TOWN OF ORRINGTON

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2014

Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman, Kevin Allcroft. Those also in attendance were; Selectmen, Charles Green, Allan Snell, James Goody, Keith Bowden; Town Manager, Paul White; Town Clerk, Susan Carson; Fire/Rescue Chief, Mike Spencer; 10 citizens.

1. *Adjustments to the Agenda: None*
2. *Public Comments:* Resident, Sharon Caron, noted that in the minutes of the June 23rd meeting, under Public Comments, it reads that she asked about the SEAC Committee and if they meet regularly. Caron stated that she believes that what she actually asked is if the Board received reports on a regular basis from the SEAC committee. Chief Spencer commended the Road Commissioner (White) for the good job he has done with planning the roads projects and seeing them through to completion. He stressed the importance of good road conditions for those working in the rescue/emergency capacity. Chief Spencer also commended White for diligently working to improve the town office with the air conditioning/heat pump installation. Rep. Dick Campbell informed the Board that the location of the Northeastern Primitive Rendezvous event for 2016 has been officially decided on. The event will be hosted at the Wiswell Farm the week of July 15, 2016. Mark Buongirno stated that he has been looking through the budget, and noted the money being allocated for a new police cruiser and an ambulance. He asked if there is a study/plan in place to determine the amount of foot traffic that would justify expending money on sidewalks for the north end of Rt. 15. Allcroft stated that the Town does have a Comprehensive Plan in place, and also there are grant funds available to us to help fund the cost of the project. Richard Stockford, President of the Curran Homestead, stated that he and other members of the Board of Directors came tonight to express their appreciation to the Town of Orrington for its support and

hospitality over the years. The Homestead has finally acquired the deed to the property. Due to their Non-Profit 501C-3 status, they are no longer required to pay property taxes. Mr. Stockford presented the Board of Selectmen a check in the amount of $400 as a donation in lieu of property tax, and in recognition of their appreciation. Bowden moved to accept the donation from the Curran Homestead. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes-5. The Board thanked the Curran Homestead Board of Directors. Irv Marsters, a member of that Board, voiced his agreement with the Fire Chief in regards to the quality of the road work, specifically Fields Pond Road.

3. *Approve: A. Approve Selectmen's Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2014 Minutes*: Goody moved to approve the minutes as presented. Green seconded. Allcroft asked that clarification be made on item 5D. The sentence reading "Grover feels that he is a taxpayer in this community, and his bid was very close to the other contractors' bids", should actually read "*not* very close to the other contractors' bids". Allcroft also asked that under item 16, on the last page, "heat pumps" should be added to the sentence stating "Next Monday the air conditioning installation will begin". This will add clarity to that statement as the units are also for heat. Bowden made a new motion to approve the minutes with noted corrections. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

4. *Awards & Recognition: None*

5. *Appointments & Resignations: Appointment of Mark Fox to the Planning Board*: Green moved to appoint Mark Fox to the Planning Board. Bowden seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Old Business:

6. *Update on Swetts Pond Road beaver flowage. None*

New Business:

7. *Department and Committee Reports:*

A. Policing Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

B. Public Works Monthly Report: Presented in writing.

8. Donation on behalf of Richard Harriman: White had asked the Board at the last meeting to think about a donation on behalf of the Town in memory of Richard Harriman. The obituary states that donations may be made to either New Hope Hospice, or in the Harriman family's name to East Orrington Congregational Church. Green made a motion to approve a donation to be

made to the EOCC in the Harriman's name in the amount of $200. Goody seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

9. Update on Road Projects: The paving bids that were submitted this year has shown an increase of approximately 20% over last year. B&B Paving, who was awarded the bid, has stepped up to the plate and provided quality work at a reasonable cost. It is anticipated that current projects will be completed by the end of this week. D&H Construction has signed the contract for the Snows Corner Road reconstruction project. After the reconstruction, the new section (from Dow Rd. to Johnson Mill Rd.) will be paved, and overlay will be done over the entire road. Bowden asked White if B&B Paving will be doing the pavement portion of this project. White stated that is his intention. Bowden stated that he agreed with the comments made earlier by the public in regards to the good quality in road work this year.

10. Approve new hires for Fire/Rescue On-Call Firefighters: Chief Spencer introduced Kaitlyn Spencer and Derrick Antworth, the two individuals he would like to hire. Both are young and have the ambition that is needed. The Department also has a strong need for employees who are EMT certified as well as firefighters. Kaitlyn has completed her EMT course. Both are working on completing Firefighter 1 training. The Board was in consensus to approve their hire and welcomed them.

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

12. *Report Folder*: Passed around and signed.

13. Town *Manager's Report*: The Tri-Athalon that was held last weekend went well, no major issues or complaints have arisen. It was very well organized. White will be trying to schedule vacation time as he can.

14. *Board Comments*: Bowden asked who the contact would be for road kill on Rt. 15. White stated DOT. Bowden also stated he has been asked by a resident why there are no portable potties at the Picnic Area, boat landings, and other town conservation areas. He asked for the history on that. White stated it has been attempted in the past with no luck. Bowden also wanted to add to the discussion around fireworks in that they are allowed the weekends before and after the 4th of July as well as New Year's Eve. Bowden's last comment was in regards to a resident from Arctic Station Road who informed him that a train was left parked near a crossing. White stated that he is aware of that, and believes it has been taken care of. The workers finish their shift and park the train and take a cab home. Goody commented on Old Home Week events. He had a good time. He asked if closing the boat launch caused any problems. White stated there was only one complaint he had received. Green asked what the status is on the

Swetts Pond Dam. White stated Steve Shepard is concerned on the proposed fishway passage on the plans for construction. Engineers are working on a resolve. Green also commented on the good time he had at Old Home Week events. Allcroft thanked the Old Home Week Committee for their work. He is pleased that Orrington was chosen to host the Primitive Living event in 2016. White interjected there will be a slight cost involved in this event. Allcroft stated he did realize that, and asks that the Board be kept informed. We have 2 years to prepare with budget numbers. Allcroft thanked the Curran Homestead for their donation and all the work they do there.

15. *Adjourn* : Goody moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Bowden seconded. Vote: Yes-5.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Carson, Town Clerk

Chairman	Manager	Clerk

Kevin M. Allcroft, Chairman