

Town of Corinth  
Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting  
October 14, 2013

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Ryan Dodge.  
Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman;  
Lee Porter; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes Dodge moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 Regular Selectboard Meeting, the September 16, 2013 Emergency Meeting and the October 1, 2013 Financial Meeting. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report The Board received two invoices from the treasurer for approval to pay. One was for the refund of tax over-payments, plus interest, to a property owner as decided by the Board of Abatement. The other was to reimburse the buyer at tax sale of a property that since has been redeemed. Locke moved that the Board approve both invoices for payment. Dodge seconded. Motion passed.

Highway Department Blodgett reported that the Town of Topsham has expressed interest in buying a 2010 F550 truck with sander and plow from the Town of Corinth. The Board asked Blodgett to contact Topsham to see if they are prepared to make an offer, then to check with the Corinth treasurer on the current budget numbers in the equipment fund, and price out a replacement truck.

Roderick proposed an upcoming project on Center Road, across from the Post Office and the Groschner home. This is a busy, narrow section of the road. The road crew became concerned after a stone wall was built along the Groschner property. The plan would be to widen the road by three feet, create a ditch and regrade the land on the Academy Building side of the road. The Highway Dept. would then regrade the road to drain on that side. Dodge moved to widen the road at this location on Center Road in order to improve traffic conditions. Locke seconded. Motion passed.

Roderick updated the Board on the progress of the Corinth Park & Ride. The project is taking longer than expected due to the site being in a flood plain. Roderick will be contacting a hydraulic engineer (referred by Two Rivers) to tour the site and look over the maps/plans. An amendment to the grant has been submitted. A 2014 completion date is likely.

Town Hall Policy Groschner reported that the Board is close to completing the updated Town Hall rental policy. A separate meeting will be scheduled for that purpose. The Board will invite a local insurance agent for input on the few remaining questions.

Building Maintenance Groschner also reported that a job description for the Town Hall cleaning has been posted at the Town Hall and on the LRN. The Town Hall will be open on Wednesday, October 16 (2 p.m. - 3 p.m.) for viewing the hall. The Board will be accepting bids for this position and hopes to make a decision on November 5, 2013.

The Board began discussions on the hiring of a new Facilities Manager.

Other Business Groschner reported that he had been in touch with Central Vermont Humane Society and that they would be willing to kennel stray dogs and cats from Corinth on a fee basis. He presented ways a contract could be set up with them. He has also contacted a Barre constable, who would be willing to replace Diana Perry as the Animal Control Officer. Discussion followed. Concerns were costs and response time. It was suggested that Groschner invite the candidate to a future meeting.

The Board noted that the topic of vacant and distressed buildings is still an issue that needs to be addressed.

The Selectboard reviewed VLCT's recommendation for a health insurance carrier to offer coverage to town employees. Out of nineteen choices of coverage options, one was comparable in cost and coverage to the present policy. The representative from VLCT will return to lead an informational meeting to explain the new policy options to eligible employees. The employees will use this information to make decisions regarding their individual policies, which they must do no later than November 30, 2013. No date has been set for the informational meeting.

Correspondence The Board received an email from Dan Wing asking if the Highway Department could take a look at a culvert that drains onto his property from a neighboring field creating an erosion problem.

Executive Session At 8:25 p.m. Groschner moved that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Dodge seconded. Motion passed. The Board reconvened at 9:00 p.m. No decisions were made.

Dodge moved to adjourn. Locke seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.