouts? Larry responded that Esther had said it was in the town's accounts.

Charlie handed out a paper from the N.H. on Highway Block Grant -Eligible Uses #RSA235:25. He explained his understanding of the grant and its purpose and use. He showed that it is a grant to the town to be used only by the highway department, separate from the highway department's budget. He felt it should be held in a separate account and should be used at the road agents' discretion as specified in the RSA 235:25. This would allow the money to be available for him in emergencies and road repairs without having to use his budgeted money. David agreed with Charlie and remembered the block grant funds from when he was on the Selectboard. Ted and Larry felt it would be best to discuss the matter with the full Selectboard. Charlie agreed and said that he would be on the next Selectboard meeting agenda.

The committee talked about Phase 2 and how the progress on any sort of water mitigation was going with the design. Ted said that three additional culverts were being put in the design. Charlie stated that culverts are not a water mitigation system. The committee again was concerned about the cost to the town for an outside project manager for the project. Ted was asked if he felt that he could oversee the project once a final design was completed? He replied that he felt confident that he could.

Charlie asked if there was any possibility that the wicking fabric could be utilized this year in a road repair project. Ted said that there wasn't any money in his budget for that at this point. Charlie replied that he may need to find another town to use it. He felt that the block grant money could be used for that purpose.

Charlie Adjourned at 7:19, seconded by Herb

Respectfully Submitted

Herb Austic