

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Jen Carter, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Steve Williams, Bob Palifka

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order following the Public Hearing at 5:45 pm

Review and Finalize the Proposed 2023 Budget

The Selectboard reviewed each section of the 2023 proposed budget. With no changes being proposed, *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to accept the 2023 proposed budget for a total of \$1,347,495. Motion Passed 3/0*

Review and Finalize the Proposed 2023 Warrant Articles

- **Capital Reserve funding** – the total funding was amended from a total of \$426,322 to a total of \$431,322 – this was due to an increase of funding for the Highway Truck CRF
- **Charitable Appropriations** – no changes to the article, the total appropriation is \$16,802
- **Paying received FEMA funds into the Road Improvement CRF** – no changes made – the amount to be transferred is \$13,181
- **Paying received funds from the State of NH into the Road Improvement CRF** – no changes made – total to transfer \$128,020
- **Requesting additional funds from the Highway Truck CRF to cover surcharge costs** – no changes made – total to come from the CRF will remain at \$35,000
- **Purchase of a new F-550** – the truck description was amended as follows:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred forty-five thousand dollars (\$145,000) to purchase a one and one-half ton F-550 or equivalent dump truck equipped with hydraulic hoist side dump body, 9' snow plow with wing, including the standard 3-year, 32,000 mile warranty.
- **Paving** – the paving article was amended as follows:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to reconstruct, reclaim and pave the Archertown Road hill, and reconstruct and reclaim Archertown Road flats from the hill to Newcomb Bridge, to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) from the Road Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, one hundred fifty thousand (\$150,000) from the Unassigned Fund Balance, and one hundred thousand to be raised by taxes. *Motion made by Kling, seconded by Carter to amend this warrant article. Motion Passed 3/0*
- **Highway Generator** – no changes made – total cost remains at \$22,000
- **Highway Equipment** – no changes made – total cost remains at \$20,000
- **Streetlight upgrade** – no changes made – total cost remains at \$13,200
- **Readopt the All Veterans' Tax Credit** – no changes made

- **Amend the Purchasing Policy** – no changes made
- **Amend the Police Cruiser CRF name and clarify the purpose** – no changes made
- **Amend the Police Dept Major Equipment & Database CRF name and clarify the purpose** – no changes made

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Carter to accept the proposed 2023 warrant articles as amended. Motion Passed 3/0

Correspondence

- Email received from John Miller regarding the Clough Brook culvert project. Per the Selectboard, the project was put out to bid and once the headwalls are available, the work will be completed. Paige Excavation is hoping to complete the work in 2023.
- The Selectboard received a letter from McLane Middleton, Professional Association requesting a Public Hearing for their client Susan Hild, and for the Selectboard to assess damages to her property on Upper Baker Pond road which Hild feels were caused by the Town. Dobbins-Marsh will send the document to the Town attorney for direction.

Notice of Intent to Cut

Property Owner: Green Woodlands, Map & Lot #008-031-006, Forester: John Fogarty

Contract

The contract between the Orford Police Department and the Piermont Police Department was reviewed. *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Kling to enter into this agreement. Motion Passed 3/0*

Other

- The Selectboard received 4 letters of resignation from Budget Advisory Committee members. These resignations will be addressed at the 12/28/2022 Selectboard meeting.
- The Selectboard briefly discussed the storm emergency and all those that responded, including the road crew, fire department and emergency management director. The fire department reported they responded to 21 calls for assistance between Friday noon thru Saturday at 5:00 pm

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh