



TOWN OF ORRINGTON
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2013

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; 5 citizens.

- 1. Adjustments to the Agenda:*** White asked to add discussion around Swetts Pond Dam.
- 2. Public Comments:*** None.
- 3. Approve: Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2013:*** Lavoie moved to approve the minutes. Grover seconded. Allcroft stated that he would like a line under item 8 be removed, he did not state that he is concerned with the purchase of a new fire station/fire truck. Also, under item 10 the site plan had the clubhouse on the right side of Tupper Drive, not the left. The wording was changed also from "back left field" to "back of left hand field". Under item 11, the date of the school budget meeting is on Feb 13th not 5th. Vote: Yes-5. The requested changes were noted on the minutes.
- 4. Awards & Recognition:*** None
- 5. Appointments & Resignations:*** None.
- 6. Old Business:***
 - A. Swetts Pond Road Beaver Flowage update:*** White has a phone conference tomorrow with the attorney. Next month negotiations will begin.
 - B. Disk Golf discussion/update:*** Code enforcement and Planning Board input were requested after the last Selectmen's meeting. No code violations. No land use violations. Neighboring resident to the golf course, Eric Michaud will go before the Planning Board next month to

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clarify land use ordinance. The use of the building on the site is the only issue before the Selectmen. Lavoie asked Ryan Enman, owner of the golf course, how he felt about moving the building to the back of the field. Enman said the building is not in very good shape. Enman stated that the conflicts with Michaud need to end. The golf course has abided by all of the agreements that were made with the Town, and there has been no issue before. Bladen is asking what can be done to make both parties happy. Much discussion. Enman feels he is being pushed out of the building too soon, as they are not ready to put in a new building. Allcroft stated that the Course's use of the building has extended a generous amount of time. Much discussion. Enman hopes to have the parking lot built by the end of this season. (end of this calendar year) Allcroft asked the Michaud's how they felt, if moving the parking lot would alleviate some of their concerns. They stated they still have concerns with the clubhouse location. Grover moved to have the existing parking lot closed by July 1st, and a new parking lot put in down in the back field to be used from then on, and they need to be out of the existing building by September 30th. Lavoie seconded. Vote: Yes-5. Lavoie moved to have the Town barricade the existing parking lot sometime this week and have the barricades removed by March 14th. Grover seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

C. Swetts Pond Dam: White spoke with Ralph Nelson who asked if the Board is ready to start the procedure with HDR engineering. Lavoie moved to approve. Grover seconded. Much discussion regarding level of service. Grover amends the motion to require that Nelson gives a start date, an updated performance bond, and gets with Paul and Engineer, Bill Olver to confirm these things. Allcroft double checked that the money would come out of the dam reserve. White stated it would. Vote: Yes-4, Opposed-1. Allcroft opposed.

New Business:

7. Department and Committee Reports:

A. Policing Monthly Report: Submitted in writing.

B. Public Works Monthly Report: Submitted in writing.

8. Approve Ambulance Write-off Policy as written: White explained the need for this standard policy. Once the patient's insurance pays the claim, the patient is responsible for the balance. There needs to be a write off policy should there be a hardship and the patient not be able to pay. Lavoie moved to accept the policy. Bladen seconded. Chief Spencer asked if he can continue his current working policy of not collecting the balance for Town

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employees who need ambulance service. It was discussed, and decided that a good faith effort must be made to collect balances from all people, employees included. Should there be an audit, the insurance company will require to see a good faith effort put forth to collect balances from all. Chief Spencer stated that he would concede. Vote: Yes-5.

9. Accept Fire/Rescue Equipment Donations from Bangor: Bangor Fire donated a total of 5 Lif-Pak batteries and a used suction unit that needs minor repair. Grover moved to accept the donation. Lavoie seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

10. TIF Committee update: White informed the Board that the Tiff committee is still actively working on the CMP Tiff. A recommendation will come from the committee to the Board as to what the Tiff should involve. Proposal will come during budget workshops.

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

12. Report Folder: Passed around.

13. Town Manager's Report: White informed the Board that firefighter Gene Patterson passed away Saturday. He stated that Chief Spencer asked if the fire truck be used during the funeral procession in Hermon to carry the urn. At this time, Chief Spencer voiced his concern with the Board being asked permission to use the truck. He feels the Board pays him to make good decisions and he feels that he should inform the Town Manager when he is going to use any equipment out of town for whatever reason, and that the Town Manager should inform the Board, and any concerns from the Board should be brought back to the Chief by the Town Manager. It was clarified by White that the truck use for the funeral was just informational so that the Board is aware of what is going on. Spencer stated that he is just trying to prevent the practice of "asking permission". White also informed the Board that the Fire Dept. is in the process of hiring another 5 or 6 firefighters to fill staffing needs of the Fire/Rescue Department. Wayne Willette suffered a heart attack and a stroke. Willette lives across from the Town Office and helps the office with shoveling/salting the steps and walkways. The Town Clerk is looking into a grant available through the Bureau of Elections, to modify the front door with an electric switch to make it more ADA efficient, as it is a heavy door. Modifications to the front counter will be made as well,

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as a separate project. The modifications will make it more user-friendly for the clerks and more ergonomic as well.

14. Board Comments: Bladen stressed his concern for a positive outcome of the disc golf course/neighbor issue. Goody asked Chief Spencer how the safety drills went at the school. Chief Spencer informed him of the process. They went well, and will improve as they practice. Grover asked if the bill from the lawyer was entirely for the beaver dam issue. White confirmed. He also asked if the police still had an active office at the school. They do not.

15. Adjourn: Lavoie moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Bladen seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman

Manager

Clerk

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