



TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes March 26, 2012

1. *Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:* The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00PM. 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; 9 Citizens including Larry Pelletier, Russell Swanson, Donna Golding and Terry Pierson, daughter of resident Shirley Gould.
2. *Adjustments To the Agenda:* White requested adding discussion regarding parcel of land Benny Veenhof is purchasing from the Town. He also requested to add discussion regarding Swetts Pond Beaver Flowage.
3. *Public Comments:* Mrs. Gould's daughter, Terry Pierson, voiced her appreciation to Mr. White, the Fire and Rescue Department for their help and all the Town has done to assist her mother in her driveway damage during the flooding that occurred Friday night when the beaver dam let go.
4. *Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for March 12, 2012.* Lavoie moved to approve the minutes. Grover seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**
5. *Awards & Recognition: None*
6. *Appointments & Resignations: Nathan Chaffee to the Orrington Rec Committee.* Lavoie moved to appoint Nathan Chaffee to the Recreation Committee. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.** Nathan was present to meet the Board.

Old Business:

- A. *Update on Route 15 Project at the Town Line:* White stated BACTS was notified that the Town would participate in the road improvement project at the Orrington/Brewer line. Work will begin shortly.
- B. *Update on Kozy Corner and Swetts Pond Dam Projects:* White has spoken with the Town's engineer. Over the next couple of weeks they will be working on putting bid packets together, specifically for the Kozy Corner culvert repair.

- C. *Swetts Pond Beaver Flowage*: White started with voicing his sincere appreciation for Chief Spencer in his work on Friday night when the dam breached. He stated he is very proud of him. Asst. Chief Scott Stewart also was recognized with appreciation. The Town should be proud of the Fire Rescue Department. White asked Chief Spencer to relay his appreciation to the members of his department. White also recognized Public Works and thanked them for their efforts. Discussion amongst the public will most likely veer toward liability and who should be responsible, but the Town is not ready to go towards that discussion yet. There was major damage to Swetts Pond Road, property damage was also done, particularly Mrs. Gould's driveway that washed out and Mr. Gardside's that was damaged as well. D&H Construction was quick to respond to his request Friday and he wished to thank them. Pike Industries was grinding up asphalt today. Larry Pelletier has made a decision to take the rest of the dam out. There is little flowage left. He wishes to trap the beavers and relocate them. White stated he will be working closely with landowners to come up with a viable solution. He assured the public that this will not happen again. Whatever we need to do to ensure that, we will do. Liability will not be discussed nor cost estimates as those things are not figured yet. Chief Spencer stated that this was his first emergency disaster situation. Spencer expressed his appreciation to Scott Stewart for responding even though he was working in Brewer at the time. Larry Pelletier stated that he removed the beaver deceivers when he leveled out the dam. He stated they are not going to work as the beavers keep filling them. Trapping has to be done. He loves wildlife and wetlands but this cannot happen again. There were beavers there this morning trying to work on the corners. Trapping may be an ongoing occurrence as they keep coming back.
- D. *Sale of Parcel to Mr. Benny Veenhof*: Lavoie moved to sign a quit claim deed to sell Mr. Veenhof the property. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

New Business :

7. *Department and committee reports:*

A. *Policing Monthly Report*: Presented in writing.

8. *Consent Agreement on Green Property*: White stated that this is the property on Center Drive that was subdivided. Grover asked why a permit was issued if it was not up to code. White said it was not a code issue, but a possibility of an unlawful subdivision issue. Lavoie moved to sign the agreement. Grover seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

9. *Town Report Dedication*: White had asked the Board at the last meeting to think about the dedication of the report. Raymond Perkins was the recommendation. Lavoie moved to dedicate it to Raymond Perkins. Goody seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.** Lavoie moved to have Earl Baldwin as an alternate should White not be able to gather information from relatives for Mr. Perkins. Bladen seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

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

11. *Report Folder:* Passed around. White noted that Monday the 2nd is the budget hearing at the school at 6:30. He also has made a decision not to join the cable consortium.

12. *Board Comments:* Bladen stated that he felt a professional job was done when the dam breached. He said the Town is fortunate to have the talents in the employees we have. We will be moving forward. Goody stated that when he found out the Swetts Pond Road had flooded, he phoned the Chief. He asked if he had everything he needed and Chief Spencer said he did. The situation was handled very well and appreciated the crew. A possible recipient of the Boston Post Cane is Carolyn Howard who will be 94 this summer. Grover said he felt the rescue crew did a good job as well. He asked on behalf of Jim Robichaud if the Board would consider putting an access road in through the Brewer Lake Industrial Park should he purchase a lot in the back. The Board was in consensus that this is not something to consider now, but to have it as an item on a future agenda. Grover also stated that homeowners on Oak Hill Road were asking if road work was going to be finished. He also noted that dirt roads should be checked. Lavoie stated that she was present at the fire station, which was the command post, during the beaver dam breach. Chief Spencer and Sgt. Carson did a great. She suggested more detour signs with lights and road closed signs. Allcroft also thanked the crew. He was out of town but knew everything was taken care of with the reliable staff. Appreciation sent to all involved. Allcroft thanked the public that was present for coming and staying until the end of the meeting. He wished for more public involvement during more meetings.

13. *Adjourn:* Lavoie moved to adjourn at 7:45. Grover seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk