

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Minutes of May 8, 2017*

*Present:* Dorothy Heinrichs, Chair; Robert Ells, and Sandi Pierson (clerical).

*Not present:* Skip Smith was out of town.

*Others present:* Bev Ells

*Meeting opened at 6 PM.*

*Minutes:*

- The minutes of April 24, 2017 were unanimously approved.
- The nonpublic minutes of April 24, 2017 were unanimously approved.

*Abatement:*

- The Board signed the abatement application of Harold and Jean Toms as voted on at the April 24, 2017 meeting.
- The Board signed a tax abatement to the tax collector for \$1,034.55 for the above abatement.

*Building permits:* The Board reviewed and signed a building permit for Nahum Sloan/596 Tuttle Hill Road/Map 4, Lot 10 for a 6 x 9-foot addition to the home. The permit had already been reviewed and signed by Building Inspector Don Pfaefflin.

*Certificate of Occupancy:* The Board reviewed and signed a Certificate of Occupancy for Doug Weekes/260 Tug Mountain Road/ Map 3, Lot 21-B. The Certificate had already been reviewed and signed by Building Inspector Don Pfaefflin.

*Correspondence:* The Board reviewed a letter from a property owner asking that the Orange section of Razor Hill Road be repaired. He also expressed concern about possible fluid leakage from two aging vehicles on a vacant lot on Route 4. The road concern has already been referred to the road agent and Bob Ells said that work on the road has already commenced. The Board will have the Building Inspector take a look at the vehicles in question regarding potential fluid leakage.

*Pay schedules:* The Board signed letters to all officers and employees notifying them of their new pay rates and compensation schedule.

*Green-up day:* Dorothy stated that the Town House grounds look wonderful thanks to the folks who participated on the May 6<sup>th</sup> clean-up day. The Select Board commends participants Tamara Fairbank, Gary Hamel, Chris Hausfeld, Jay and Dorothy Heinrichs, Judith Lindahl, Ernie Mills, Sandi Pierson, Sharon Proulx, and Doug and Trish Weekes.

*Other:*

- A notice was received from the Planning Board inviting the Selectmen and interested citizens to an informational meeting with John Stevens from the NH Department of Safety. Mr. Stevens will speak on the planned upgrades to the nationwide emergency response system, and the associated increase in broadband coverage. Mr. Stevens is seeking input from all interested parties.
- The treasurer's reports for March were reviewed. The Board's voucher tally and Tessa's report were on target.
- A letter of appreciation was received from West Central Behavioral Health for the town's 2017 contribution.
- A letter of appreciation was received from Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for the town's 2017 contribution.
- Trash report: As of April 2017 the town had disposed of 25.6 tons of trash and 9.43 tons of recyclables.
- Bob felt that the Select Board should send a letter to the Planning Board commending them on the exceptional effort they put forth to inform the community of the proposed industrial wind project that would have directly affected the town and for giving the townspeople the opportunity to voice their views by way of presentations and warrant articles. Energais de Portugal has withdrawn the Spruce Ridge Wind Project application.
- A sizeable terrain depression was discovered at the back of the Town House after the years of leaf debris accumulation was removed. A resident said they will donate the topsoil in order to level it. Bob will donate a bale of hay after the topsoil is laid and the area is reseeded. Bob will ask George Smith if he would be willing to put the topsoil on the area.
- Bob reiterated that he heard complaints about people being disconcerted by nearby gun firing practice.

*Secretary's report:*

- The House killed Senate Bill 171 which would have repealed the requirement that selectmen perambulate their town boundaries every seven years. New Hampshire will remain one of two states that stick to this 17<sup>th</sup> century remnant.
- The DRA reports that a number of MS-forms generated outside of the Select Board's office are late in being filed on the web portal. Dorothy asked Sandi to contact the officers and have them submit their forms as soon as possible.

*Reports from other Boards and Committees:n/a*

*Public comment: n/a*

*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed.*

*Nonpublic session:* At 6:20 PM Bob motioned to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A: 3-I (c) to review an Application for Elderly Exemption application. Dorothy seconded. Motion unanimously approved. Motion to come out of nonpublic session at 6:30 PM passed unanimously.

*Meeting adjourned 6:46 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Pierson

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Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

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Robert Ells

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Lyell Smith