

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen
Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Review process to fill the Selectboard vacancy

The Selectboard reviewed the resignation from Fred Kidder as a Selectboard member, that created the vacancy. RSA 669:73 states *“vacancies in the board of selectmen shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining selectmen. Whenever the selectmen fail to make such appointment, the superior court or any justice thereof, on petition of any citizen of the town, and after such notice as the court shall deem reasonable, may appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy; provided, however, that if the town has adopted the provisions of RSA 669:61, IV, and a petition thereunder is submitted before the submission of a petition under this section, the provisions of RSA 669:61, IV shall apply”* This RSA will set the basis for the procedure the Selectboard will follow to appoint someone to fill the current Selectboard vacancy which will end following the 2023 Annual Meeting. Any person on the voter check list is eligible to submit their name for consideration.

The Selectboard will post a notice on List Serv, the Post Office, Town Office bulletin board and the Webpage inviting interested parties to submit their name, contact information and a brief description of why they'd like to serve as an Orford Selectboard member. The deadline to submit to the Selectboard office will be March 22, 2022 by 4:00 pm. All submissions will be reviewed at the March 23, 2022 Selectboard meeting, and a decision will be made on who to appoint, although the Selectboard can decide not to appoint from submissions received. After someone is appointed, they will take the Oath of Office then can be seated at the Selectboard table.

Upcoming Selectboard Meetings

- **March 23, 2022** – regular board meeting
- **March 30, 2022** – work session to discuss the Archertown Road/Jacobs Brook bridge engineering design with the engineer and abutters
- **April 6, 2022** – work session to review and accept paving bids, review list of questions and concerns regarding the possible purchase of property in Orford, review sections of the Employee handbook
- **April 13, 2022** – regular board meeting

Correspondence

- **VISA Application** – because the town fuel station is being worked on, due to the fuel leak, the Police Chief is being ordered a credit card so the cruiser can be filled up

obtaining the lowest price per gallon. Dobbins-Marsh will work with the State to allow Bachus to fill up the cruiser at State garages, as available.

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to approve the application to order a credit card for Chief Bachus thru the Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank. Motion Passed.

- **Orford Vol Fire Department request** to use the Common for the annual flea market. *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to approve the request. Motion Passed.*
- **MS-232** – the Selectboard reviewed the MS-232 Report of Appropriations Actually Voted at the Annual Meeting. The report was accepted and signed.
- **Application for the Veterans Tax Credit** – the application from Alfred Boddington was reviewed and accepted. *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to accept the Application for Veterans Tax Credit. Motion passed.*

Other

- Adams requested he be appointed to the Selectboard liaison to the Upper Valley Ambulance organization, as he has served in the past. *Motion made by Kling, seconded by Adams to appoint John Adams as the liaison to the Upper Valley Ambulance. Motion passed.*

Review of Manifest, Payroll & AP's

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh