

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Selectboard Meeting
February 8, 2016

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Russ Pazdro, Steve Long.
Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman;
Robert Fortunati; Rick Cawley; 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 January 11, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting, the January 26, 2016 Special Selectboard Meeting and the February 2, 2016 Financial Meeting. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Public Concerns

Robert Fortunati voiced concerns regarding the Highway Department using too much sand on town highways, not enough ditches along the roads, and damage to trees and stone walls. Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman, addressed the concerns saying damage to the trees in question was not the fault of the Highway Department and the ditches and culverts are handling the roadside water sufficiently. Blodgett stated that he has not received other concerns from town residents. The Board agreed that they have only heard positive feedback. After much discussion, the Board recommended no change to the current road plan.

Appointments

Groschner moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Burt Cooper as Town Moderator. The Board expressed appreciation for Cooper's years of service to the town. Long seconded. Motion passed.

Pazdro moved to appoint Rick Cawley as temporary Town Moderator for the 2016 Town Meeting. Long seconded. Motion passed. Cawley graciously accepted the appointment. The Board and Cawley discussed Town Meeting preparations.

Road Commissioner's Report

Roderick stated that the Highway Department trucks are in good working order and things are running smoothly. Blodgett presented details regarding the future purchase of a new truck. Groschner moved to approve the purchase of a new Ford 550 truck from Gateway Motors, equipped by Viking Cives for a total of \$87,680. Long seconded. Motion passed. Blodgett will meet with the treasurer to draw up the paperwork.

Committees

Roderick reported that the Conservation Committee sponsored square dance at WRVS, held recently, was very successful. Roderick also reported that the Forest Committee's plan will be ready for the Board to review at the April meeting.

Other Business

The Board discussed two separate cases of dog bites.

The Board thanked Russ Pazdro for his commitment and time as a Corinth Selectman. Pazdro's term ends in 2016 and he is not running for reelection.

Correspondence

The Board received notice from Casella of a bag rate increase, effective March 1, 2016.

A 15 gallon bag will go from \$1.50 a bag to \$1.60 a bag.

A 30 gallon bag will go from \$3.00 a bag to \$3.20 a bag.

A 45 gallon bag will go from \$4.50 a bag to \$4.80 a bag.

Groschner will review the Casella contract in detail for other changes. The contract will be signed next month.

Emergency Lights and Fire Extinguishers

The Board checked and found all to be working properly. It was noted that the fire extinguishers need to be recharged in May.

Pazdro moved to adjourn. Long seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.