



TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2012

Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:02 PM. Those present were; Chairman, Kevin Allcroft, Christine Lavoie, Howard Grover, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Public Works Foreman, Brian Stoyell; Economic Development Advisor, Ron Harriman; Planning Board Chairman, Louis Morin; 13 citizens.

1. Adjustments To the Agenda: None.

2. Public Comments: Grant Road residents and residents of Hampden who live across the river from the Grant Road spoke regarding the gravel pit area at the end of the Grant Road. Resident, Eric McDougal stated the dust from the trucks and gravel pit operations have become unbearable. Resident, Karen Landry stated the area at the end of the Grant Road looks like it has been demolished. The gravel pit looks terrible. Resident, Steve Mitchell has not been able to use his pool because of the soot that is at the bottom from the dust. Allcroft addressed the public regarding ordinances. The project that Thornton is working on down there is in compliance with the Town ordinance. The Town doesn't have a noise ordinance but the State does. Louis Morin stated that the noise issue was something that could be controlled by the State. Hampden resident, Mr. Lillehelm said White has been hostile toward him during past conversations. He stated that White has a close relationship with Mr. Thornton and he feels that has been an issue in regards to activities going on at the gravel pit area that is not in compliance. White addresses these accusations. White stated that he has no business relationship with Mr. Thornton. His personal relationship has nothing to do with this. He also countered the

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accusations of being verbally hostile toward Mr. Lileholm. Various residents both of the Grant Road and of Hampden, stated that Mr. Thornton had promised a burm. Allcroft stated that he had not asked that direct question to Mr. Thornton, but he will. Resident, Dennis Colson asked why Mr. Thornton can run a gravel business down that road, when home occupations are not allowed due to zoning. Dennis also asked how much the Town was paying for Mr. Thornton to do the work on the gravel pit area. Allcroft stated that it was a trade for the right of way. The Town is not paying cash for the work. Allcroft stated that the Town will look into some of these things that were brought up tonight. Most of it is not for the Town to enforce. Allcroft assured the public that Mr. Thornton will be contacted to ask some of the questions that were brought up.

3. Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2012: Lavoie, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

4. Awards & Recognition: None

5. Appointments & Resignations: Resignation of Dan Turner from Fire/Rescue Dept.: Lavoie moved to approve Dan's resignation. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Old Business:

A. Update on Grant Road Recreational Area: Discussion took place during public comments.

B. Swetts Pond Road Beaver Flowage update: White had no new updates.

C. Update on Reconstruction Project on Snow's Corner Road.: Sub base will be finished this week, gravel next week. Paving should begin on 10/22. Complaints have come forth around traffic delays and rough surface. Pole at Tim Kenney's has been removed. Resident, Diane Collins asked about the grade of the hill where she lives on Snows Corner Road. White said he met with the engineer and that it will be fixed.

New Business:

6. Department and Committee Reports:

A. Fire/Rescue Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

B. ACO Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

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7. Discussion on Business Park MRC Zone (Mr. L. Morin / Mr. R. Harriman). : White put this on the agenda in response to Grover's question about needing public water in the MRC zone. Public water and sewer is required. Performance standards contradict land use for MRC. Allcroft's concern is that Brewer is not going to bring sewer into their industrial park. Water is possible down the road. The concern is that we will never be able to develop those lots if sewer is required. In looking further, the MRC needs residential in there too and the ratio required is going to make it difficult to sell the three lots in the front as residential. Only two of them will be able to be residential. There was much discussion between the Board, Ron Harriman, and Louis Morin. SEAC committee had recommended creating a new zone, a hybrid of sorts. The Planning Board did not approve, they felt the zones should be left straight forward as they are. This situation is causing a stand still as we cannot move forward with selling or developing under the current requirements for water/sewer.

8. Approval of G. A. Ordinance changes.: Lavoie moved to approve the general assistance ordinance change. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

9. Approval of Junkyard Permits as Submitted.: Grover moved to approve. Lavoie seconded. Grover asked if there were any issues with any of the junkyards. White said he has not heard of any. Vote: Yes-5.

10. Approval for signing of MPO for Snow's Corner Road Intersection.: This has been approved previously. DOT will construct a right hand turn lane out of Snow's Corner Road onto Rt. 15. Bladen asked how it would affect the house on the corner. White stated that the turn lane will be cut into the right of way. Lavoie moved to approve. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes-4. Bladen opposed.

11. Authorize accepting of Portable Radio from Town of Holden.: The Town of Holden received a grant for a portable radio. This is a new one they don't need. Lavoie moved to approve the gift. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

12. Treasurer's Warrants and Budget Summary: Passed around and signed.

13. Report Folder: Passed around.

14. Town Manager' Report: White contracted with Wilson's for crack sealing. White would like to include Snows Corner Road that is not being reconstructed since the price is coming in less than what was approved.

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DOT has worked on the Center Drive and Dow intersection. Visibility is better but still could be improved. Dr. Adam Lauer wants to have a tri-athlon in Orrington. This would involve 75-100 people. It should last approximately 3 hours. All resources are available and is for charity. White asked if the Board is interested in hearing the Dr.'s request. The Board was in consensus to listen to the information. No Parking signs have been put on the side of the Snow's Corner Road near Marsten's Cemetery. They are temporary paper signs. Regular signs have been ordered and are in. Call has been put in to the engineers regarding Swetts Pond Dam and no response. Curb cutting near the pound has been approved to be moved by the State.

15. Board Comments: Bladen is trying to understand what happened to make the business park come to a standstill. Much discussion. Goody noted that the school bus goes up the Richardson Road now, but not for high school kids. White offered to ask Mr. Snell about this. Grover asked if we were going to talk to Mr. Thornton regarding the discussion tonight. Allcroft confirmed we would. Grover also asked if Pike was using the same prices on the Snow's Corner Rd paving or if there were going to be increases. Long Hill Rd looks good. The only thing that concerns him is that the pavement doesn't really look like it blends into driveways as it should on paved driveways. Lavoie noted that the guardrail in front of Glen Rand's house on Rt. 15 looks rusty and old compared to the other new guardrails. White informed the Board that Adam Liscomb is coming to the fire station to fix the section of the roof that is leaking. It has been discovered that there is another leak at the front of the building. White will bring to the board a recommendation to fix the entire roof this fall instead of next fall.

16. Adjourn: Lavoie moved to adjourn at 9:45 PM. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes- 5.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk

Kevin M. Allcroft, Chairman