TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2018

Call to order: 5:30

Selectboard members in attendance: Jim McGoff, David Smith, John Adams

Others in attendance: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Terry Straight, Ken Wiren, Ruth Hook, Susan Taylor, Deborah McGoff, Paul Carreiro, Lawrence Hibbard

Topic: Repairs on Upper Stonehouse Mountain Road due to the wash out

Straight handed out the recommendations (FEMA Approved) for repairs to Upper Stonehouse Mountain Road due to the wash out from the October 29-30, 2017 storm. Two bids were also presented for completion of the repairs - Clifton Taylor $6,800 and Stacey Thomson $11,000. Straight discussed the DES permit application that will need to be completed and submitted. McGoff said that he’d looked over the damage with Straight. He feels the town could make the repairs for a lower cost than the bids received. Adams agreed that it could be a possibility. McGoff will work with the town road crew on a cost analysis to complete the project. This will include time, permits, cost of materials and cost to rent equipment as needed. The landowner that abuts the project needs to be determined and will need to be made aware of the project details as soon as possible. Adams and Dobbins-Marsh will look into the town right of way.

Prior to the meeting going into recess, McGoff asked to address the resignation of Terry Straight as road agent and employee of the highway department. He felt it should be accepted. Smith said that Tim Chase could possibly act as the temporary road agent until a replacement could be hired. Adams asked Dobbins-Marsh to update the Road Agent job posting.

Motion made by McGoff and accepted by Smith to accept the resignation of Terry Straight as Road Agent and employee of the Highway Department effective July 20, 2018,

The motion passed.

The meeting recessed at 6:13 pm until 7/18/18 at 6:30 for the non-public session.

The check register, invoices and mail were reviewed with no issues.

Smith mentioned to McGoff (as the highway liaison) that the culvert at the Indian Pond beach access needs to be looked at and the Orfordville Road bog has dropped about 12” and is leaking. Adams said this needs to be fixed as the low water level is an issue for the wetlands. Smith and Dobbins-Marsh will work on a thank you for the donation received during the October 2017 storm. Adams relayed that S. Clifford would have at least one more training session with Dobbins-Marsh. Adams and Dobbins-Marsh will work on completing the truck bid paperwork. Smith mentioned that Heidi Miller had a question on a lot size for her property. Smith will pull the property map to review.

Entered into closed session to discuss a personnel issue at 6:30 pm

­­­8:25 p.m. return to open session, minutes sealed.

The select board agreed to advertise the Road Agent and Road Crewman positions in the Velley News for 1 week, It’s Classified for 3 issues, Journal Opinion for three issues and the Plymouth Register for 3 issues. The application due date is August 22, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted, Esther Dobbins-Marsh