

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Jen Carter, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Terry Martin (Social Library), Carol Boynton and Susan Kling (Free Library)

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm

Discussion of the property to use for a Community Center

The Selectboard and Trustees of the two libraries discussed the possibility of the property at 483 Route 10, Orford to be used as a Library, Community Center and possibly Town Office. This discussion is in its early stages, but the board wanted input from the Trustees.

S. Kling said the Library study had identified this property as a possible location, along with several others. She would like to visit the site to look at the interior layout. After that, she would request the NH Library Association send out one of their consultants to review the site and confirm the building would work as a library. S. Kling also suggested forming a committee to include Selectboard members, Library Trustee members and members of the public to work on this project.

Martin reviewed his analysis of the existing library's square footage against this building and feels it could accommodate the library collections, Town Offices and meeting room space. If there is still a kitchen at this location, the site could also be used for an emergency shelter. Currently part of the building is rented, and that rental income can offset some of the expense of the loan the Town would need to obtain. In addition, the Social Library could look to sell its building, and possibly the Free Library and Town office buildings could also be sold, with proceeds reducing the loan balance. Martin acknowledged the loss of tax income of approximately \$9,500 from the property at 483 Route 10, but the Town would gain some of that tax money back depending on who purchases the existing buildings.

The Selectboard authorized Martin to contact realtor Martha Diebold to schedule a walk thru of the property for Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to look into the feasibility of this property becoming town property to be used for Town Offices, Town Library, and other possible Town uses. Motion Passed 3/0

Non-Public Session

A motion was made by Adams, seconded by carter to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II(b) for Interviews at 6:15 pm. A roll call vote of member's present was taken with a decision in the affirmative

The Board resumed the regular meeting at 8:00 pm. A motion was made by Adams, seconded by Carter to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Motion Approved 3/0

Highway Department Updates

The Selectboard discussed the road work priorities and updated the project list

Contracts:

- Primex Property & Casualty Insurance CAP - the Selectboard agreed to accept the Cap that limits the max increase in premium to no more than 9% for the next three (3) years. *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Carter to approve the price stability contract with Primex. Motion Passed 3/0*
- Chimney Savers – The Selectboard agreed to have Chimney Savers cap the chimney at the Town office building to prevent rodents from gaining entry. *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Carter to approve the contract with Chimney Savers to repair and cap the chimney at the Town office building, not to exceed \$970. Motion passed 3/0*

Correspondence

- Email was received from Robb Day regarding the Indian Pond Road access and the rusting culvert. They flagged the location, but it will need attention soon. Also, the Indian Pond Road is very rough and needs some attention. Day also noted the signs and barriers on either side of the closed High Bridge road bridge have been removed, created a safety hazard. Many people walk the bridge, but with the barriers removed, someone may try to drive over it as well.
- E-Coli readings of 07/18/2022 – the report received reflects low readings at the ponds and various locations along Jacobs Brook.

Review of Manifest, Payroll and AP's

Adjourn

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Carter adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3/0

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh