

*Office of the Select Board  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
Select Board Minutes of June 6, 2023*

*Present:* Aaron Allen, Betsy Coble, Catherine Souza (clerical)  
*Other:* Marcello Shelzi, Kathy Stacy

*Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m. Attendance taken by the secretary.*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Minutes:*

- Betsy Coble motioned to approve the minutes of the public meeting on May 16, 2023. Aaron Allen seconded. Motion passed 2/0/0

*Update on Broadband request:*

Betsy Coble motioned and Aaron Allen seconded to request the use of town-wide E911 data to support Broadband Mapping. The request was sent to the NH Department of Safety and the Division of Emergency Services and Communications. Motion passed 2/0/0

- *Background:* The expectation is that the mapping will improve internet connectivity, identify unserved portions of the town, and enhance broadband expansion efforts. The broadband mapping initiative is being conducted by the NH GRANIT project at the University of New Hampshire and we feel that their efforts will be greatly improved by using the Department of Safety E911 location data for our town.

*Approval requested for Intent to Cut:*

Moyers intent to cut timber was approved by the Select Board and signed

*Other:*

- *Wreath Thank You:*  
The fourth grade class at Canaan Elementary class provided a Memorial Day wreath to the Town of Orange. The Select Board signed a thank you note for the class. Aaron Allen motion to give Mrs. Landry's class \$25 to buy ice cream. Betsy Coble seconded. Motion passed 2/0/0
- *Closed files at lawyer office:*  
Tabled until Tamara is available to provide her input.
- *ZBA notice of approval:*  
Aaron Allen read the notice of decision to all in attendance. Notice reads: The appeal of Peter and Lisa Shank's application for a variance to the Orange Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Section C (minimum setback of a building) was GRANTED by the Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment on June 1, 2023.
- *Status current State driveway applications:*  
The State has advised the town about two applications for driveways on a State road. One application has been approved and one is in process.
- *DES Acceptance of Permit Application:*

The State Department of Environmental Services has advised the town concerning an acceptance of a permit of application. RE: Subsurface Systems Bureau Application for Subdivision of Land (RSA 485:A).

*Other Select Board business and action items:*

- Completed:
  - Road Agent coordinate removal of illegally dumped sofa on Burnt Hill Rd
  - Further information on Broadband request for Select Board review
  - Share info on NH Municipalities Article re: residents behind on taxes
  - Avitar and extra tax map bundle (Assessing Internet kiosk) - is it avail later
  - Voucher for CFD as thank you to Alton for radio training
  - MAPS reimbursement status for Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- New:
  - ZBA minutes question to Govt Center - email answer to ZBA, Select Board and Kathy Stacy
  - Inquire Consolidated Communications about cost of phone and internet
  - Apply for The Town of Orange to be part of the Coaching Assistance group for Federal Grants

*Secretary's report:*

- Information:
  - Town of Orange Hazard Mitigation Plan update: Reimbursement request to the State has been submitted. FEMA has received the documents. Next step is approval by FEMA.
  - Emergency Radios – charged radios and user guides will be ready for week of June 12. Radios to go to Select Board (1), the office, the Road Agent and the Emergency Management director.
  - Catherine attended the Federal Funding Opportunities & Coaching Assistance Webinar for Smaller Towns Monday June 5 from 12-1:30
    - There is an opportunity for Orange to apply to be part of the 10 towns selected to receive coaching and technical assistance on applying for Federal Grants.
    - Requires: A project, Commitment from Select Board, and it is free
    - The Select Board was interested so Catherine will apply
    - ACTION: Catherine to apply for The Town of Orange to be part of the Coaching Assistance group for Grants
  - Local ARPA money is safe. It is NOT part of the COVID claw back monies as part of the debt ceiling compromise.

*Reports from Boards and Committees:*

- *Cemetery trustees:* Aaron Allen shared that Ernie Mills appreciates the use of the Town House for his wife's memorial service.
- *Road Agent:*
  - Remacle has begun grading. The grader is on Burnt Hill. He will grade ALL dirt roads
  - The illegally dumped couch on Burnt Hill road is up on the embankment. Aaron will help Marcello load it this week.
  - Street sweeper – Marcello looking for a 'tow behind' sweeper. If he cannot find one, then he will have to rent a 'ride in' sweeper. Marcello will come back to the Select Board for the approval.
  - Marcello looking at culverts and cleaning them out as needed
  - 3 Driveway application inquiries have been made

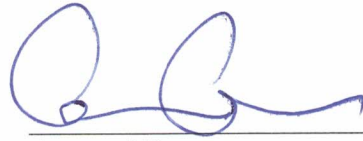
*Bills and vouchers were reviewed and signed*

*Public comment:*

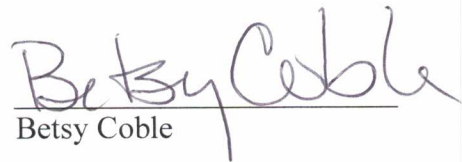
- ZBA and minutes question. Kathy Stacy attended to find out if the question had been resolved.
  - At the request of Aaron Allen, a request was made to the Government Center by Catherine. The question was about ZBA minutes and approval. The ZBA meets at a minimum of every 5 years or on an as needed basis. The question is about how the ZBA approves minutes of a prior meeting when there is a significant gap of time between the meetings. Awaiting an answer.
  - ACTION: Catherine to reply to the interested parties on the answer (ZBA, Select Board, and Kathy Stacy).

*Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.*

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Tamara Fairbank, Chair



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Aaron Allen



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Betsy Coble

*Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Town of Orange, New Hampshire  
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**NOTICE OF DECISION  
TO THE ORANGE PLANNING BOARD  
AND ORANGE SELECT BOARD**

You are hereby notified that the appeal of Peter and Lisa Shank's application for a variance to Orange Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Section C (minimum setback of a building) was **GRANTED** by the Orange Zoning Board of Adjustment on June 1, 2023.



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Sandi Pierson  
Clerk, Board of Adjustment



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Date

The selectmen or any party to the action or any person directly affected has a right to appeal this decision. See New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 677:4