

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes

May 8, 2017

Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chair; Steve Long; Hal Drury

Other attending: Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Jon Skates General Manager Casella; Paul Tomasi, NEKWMD; Lee Porter Road Commissioner; Stuart Coburn

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of the Minutes Long moved to approve the minutes from the Financial Meeting on May 2, 2017 and Regular Meeting on April 10, 2017. Drury Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Public Concerns: Stuart Coburn attended the meeting tonight to share his concerns about the property that was recently sold on Cookville Rd. It had been listed in the tax sale and then it wasn't for sale that day. He was told that the owner had paid the taxes and the property had been sold. Coburn complained that the purchaser (delinquent tax collector Susan Fortunati and her husband) had knowledge about the owner that other people didn't have access to. Groschner said there isn't anything that says a property can't be sold before a tax sale. He also said that various people had contacted the owner and tried to purchase the property over the last two years. And he made clear that all the information about the property was available to the public. He asked what Coburn wanted the board to do and Coburn said he would like the board to do an investigation. Groschner said he would talk to the town lawyer and he will contact Coburn after he has done so.

Waste Management/Transfer Station

Casella Contract-Jon Skates, from Casella, attended the meeting tonight as the Town's contract with Casella will expire at the end of June. Skates has put together a proposal for a new contract with the new site in mind. Groschner said, due to costs, the board is not entirely sure about moving the transfer station.

Porter asked if Casella would help absorb some of the cost, Skates said yes and they are looking to keep costs low. Skates proposed for the Board to look into 40 yard compactor that would help eliminate the amount of recycling containers at the site. Long asked if the compactor could be placed on the current site and Skates said the site needs 3 phase power to run the compactor but they could make it work by putting an engine on site to help start the compactor. Groschner asked if the compactor unit would be provided by Casella, or if the town would have to pay for it. Skates said Casella would absorb the cost.

A concern for the Board is the immediate steep rise in cost of a trash bag in the proposal. Groschner said we need to focus on and get the price to arrive at a more reasonable rate. Goal is to try to stage the bag fee increases to null some of the initial increase. Skates said he would be try to adjust the schedule of the pricing increases. Groschner asked Skates to send us a new contract to review and send to the town lawyer. Blodgett said that if the road crew has to plow snow on Saturdays, it's very dangerous to be operating the loader at the transfer station. In addition, he said that kids sometimes climb on the equipment and they could hurt themselves. Groschner wants to know what it would cost the town to make the change.

Subdivision Bylaw Revisions: The board is going to hold a Public Hearing on June 6, 2017 at 7:00.

Board Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns- Porter received a few calls regarding gravel on lawns after the plowing from the last storm. He has already addressed and resolved the problem. Blodgett said they are going to be working on paving jobs this summer. Pike and Black Top provided quotes, but Blodgett needs to confirm details of each bid. Blodgett is asking the board to sign off on the prices before the next meeting, to lock them in, as the price of asphalt is rising. Blodgett wants to purchase more culverts, which means overspending the culvert budget by roughly \$7,500, and looking to stone ditches on Jewell Hill for \$3,000. Given that the Department is considerably under budget on diesel fuel, the board agreed with the plan.

The board discussed a situation where someone delivered approximately 100 tires to the transfer station just before Greenup Day. The Board is going to ask the Conservation Commission to address the situation. Long said he will get in contact with the Commission.

Dilapidated Buildings- The owner of the East Corinth property has addressed one of the main concerns of the Board, the security of the building. The property now has plywood around the ground floor and a lockable door. The new owner of the Eastman property has begun to clean the site up.

Fire Station: Drury said the latest he heard from Morton Builders is they are talking late June, early July for the full markup of the plans. Groschner quoted from an email, "The town will be handling all the engineering regarding the site preparation and work scope beyond the site perimeter." He isn't sure if the budget number they have been working with encompasses the above work quotes. Long thinks we should respond to Morton in a very clear letter, expressing our concern that they are so slow in providing plans and a cost estimate for the Fire Station. Drury will write to Morton. Drury wants to make sure the plan allows for competitive bidding, he doesn't want to go with just one vendor for any of the building trades. Groschner said we should end up with more than one set of plans to provide too many vendors to get their estimates.

Committees: NONE

Correspondence: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Test Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers: The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn the meeting. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm