

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes  
January 9, 2017  
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury  
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Drury moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on December 12, 2016. Long seconds. Motion passed. Drury moved to approve the SB Financial Meeting minutes on January 3, 2017. Long seconds. Motion passed.

Public Concerns: None

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns

Porter informed the selectboard the fuel delivery issue with Irving has been resolved.

Porter noticed residents coming over the fence at the transfer station on Christmas Eve, the Saturday the transfer station was closed. They were dropping off recycling even though the gates were closed. Porter believes this situation will be resolved if the transfer station is relocated to the old dump site. He said they plan to install gates that would keep people from entering the area.

Groschner is concerned about the sand mountain going down sooner than expected, but Porter assures the town has enough sand for the season.

Town Charter

There is a scheduled public hearing on January 23, a second meeting is scheduled for February 27. Groschner will ask Fortunati to help create a job description of the Town Treasurer. Long made recommendations about the makeup of the hiring committee. Groschner spoke with town attorney, Rick Cawley, if the position should be an "At-will" employee or having the position to be a "term" position. Groschner also feels Cawley should attend the scheduled meetings. The board looked at the current description and will make necessary changes.

Warning for Town Meeting

Long sent a draft of the Town Meeting warning to Groschner and Drury. The board went over it and made several changes. Warning for Town Meeting is due by January 26<sup>th</sup>.

The board discussed the interest rate charge for late payments and delinquent payments. Long and Drury believe they are high, even though they are within the maximum allowed by the statutes. The board will decide whether to include this on the warning.

Long questions if the First and Second Constable needs to be on the ballot. Groschner checked with VLCT and they informed him that legally they need to list the First Constable position but not the second. Groschner also suggested the board should write a letter to the editor informing people of the reduced authority of the Constable. Porter said that the new governmental administration may have a more favorable view of the value of the local constables.

The board discussed Article 8 to see if voters will vote to exempt Sugar Maple Pre-School from property taxes. Long confirmed that all of the currently exempt properties are exempt from municipal taxes only, not the school tax. Long changed the Article to read "exempt from the municipal portion of property tax."

Drury will be out of town at the time the Warning for Town Meeting needs to be signed, so he will send his signature electronically.

#### Fire Station

Drury informed the board that payment was sent for the comprehensive plans from Morton Builders.

#### Dilapidated Building

Porter and Blodgett have not been able to go and speak with the owner at 657 Village Road, East Corinth regarding the unregistered truck in front of the property. Porter said they would make it a priority to do so.

#### Committees: None

#### Correspondence

Pamphlets from League Cities and Towns.

Long received an email from Anne McKinsey in regards to the NEK Waste Management. Because of the changes to its charter, we no longer need to include its budget. That will shorten the Annual Report by around 5 pages.

Certificate of Highway Mileage was given to Porter to review.

The board received the lowest quote to print the Annual Town Report from Repro Printers, Winooski, VT. Groschner makes a motion to accept REPRO quote to print this year's town report. Drury seconds. Motion passed.

#### Other Business: None

Groschner moves to enter executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Drury seconds. Motion passed. Executive session ended at 8:45, no decisions were made.

#### Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long second.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm