

**Town of Orrington**  
**Public Hearing/Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
**July 10, 2017**

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing began at 7:00 PM to receive comments on a liquor license application for the Curran Homestead, Inc. located at 372 Fields Pond Road so that they may sell alcohol for 2 hours between 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, as part of their Old Home Week Bean Supper fundraiser. No comments from the public were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:01 PM.

**Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman, Keith Bowden. Board members present were; Allan Snell, Charlie Green, Christopher Robison, Kevin Allcroft; Town Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Public Works Foreman, Brian Stoyell; 10 citizens also in attendance.

**1. Adjustments to Agenda:** None.

**2. Public Comments:** White addressed the public at this time in regards to the notices property owners have received as a result of the revaluation project. The Town Office has been fielding many calls from property owners who have been confused or disagreed with their property valuation. Meetings are being scheduled between representatives from the appraisal company, Assessor and tax payers in 15 minute blocks. White stated that neither the Selectmen nor he are knowledgeable in the tax assessment/revaluation process, all questions should be directed to the independent contractor hired by the Assessor. The contractor is highly qualified. Resident, John Dragon stated he has tried to contact someone to make an appointment and has not been successful. White told him we would get his contact information and set him up with an appointment after the meeting if he would like. White also stated the end result of the revaluation is unknown at this time. All inspections/meetings need to be done for the project to be completed. He has given the contractor/Assessor a deadline.

Resident, Sharon Caron asked if a copy of meeting minutes prior to an amendment is kept. White confirmed they are. Caron also asked if the portable speed limit sign has been received by the Town yet. White stated it has not. White asked the public/Board if they had noticed the lines having been re-done at the Johnson Mill Rd./Dow Rd. intersection. Many had noticed. Trees/hedges in the area have been trimmed to assist in visibility at the intersection.

Resident, Donna Golding expressed her appreciation to the Town Clerk, Susan Carson for the prompt replies to email messages Golding has sent with questions or comments. She appreciates the helpful responses and the positive attitude Carson has shown. Golding also expressed her appreciation for all of the work done by the Old Home Week Committee in preparing for the annual events they hold.

Resident, Dan Barker asked if the Town can combine the 2 elections that happen during June when the State has an election on the week following our town election. White stated they cannot due to the Town's Charter requiring the town's election to be held on the first Monday of June, but he will check with our attorney to confirm.

3. **Approve: Town Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2017:** It was moved and seconded to approve the Town Meeting minutes of June 5, 2017 as presented. **Vote to approve was unanimous.**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for June 26, 2017:** Snell moved to approve the Selectmen's meeting minutes for June 26, 2017. Green seconded. Bowden noted the vote on item #7 is missing who seconded the vote. Carson made the change based on her notes from that meeting. **Vote to approve with amendment: Yes-5.**

4. **Appointments & Resignations:**

**A. Accept Resignation of Hal Bean from Fire/Rescue Dept.:** Green moved to accept the resignation Hal Bean from the Fire/Rescue Dept. with regrets. Robison seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.** White informed the Board that he has been asked if there are issues within the Fire/Rescue Dept. due to several resignations as of lately. He gave his assurance that these resignations have been given based on people's lives moving in different directions.

**Old Business: A. Contract Bids Results:** White informed the Board that he and Public Works Foreman, Brian Stoyell reviewed the bids that were submitted. The bids were awarded as follows:

Curbside Trash/Recycling Collection: Pine Tree Waste

Salt/Sand: Streets Landscaping

Gravel: Streets Landscaping

Paving: B&B Paving

White stated that although some bids came in lower, the services provided did not prove to be adequate for our needs.

**B. May 8, 2017 Minutes, Donna Golding:** Golding had sent an email to the Town Clerk requesting several changes to the portion of these minutes pertaining to her request for additional road signs to prevent accidents. She requested the statement "Donna interjected that she didn't feel her request was being heard by the Board, and that she was going to leave the meeting at this time", be removed because she did not say those words. In her email to Carson, Golding had indicated it was ok to replace that statement with "Donna said "I can see that there is no point in my being here tonight" and abruptly left the meeting." The second statement that Golding requested to be removed due to inaccuracy was "Although Allcroft stated they were discussing the items brought to them by her she continued to leave". Allcroft stated that he did not want his statement removed from the minutes, because he did say that. The portion indicating that "she continued to leave" can be removed if she wishes. Golding also requested an amendment to the statement recorded as being made by Sharon Caron, as she was not at the meeting that night. Carson stated that was intended to say Sharon Gray. Allcroft made a motion to approve the amendments as requested by Golding and discussed by the Board. Robison seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

**New Business:**

5. **Department and Committee Reports:** None.

