



TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2012

1. *Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:* The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM. Those present were; Chairman, Kevin Allcroft, Christine Lavoie, Howard Grover, James Goody, Terrence Bladen; Town Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Fire Chief, Mike Spencer; Assistant Fire Chief, Scott Stewart; 14 citizens.
2. *Adjustments To the Agenda:* None.
3. *Public Comments:* None.
4. *Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2012:* Grover moved to approve the minutes. Lavoie seconded. Vote: Yes-5.
5. *Awards & Recognition:* None
6. *Appointments & Resignations: Alan Howard from the Planning Board:* The Board was in agreement to accept the resignation of Alan Howard from the Planning Board as he has been absent for many meetings .

Old Business:

7. *Swetts Pond Road Beaver Flowage (Attorney Ed Bearor):* Attorney Ed Bearor was present and gave his findings to the Board along with photos. The question arises of who would be liable for damages should the dam break. One option would be to sit down with the affected landowners to discuss. Another option would be for the Town to declare it a nuisance. Another option would be "taking" the affected area. Grover asked if the Town can spend money on private property. Bearor stated no, however, if there is imminent danger that has been documented, it would most likely not be unlawful to spend money. Grover noted that the beaver deceivers were put in but do not work. White stated along with that, they were supposed to be monitored. Danielle with Fish & Wildlife was present offering help with engineering and resolve. Bladen asked if the wetland people at IFW had grant money set aside for this type of situation. She said she wasn't sure how much was available, but that materials wouldn't be costly. Communication with landowners regarding how much to lower the levels would be important. White stated that doing away with the wetlands is not an option. A meeting will be scheduled between Tom Schaefer from IFW and the landowners, and White to be present, to determine actions needed. Scott Stewart asked if there would be liability since the fire department had to respond to the situation last fall where they had to patch it. He wondered if we should

start downstream first. Bearor to look into. Allcroft is looking forward to everyone working together and feels we are moving in the right direction.

New Business :

8. *Department and committee reports:*

A. Policing Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

B. Public Works Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

9. *Proposed hour change for Selectmen's Meetings:* White stated that he was asked to bring a time change to the Selectmen from beginning at 7PM to 6PM. Some discussion. The charter only mentions setting limit for ending. No action taken.

10. *Budget Workshop Schedule Change:* White informed the Board of where he is at with the budget and is ready to move ahead sooner than the schedule lists.

11. *Fire/ Rescue Dept. Discussion:* Lavoie moved to remove this item from the agenda. Allcroft seconded. Vote: **Yes-5.**

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

13. *Report Folder:* Passed around.

14. *Town Manager's Report:* White informed Grover that he followed up on the property on Johnson Mill Road in regards to using a pit located there for stump and road construction dump. It is landlocked. White is working on having reclaim materials from Rt. 15 reconstruction placed at the town's property at the end of the Grant Road. He would like to see it leveled up and seeded. White is working with one of the property owners on the McGinn Road as to a right of way to get there without having to access the Grant Road. White will move forward. White received a complaint regarding the Dow Road/Johnson Mill Road intersection. A resident feels traffic lights are needed there. White looked into. Most of accidents that have happened there were due to driver inattention. White will look into doing some line painting to assist in drivers being forced to move in the direction that makes them better able to see at that stop sign. Bucksport Animal Shelter will no longer allow Orrington to bring animals. We now need to see what the cost will be to find other alternatives. The school's first budget hearing will be on Feb. 7th at 6:00 PM.

15. *Board Comments:* Bladen stated to the citizens present, that the beaver dam issue was not brought up as a threat in regards to landowners needing to take action, just that it needed to be addressed. Bladen asked White if state revenue will be going down enough to affect the school at state and federal level. White stated that we don't have that answer yet. Goody asked what Orrington's AOS number is. He was informed that it is 47. Goody also asked if he can he come in early to the meetings to look through the warrant. He would like to be able to take his time to look through the invoices. White stated that he was welcome to. Goody also brought up to Paul the school bus issue on the Richardson Road. The bus will not travel down the Richardson Road and students need to walk to Kings Mountain to catch the bus. White will talk to Superintendent Alan Snell and arrange a meeting with Mary Proulx from the bus company. Allcroft noted the thank you card from Librarian, Audrey Snowden for the gift card for Christmas. On Friday, he will be traveling to Augusta with White and Bearor for a brief meeting with the Governor to discuss the status of the former HoltraChem remediation. Allcroft also mentioned that he looked through the financial statements that came, and he had a

couple of questions to clarify numbers. Grover asked that the road survey from S.W. Cole be looked at before the budget cycle to have a better understanding of needs. Allcroft suggested the Town's engineer, Bill Olver, come to a meeting to go over his findings before the roads budget is discussed.

16. *Adjourn*: Lavoie moved to adjourn at 8:15pm. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk