

*Office of the Select Board
Town of Orange, New Hampshire
Minutes of June 27, 2017*

Present: Skip Smith, Robert Ells, and Sandi Pierson (clerical). Dorothy Heinrichs was out of town.

Others present: Bev Ells

Meeting opened at 6 PM. Attendance taken by secretary.

Minutes: The minutes of June 12, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Perambulation: The Board revisited Groton's request for Orange's participation to do a perambulation of the Groton/Orange town line in October. Sandi stated that Scott Sanborn emailed the office indicating he would follow up. Skip felt that before they committed to the perambulation, they should be made aware if there is going to be any cost to the town, and if so, what the cost is expected to be. After discussion the Board agreed they should contact Scott and Groton and ask if there is a cost to the town for the perambulation.

Highway dept. revenue: The Board reviewed the June 16 issue of the NHMA Legislative Bulletin which included information about State money expected to be distributed to towns for supplemental highway projects. The NHMA reported that the revenue is for additional road and bridge projects beyond those included in the municipalities' current budgets. They expect the amount each town will receive will be similar to the 2017 Block Grant. If the amount is over \$10,000, the Board would notice a public hearing to accept the funds. In 2016 the Block Grant for Orange was \$32,012.43. The Budget Committee's MS-7 anticipated the 2017 Block Grant at \$30,000. The Board will revisit the prospect when they are formally notified by the State that the funds are indeed available.

Town House: After discussion it was agreed that Bob would contact Richard Remacle and ask him to put a small load of loam behind the Town House where there is a depression in the ground. This will be paid for out of General Government Buildings thus Remacle should submit a separate bill for the loam.

Other:

- A notice was received from NH-DES for a septic operation for Philip Daley/284 Tuttle Hill Road.
- An invoice from the town's attorney was reviewed. This was paid by the retainer.
- Trash report: As of May 30, 2017 the town has disposed of 31.65 tons of trash and 11.44 tons of recyclables.

Secretary's report:

- The Bureau of Historic Sites Director, Benjamin Wilson, of the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development has approved the request of Gary Hamel to erect a sign at the John Ames cellar hole on the Mount Cardigan State Park access road. Clean-up around the cellar hole was also approved. At a previous Board meeting, Gary shared historical voting information in relation to this cellar hole. In 1792, at the home at that location then owned by Samuel Bagley, the town cast 13 ballots to elect General George Washington as President of the United States.
- The Board reviewed and approved the exposure values of the town's liability insurance with Primex.
- A person contacted the town and inquired about the possibility of purchasing what he thought was vacant, town-owned land when in fact it was an "owner unknown" parcel. After discussion it was agreed Sandi will compile the tax maps of several small parcels considered "owner unknown" for the Board to review and will email the Local Government center to inquire if and how the town can take deed to them.

Reports from other Boards and Committees: n/a

Public comment: n/a

Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Pierson

Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

Robert Ells

Lyell Smith