6. **Signing of Payroll Warrants for 2017-2018:** White informed the Board that this authorization form allows a member of the Board to sign Town payroll warrants between meetings. 2 Board members need to be listed as the Officials authorized to sign these

- warrants. Bowden and Robison volunteered to be listed as the signers. A second authorization form needs to be signed by the Board allowing the School payroll warrants to be signed by the Superintendent. Allcroft made a motion to sign the forms allowing Bowden and Robison to sign Town payroll warrants. Robison seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**
- 7. Town Office Renovations for 2017-2018:** White stated the windows in the older (main) portion of the town office need to be replaced with more energy efficient windows, and the ceiling in front of them lowered. Siding will need to be replaced due to this renovation. Estimates were requested from several local contractors, and only one of them submitted. The estimate was approximately \$45,000. White estimated maximum cost to be \$50,000 total. 9 windows will be replaced. Allcroft moved to approve the renovation at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Robison seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**
  - 8. Photo Contest Judging on July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Selectmen are requested to judge the photo contest during Old Home Week again this year on July 13<sup>th</sup> between 11am and 7pm at the Library.
  - 9. MDOT Third Party Agreement:** White stated the BACTS project will entail paving from Harrison Ave. to Snows Corner Rd. Total project cost will be \$475,000. Orrington's portion to pay will be \$47,500. Allcroft moved to allow White to sign the agreement. Green seconded. Dan Barker asked who will maintain the future sidewalk and how it will be paid for. White answered it hasn't been determined yet. **Vote: Yes-5.**
  - 10. PERC Open House and Picnic:** The Board has been invited to the annual picnic held by PERC at noon on July 18<sup>th</sup>. White will attend and asked if Board members can also. All will attend except Bowden who has prior engagements. The Board is also attending the open house held by PERC on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event will be from 10am – 2pm.
  - 11. Wicked Muddy Mainer Race:** White stated this event was held on July 1<sup>st</sup> on the McGinn Rd. and it went well. Thornton intends to hold this annually. White and Public Safety members noted a few items that need to change for next year, such as signage, and access for rescue vehicles. Otherwise it was a successful event for them.
  - 12. Old Home Week Committee:** State Rep. Dick Campbell gave a brief update on the Legislature/State budget before updating the Board on Old Home Week events slated to take place July 14<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. White requested one side of Arctic Station Road be blocked to parking due to the congestion that occurred last year during the Endless Yard Sale event. Campbell stated the committee is gearing up for a parade next year as they agreed on every 5 years. Snell thanked Campbell and the Old Home Week committee for all of the work they do.
  - 13. Approve Liquor License for the Curran Homestead:** Robison moved to approve the liquor license for the event to be hosted by the Curran Homestead on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for the 2 hours indicated on the application. Green seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**
  - 14. Treasurer's Warrants and Budget Summary:** Passed around and signed.
  - 15. Report Folder:** Passed around.
  - 16. Town Manager's Report:** 1) roadside mowing has been completed, and will likely be done a second time this summer. Very pleased with our contractor. 2) Mallinckrodt is going to be doing some work at the cove on their property and will likely need extra hours to complete the access road to the cove. 3) MDOT road opening permit has been approved for the north entrance to the Town's property at the Rt. 15 Industrial Park. 4)

Fields Pond Rd. project set to be done the second week of August. Road to be closed for a period of approx. 10 to 14 days during this project.

**17. Board Comments:** Allcroft – confirmed the copy of the driveway/entrance permit in their packets was for the Town’s property at the former HoltraChem site. White confirmed. Robison – has a road name been chosen for the access road on outer Swetts Pond Rd. as discussed at previous meetings? White said it has not been named yet. Green – how has project at 1<sup>st</sup> Settlers Cemetery been going? White said it is going well. There was an issue with access due to the abutting land owner that has been resolved. Robison asked if iron has been saved from the gate there. White confirmed some was salvaged. Snell – attending the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl fundraiser event at Foxcroft Academy on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Orrington teen, Garrett Casburn was chosen as one of the players and is the only one to participate from Orrington. Bowden – noted the revaluation project nearing completion.

**18. Adjourn:** Robison moved to adjourn at 8:40PM. Snell seconded. **Vote: Yes-5.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

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Chairman

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Manager

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Clerk