

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting
August 12, 2013

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Ryan Dodge.
Others attending: Karen Galayda, Lister; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Robert Fortunati; James Fontaine; Ruth Fontaine; Jaika Fontaine; Earl Adams; Donna Meyer; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes The July 8, 2013 Regular Selectboard minutes were amended to report that it was the rim on Robert Fortunati's vehicle that was damaged, not the rim and tire. For clarification, it was noted that the Highway Department used fill from the banks of the road to build up the base last fall on Claflin Road. Groschner moved to approve the amended minutes. Dodge seconded. Motion passed. Groschner moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2013 Emergency Meeting and the August 6, 2013 Financial Meeting (with one correction - "the Board reviewed and approved the June Journal Entries"). Dodge seconded. Motion passed.

Public Concerns Fortunati asked about the progress being made on Claflin Road. Roderick responded that the road is presently closed to traffic. The plan is to work on the drainage problem then install culverts and add stone and gravel. The road should reopen this year. Fortunati also had concerns about his property. Two years ago the Highway Department put in a large ditch. The depth of the ditch is such that it affects access to his property. Roderick suggested a culvert might be the solution and asked Fortunati to flag the area. He said he would take a look at it and assess the situation.

Listers' Report Galayda submitted an Errors & Omissions Report.

*Parcel #113-01032 Owner had not filed the HS 122 by the time tax bills were printed.

*Parcels #019-00601, #019-00778, #034-00301, #077-10397 had contract amounts that needed to be raised to current assessment.

*Parcels #029-00473, #097-01800, #018-00429, #068-01116 have current use values that are still pending but expected to be resolved soon. The Board noted that they had been informed of the information in Bullet 1, approved the changes in Bullet 2 and directed the listers to enter the pending figures in Bullet 3.

Highway Department Report Roderick reported that he, Joe Blodget and Karen Galayda met with Sacha Pealer, flood plain coordinator from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation at the site of the new Park & Ride. They were informed that the site is in the Primary Flood Plain of the Waits River and would need a permit from the Zoning Officer before proceeding with the work. Roderick stated that in order to meet the requirements, the Park & Ride parking lot would have to be built at the same level or slightly lower than the existing land. Roderick next addressed the Board's

questions about repairs made on the waste oil furnace at the Town Garage. He will check to see if there is a warranty on the work.

Vacant or Distressed Buildings The board discussed an August 10 barn fire on Dwight Burroughs' property. Ruth Fontaine, a neighbor, had used the barn years ago but there were no animals in the barn at the time of the fire. The Board had received a petition recently voicing concerns over another building on the Burroughs' property, a garage built about fifteen years ago. The petition asks that the garage be taken down or made safe. Fontaine stated that she has an agreement with the owner to use the garage and is in the process of cleaning it out and making repairs. Earl Adams explained that the garage needed supports under the ceiling joists and other general repairs. Fontaine reported some recent vandalism and the VT State Police advised her to secure the building and put up "No Trespassing" signs. The Board agreed and directed Fontaine to close up the building and attach signs. They also asked Fontaine to contact the owner and make sure he is aware of the situation. Fontaine responded that plywood would be put up within the next couple days and that she would be in touch with Burroughs. The Selectboard encouraged communication between Fontaine and her neighbors and will continue to monitor the work on the building to ensure public safety.

The Board previously discussed the problem of vacant or distressed buildings and the possibility of passing a town ordinance. Tonight Groschner handed out copies of the Vermont Statutes on Adoption and Enforcement of Ordinances and Rules and a sample Vacant Building Ordinance. The members will review the information and continue discussion next month.

Illegal Burning of Trash Two incidents of burning trash have been reported. The Selectboard referred to the Solid Waste Ordinance (adopted in 1994, updated in 2001) and read aloud "Article XII Open Burning" and "Article XIV Penalties and Enforcements". The Board discussed revising the penalty fees.

Dog Warden/Animal Control Officer Diana Perry resigned June 30, 2013 but no suitable replacement has yet been identified. It was suggested that a dog warden in a neighboring town might be interested in sharing the position. Groschner agreed to make some phone calls and also to look into a contract with Central Vermont Humane Society about housing stray dogs.

Basic Emergency Operations Plan The Board reviewed the plan. Groschner moved that the Board authorize the chairman to sign the BEOP as presented. Dodge seconded. Motion passed and Locke signed the plan.

Historical Society Music Events The Selectboard received a letter from Lois Jackson, Vice President of the Corinth Historical Society, in response to last month's published Selectboard minutes. The CHS reported that they have suspended the Music and Talent Committee while reevaluating their fund raising, but contrary to a statement made by a member of the committee at the July 8 meeting, they have not ended their connection to

the musical events. The Historical Society fully intends to continue the Cookeville Cafe Music and Talent Series.

Executive Session Groschner moved that the Board invite Frank Roderick and go into executive session to consider legal and real estate matters. Dodge seconded. Motion passed and the Board entered executive session at 9:08 p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m. No decisions were made.

Correspondence The Board reviewed correspondence.

Dodge moved to adjourn. Groschner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.