

# TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2021, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Fred Kidder II, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh,

## **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

**Roll Call** – Adams-present, Kidder-present, Kling-present

**Annual Meeting Preparation** – The Selectboard will meet at the Rivendell Gym at 10:00 am on May 22, 2021 to set up voting booths, various tables, etc. Kidder will bring the voting booths from the Town office to Rivendell. The Selectboard discussed various announcements at the start of the meeting. Joe Davis is retiring as a Trustee of the Trust Funds – a member of the Trust Fund will say a few words about Joe's years of service to the Town.

The Health Officer position is up for re-election, and Faith Knapp has decided not to run for re-election. In researching the "job description" for this position, it was discovered that the Health Officer should actually be appointed by the Selectboard, then the board recommends that person to the NH Department of Health Services, who make the final appointment.

The Selectboard discussed several Warrant Articles and who will respond to questions presented for specific articles.

## **Other**

- Mask Requirements at the Town Office – The Town will follow the CDC guidelines, and not require masks for vaccinated individuals. If residents are uncomfortable coming into the building without masks, they are free to wear them.
- Broadband Survey – Dobbins-Marsh asked if it's okay to post the survey on the Town's webpage – does the entire committee need to approve first. Adams said a sub-committee was created to work on the survey, and if the rest of the committee has been given the option to review and make suggestions, it's okay to post on the authority of the sub-committee.
- Emergency Management Response – Eversource is looking for a temporary contact person until the Emergency Management Director is named. Adams said he is the default EMD as the Selectboard Chair, so he would be the temporary contact person.
- Kling discussed the two recent activities he's been working on (town road maintenance and the sludge near the culvert on Grimes Hill road). He said action is necessary as these are issues that many in Town are concerned with. He is not looking to personally attack any individual in Town, but laws and rules must be followed for the good of all.
- Kling met with Brandon, Assessor, and discussed a property for him to look at where the property owners' lot is in Orford and Lyme, is in current use, but has buildings on it. Just wants to make sure the property is being taxed properly for Orford.

**Adjourn**

*Motion made by Kidder, seconded by Kling adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3/0*

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh