

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Selectboard Meeting
September 14, 2015

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Russ Pazdro; Steve Long.
Others Attending: Dick Kelley, Planning Commission Chair; Michele Boyer, Animal Control Officer; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Dan Wing; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

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

Approval of Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 Financial Meeting after striking the last sentence in the Federal Surplus Property Program paragraph. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. Pazdro moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2015 Regular Selectboard Meeting. Long seconded. Motion passed.

Public Concerns

Michele Boyer, Corinth Animal Control Officer, presented the Corinth Dog Control Ordinance and asked the Board for clarification in Section 10 - Impoundment. For public awareness, the place of impoundment is Country Canine Kennels. The phone number is 439-6877. In Section 12 - Penalties and Costs, Boyer proposed that if an impounded dog needs a rabies vaccination, the owner may make a deposit to the Town Clerk in the amount of \$30 in exchange for the release of their dog, redeemable on licensing the dog. She also proposed an impoundment fee of \$10 and a boarding fee of \$20 per night during which the animal is impounded. The Board agreed and Anne McKinsey will be contacted with updated information to be posted on the Corinth website.

Town Constable Concerns

Chris Diaz will be contacted and asked to look into the matter of an abandoned car in the town right-of-way on Hemlock Lane.

Municipal Planning Grant

Dick Kelley, Planning Commission Chair, outlined details of the grant. Monies will be used for Two Rivers' assistance in writing the Corinth Town Plan. The Planning Commission has already voted in favor of applying for the grant. Long moved that the Town of Corinth sign the resolution for a Municipal Planning Grant with Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed and the resolution was signed. Groschner will contact Kevin Geiger to ascertain the grant administrator.

Flood Hazard Bylaw Administration

The Board reviewed an application for permit form and approved it for use by the Administrative Officer. The Board agreed to direct the Town Clerk, based on a reading of the Flood Hazard Bylaws, to record a Certificate of Occupancy as presented by the Administrative Officer regarding the property of Donnalyn Lyon.

Highway Department

Blodgett requested that money be repurposed in order to do repairs to the Town Garage. Groschner moved to approve the request regarding improvements to the Town Garage per

MP Builder's estimate. Long seconded. Motion passed.
Chicken Farm Bridge - Work is progressing rapidly.
Miller Road - Work is nearly completed.
Blodgett will inspect a section of South America Road to see if newly planted trees are in the town right-of-way.

Building Inspector for Dilapidated Buildings

Groschner reported he had contacted professional inspectors and found the cost prohibitive. Pazdro agreed to contact the Town of Hartford and ask who they use. Terry Murphy will be asked if he is interested in the position.

Stop Sign Ordinance

Pazdro moved to adopt the amended Town of Corinth Stop Sign Ordinance. Long seconded. Motion passed. The amended ordinance was signed and dated. It will go into effect in 60 days, unless a petition with 5% of voters is received (within 44 days). The ordinance will be posted and copies will be available at the Town Clerk's office. The amendment changes the yield sign for southbound traffic on Brook Road at the intersection with Cookeville Road to a stop sign. The new ordinance reads as follows:

Town of Corinth Stop Signs

An Ordinance establishing stop signs and other traffic control devices.

ARTICLE 1. **Authority.** This ordinance is adopted under authority granted in 23 V.S.A § 1008, 24 V.S.A § 229(4) and 24 V.S.A Chapter 59.

ARTICLE 2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate traffic in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

ARTICLE 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this ordinance the following words and/or phrases shall be defined as follows:

- a. Stop sign: The signs described in MUTCD, section 2B-4.
- b. Highway and Town Highway: As defined in 19 V.S.A. § 1 (12) & (21).
- c. Intersection: Any point at which a highway joins another at an angle, whether or not it crosses the other.
- d. MUTCD: The Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices issued by the Federal Highway Administration.

ARTICLE 4. **Location of Stop Signs.** Stop signs shall be erected on the following highways for the regulation of traffic at the following intersections:

- a. Chelsea Road. Eastbound traffic at the intersection of Goose Green Road and Brook Road.

- b. Eagle Hollow Road. Northbound traffic at the intersection with Chelsea Road.
- c. Brook Road. Southbound traffic at the intersection with Cookeville Road.

ARTICLE 5. Location of Other Traffic Control Signs.

ARTICLE 6. Violations & Enforcement.

- a. A violation of this ordinance shall be a civil matter enforced in the Vermont Judicial Bureau in accordance with the provisions of 24 V.S.A §§ 1974a and 1977 et seq.
- b. This ordinance may be enforced by any properly qualified Vermont law enforcement officer.

ARTICLE 7. Penalties & Waiver Fees. All penalties and waiver fees shall be those established by the Vermont Judicial Bureau for traffic violations.

ARTICLE 8. Severability. If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. If any statute referred to in this ordinance shall be amended, this ordinance shall be deemed to refer to such amended statute.

ARTICLE 9. Notice. This ordinance shall be entered into the minutes of the town records and shall be posted in at least 5 conspicuous places in town. A concise summary of this Ordinance (or the entire ordinance) shall be published in newspapers of record within 14 days of its adoption, accompanied by information as to where the full text of it may be examined, the rights of voters to petition for a vote, and the name, address and telephone number of a person who is available to answer questions about it.

ARTICLE 10. Effective Date. This amended ordinance shall take effect 60 days following adoption by the selectboard, unless a petition requesting voter approval is submitted within 44 days following adoption as provided in 24 V.S.A § 1973.

Amended this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Board of Selectmen

Chris Groschner

Russ Pazdro

Steve Long

Adoption History

Adopted March 8, 2004.

Amended September 14, 2015.

Committees

Roderick reported that the Forest Committee plan is nearly completed. Two landowners wish to meet with the committee to clarify the marking of trees to help define the property lines. He projected that the Forest Committee will merge with the Conservation Commission in November.

Sciortino reported on the Town Report Committee. The printing estimate came in less than last year. Anne McKinsey will bill the town for her services.

Other Business

The Board has decided to turn off the streetlight outside the Town Hall for two months. Discussion followed on outside lighting issues. Groschner will ask the facilities manager to replace burned out bulbs in the outside lights around the building.

Correspondence

A bill from Dan Carter was received for the septic work. Cost of the inspection was included. The bill will be turned over to the treasurer.

Information from NEKWMD regarding the new food scraps law was reviewed. The Board will ask Joyce McKeeman, representative to the board, to let them know that Corinth has composting facilities in place and that we are in compliance.

The Board reviewed remaining correspondence.

Test Emergency Lights and Fire Extinguishers

The Board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.