

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes  
June 12, 2017  
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

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

Other Attending: Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman, Susan Fortunati, John Skates, Casella Waste Management, Dina Dubois, Dan Wing

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

Approval of the Minutes- Drury moved to approve the minutes Financial Meeting on June 6, 2017 minutes. Groschner Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED (minutes from May 8, 2017 meeting will not be able to be approved until July meeting, as Drury had to abstain, he was not present for the May 8 meeting.)

Changes to Agenda- Groschner made a motion to add meeting with the John Skates from Casella Waste Management next on the list after the approval of the meeting minutes. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Waste Management/Transfer Station- John Skates attended the meeting tonight to present a new contract with Casella Waste Management. Groschner told Skates they the board is concerned because the current contract runs out at the end of June. He suggested that it would be a help to the Board if the contract could be extended by 60-90 days, in its present form, so the board could look at a new contract in reasonable time frame. Skates said he would gladly work on getting an extension. Skates presented a draft of a contract to the board. He also presented to the board a proposed agreement on pricing which The Board will now review. Skates also presented some plans that Casella Waste Engineers had proposed for a new transfer station site. Porter rejected the plans and suggested that the road commissioner and Forman would work out a proposal, including pricing. Dubois spoke to Skates concerning her interest in compost bins.

Public Concerns: Dan Wing stated that the he had old plans for a Town Hall improvement after an earlier energy audit was performed. These plans suggest that changes to The Town Hall could save fuel consumption by 40%. He also suggested that a new energy audit might provide very different results. Wing suggested that a new energy auditor could be found through Efficiency Vermont which keeps an active list of current auditors.

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns: Groschner expressed to Porter that The Town needs to repaint the stop sign at the corner of Brook Rd and Cookeville Rd. Blodgett said that The Town plans on doing the job themselves. Dubois was curious as to what the benefit would be for The Town to move the transfer station. Blodgett commented that it was a public safety issue. Sometimes kids get on the sand pile and play on the equipment that is on site on at the Town Garage. Blodgett presented a State Pilot Program which would offer Corinth \$18,960 to help fix road structures. The State would pick the sites. The only foreseeable expense to the town would be the stone. Most of the work would be performed by the Corinth Road Crew. Blodgett asked The Board to sign a Pilot Program agreement. Porter said that because this is a pilot program, there could be more money coming to us if other towns decide not to participate. The Board signed the agreement. Blodgett stated that the town of Groton is interested in purchasing the Bail Mulcher which Corinth acquired in 2013. He stated that the State is trying to move away from this form of mulching. If the Bail Mulcher were sold, Blodgett said it would be replaced by a hydro seeder, which would be a much healthier process for those in the road crew with breathing difficulties. Groschner said The Board would approve the purchase of a new mulcher but until the old machine has sold. That would not be done until next year.

Fire Station: Drury said he received a site plan from Morton Builders. It is detailed and will enable The Board to request bids for site preparation. Drury has a PDF file of constructions plans but because of its large size he will need to go to Wells River to have it printed so it can be reviewed. Porter asked if Morton Builders would try to use as many local builders as possible. Groschner said he thinks the Fire Department has contacted local contractors and they appeared to be willing to participate. Dubois asked what color the building and the doors will be, and Drury told her it was too early in the process to know. She said she sent an email to the Chief with some pictures and ideas. She asked if she could send Drury photos of structures she had photographed to show the difference colored doors might make. Drury provided his email address.

Committees: Dina Dubois is here tonight representing the Conservation Commission. She would like to know if The Town would be willing to pay the cost of Green-Up Day trash removal. When the board discussed the matter a few years ago, they decided the Conservation Commission could pay those costs. Fortunati reported that the town did not give the CC any more this year because they did not ask and they it seemed that they had a \$10,000 surplus. Groschner said if the Conservation Commission wants to make a different arrangement with The Town that can be done at the Budget Meetings held in November. Groschner asked Dubois to give the Conservation Commission the information regarding the participation in The Budget Meeting. She said she will do so at their next meeting.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter from Rick Cawley concerning a citizen complaint made at the May 8 regular Selectboard meeting regarding the Wood property, which was sold to Robert and Susan Fortunati. Fortunati asked that two specific quotes from this letter to be documented in the minutes: 1. "more importantly here, Susan Fortunati was acting as a private citizen in the purchase of this property with her husband. The property has been advertised as being subject to a tax sale for three weeks in the Journal Opinion and the information relative to that property, its tax status and its ownership were all matters of public record. Susan was not privy to any information not available to the general public" 2. "I see nothing here that is not entirely legal and the purchase here is no different than the purchase of the same property by a third party."

Groschner said he would write to the citizen who made the complaint and include a copy of Cawley's letter. Letter from the Natural Resources Board, the term of the Fire Warden is expiring. Drury said that he would accept the reappointment of Joe Trust as Warden for a term of 5 years. The Board signed off on this. There is also an agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's department to provide services for a total sum that shall not exceed \$10,000 which was provided in the fiscal 2017-2018 budget. The Board signed the agreement. Maintenance agreement to service the standby generator which had been discussed at the financial meeting was signed by Groschner.

Groschner made a motion to direct the Treasure to pay the Yankee Generator Inc. \$400 dollars to cover the cost of this maintenance. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Brad Caswell submitted a letter regarding how close Richardson Rd has become to his property and the run off from the road into his pond. He has included 4 photos for The Board to help better their understanding. Porter said the best thing to do would be for him to go out and review the site. The Board asked him to speak with Mr. Caswell if he was available. Sullivan and Powers Co. Scope of Services letter was reviewed. Groschner asked Fortunati whether she know if there had been any communication with them about the price of the audit, for said the amount was budgeted and Sullivan and Powers are very good about honoring the budgeted price. The Board signed off on this.

Other Business: NONE

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.