

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Jen Carter

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh, Steve Williams

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am

Posting of Roads – Adams said historically the Selectboard has authorized the Road Agent to post the roads at their discretion. *Motion made to authorize the Road Agent to post and un-post the roads. Motion Passed 2/0*

Because the Selectboard is serving as the road agent, they will take input from the road foreman around this issue. Williams presented print outs from the Northeast Regional Climate Center (NRCC), which collects data from Cold Regions, UNH and Cornell to predict road conditions based on upcoming temperatures and weather. The data shows that starting Wednesday (02/15/2023), roads will start to become soft, and allowing heavy vehicles and equipment on the roads could create a lot of damage. Williams said there are already a few roads that have ruts. Carter said after all the money spent and materials used in 2022 on the roads, it seems short sighted not to post the roads now. *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Carter to post the roads effective 02/15/2023. Motion passed 2/0*

Saying this, the Selectboard recognize that posting the roads has an impact on fuel and other delivery trucks to residents' homes, and logging operations. It was agreed that loggers and delivery truck drivers can contact Steve Williams to get permission to drive on the road when the temperature is low enough so their trucks won't impact the roads. *Motion made by Adams, seconded by Carter to appoint Steve Williams, Road Foreman, as the contact person to obtain permission to drive on the posted roads for vehicles in excess of 6-tons. Motion Passed 2/0*

Williams will track who he's given permission to (date, time period and truck information) with a copy for the vehicle driver, Police Chief and Selectboard.

Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh