

TOWN OF ORFORD

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Adams, Kevin Follensbee, Chase Kling

OTHERS PRESENT: Esther Dobbins-Marsh

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

Policy First Review

- Social Media Policy – the Selectboard reviewed two options for a policy – one with full interaction, and one with restricted interaction. After discussion, it was agreed to move forward on the policy with restricted interaction. This policy will allow department heads to post information important to the residents of Orford, but comments back and forth will not be allowed. Email addresses will be provided on the pages which will allow readers of the page to comment to either the department head or the Selectboard office. The draft policy will be submitted to Town Council for review and comments.

Motion made by Follensbee, seconded by Adams to accept the Restricted Interaction Social Media policy, pending review and comments by Town Council. Motion Passed 3/0

Policy Introduction

- Complaint/Investigation Policy – the Selectboard reviewed the draft, with minor changes made. Adams will present the updated draft for a First Review at the 09/27/2023 Selectboard meeting.

Other

- Archertown Road Hill – Kling reported on a suggestion by the Road Committee members regarding Archertown Road. It was suggested to use the \$40,000 received from the Grafton County ARPA funds towards putting down gravel on the Phase II section of the Archertown Road flat – this will help keep the road in better driving condition for this winter. In addition, it was suggested adding a shim coat on the Archertown Road from the Route 10 intersection to the Townshed road intersection and from Dublin Road to High Bridge road. This will help keep this section of the road in better condition until the Jacobs Brook bridge project is completed. Once the bridge is completed, this section of the road will need to be paved. Engineer Darrow will work on specs if the Town needs to put out to bid.
- Mousley Brook Bridge – the Selectboard will ask Herb Austic to look at the railings that need to be replaced.
- Sand Pit test borings – Kling was told there were test boring done at the pit many years ago, but not sure where they are. These would be helpful to determine the amount of sand available at the pit.
- Policy for “Board of Selectmen Guidelines and Procedures” – Dobbins-Marsh prepared a draft for the board members to review and determine if it’s needed. With the upcoming election, Orford could have two new board members, and a guideline for board members could be helpful.

Adjourn

Motion made by Kling, seconded by Follensbee to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed 3/0

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther Dobbins-Marsh