

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting
July 14, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro.
Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Karen Galayda, Lister; Holly Groschner; Amy Peberdy; Jonathan Durham; Jennifer Spanier; Lora Nielsen; Virginia Barlow; Rik Sheridan; Patty Duffy, Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Locke moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Locke moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2014 Financial Meeting with the following amendment: Adding to Other Business, "The Board signed the Lathem annual support agreement which covers the time clock." Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Reports

Treasurer - Fortunati stated that the new chart of accounts is in full effect.

Listers - The Board and Galayda discussed reappraisal proposals. The Board asked for a printout and discussion will continue at the next Financial Meeting. The Board asked Galayda to contact a VT Dept. of Taxes Property Valuation and Review lawyer for their official view of the impact of the new Open Meeting Law on the work of the Listers' office.

Highway Department - The Board received a pole extension request from Washington Electric for Turkey Hill Road. Roderick supported the request. Pazdro moved to sign the permit with WEC for work on Turkey Hill Road effective July 11, 2014 to July 11, 2015. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. Discussion took place regarding liability issues with the Fire Department's help in clearing roads after major storms. Roderick reported that the Fire Department does not work under the direction of the Highway Department. Fortunati will check with VLCT to clarify the liability coverage questions. Roderick also reported that the Box Shop Bridge project has been completed, paving on Brook Road and Cookeville Road will begin soon and preparations are in place for the Corinth Park & Ride.

Building Maintenance - Groschner reported that the wood floors in the Town Hall (hallway and main room) will be refinished from August 4 through August 11. Arrangements will be made for a porta-potty. Groschner also reported that the exterior painting will be completed by the end of the week.

Other Business

Town Website - A number of residents expressed concern that the town website is temporarily down due to new requirements from the state of VT regarding changes to the Open Meeting Law. The Board responded that this was done at the suggestion of VLCT since there was a question of not being able to comply with the new laws. The Board stated that this is only a temporary measure and that they are looking at several options regarding the town website. They have received two proposals for redesigning/hosting/managing a new website, however no money was budgeted for FY 2015 for this unforeseen expense. Patty Duffy asked to go on

record that she objected that the bid process was not put out. Residents asked if the old website could be put back up while the Board considers proposals for a new one. The Board responded that they have to be certain that they are in compliance with the new laws. They will review the matter and make a decision at their next meeting.

Open Meeting Law - Recent changes to the law that went into effect July 1, 2014 were discussed. Locke moved that the official designated posting locations be the interior hallway at the Town Hall, the locked board on the porch at the Town Hall and the locked board on the southwest side of the East Corinth General Store. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. All town committees and commissions will use these three locations for posting agendas and minutes. Amy Peberdy agreed to be the interim point person responsible for the postings and will work on a proposal for that process. The Board will compile a list of all the committees and chairpersons and invite them to a meeting to develop a process for complying with the new law.

Dog Licensing - The Board reviewed a list of unlicensed dogs. A letter will be sent to all delinquent dog owners. Pazdro moved to draft a letter of response to the owners of unlicensed dogs (as of July 14). Locke seconded. Motion passed. Locke agreed to draft the letter. Constable Diaz has agreed to follow up with the owners if necessary. The Board will also send a letter to a resident regarding a dog bite which occurred in May.

Town Office Personnel Compensation - Locke moved to go into executive session at 9:36 p.m. to review a legal matter. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m. The Selectboard stated that there will be a change to the Town Clerk's method of compensation from wage to salary, retroactive to July 1, 2014, postponing a shift from salary to wage until fiscal year 2016.

Locke moved to adopt changes to the town office payroll procedures, retroactive to July 1, 2014, to the effect that all elected and appointed staff of the Town Offices who are paid on an hourly basis will record their working hours on the time clock.

Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence

The Board discussed a National Guard road rebuilding project in town. They will be working under the direction of the Highway Department. Pazdro moved to invite the National Guard to conduct a road project on Claflin Road as a training exercise. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to the National Guard informing them of the decision.

The Board received an annual maintenance agreement form for the generator at Waits River Valley School. Fortunati will inform them that WRVS is responsible for the maintenance and future correspondence should be directed to them.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.