

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes

August 14, 2017

Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chair; Steve Long; Hal Drury; **Others attending:** Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Town Treasurer; Chris Christman; Roger Tofflina; Christopher Preston; Neysa Russo; Paula Lavalle; Karen Galayda, Town Lister; Gary Apfel, Town Moderator; Rick Cawley, Town Lawyer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of the Minutes Long moved to approve the minutes from the July 10 regular meeting, the July 19 emergency meeting and the July 1 financial meeting. Drury seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Concerns: Chris Christman attended the meeting tonight to discuss the dilapidated garage across from his house, and the amount of dust that is kicked up while driving on back roads. Groschner stated that the next step to address the garage will be the Board sending a letter to the owner of the property. Blodgett said that he would spray calcium chloride in front of Mr. Christman's house. The Town also received letters from Ira M. Turner, Johnathan Strong and Bill Fisher.

Hearing for two articles for Special Town Meeting:

Use of Surplus Funds for Assistant Treasurer Position:

Susan Fortunati said that they are trying to fill the position for Assistant Treasurer as Fortunati is retiring in March of 2018. Neysa Russo has expressed her interest and is attending the meeting tonight as well. Fortunati has composed a document regarding all her duties, which is available on the Town Website and at the Town Office. Groschner stated that the article to be voted on requests authorization to spend \$12,000 from the surplus to pay for the training of the assistant treasurer. Discussion followed. The Board will form a search committee and make necessary postings of the new position available to the public.

Revised Subdivision Bylaws:

The Board, along with others attending worked through the document, Preston pointed out inconsistencies in the way that Vermont statutes were cited. Long asked Preston to provide him with the citations and he will insert them into the document. Long said that a lot of work has gone into revisions, and that the input from the residents has made it a better document.

Board Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns: Porter stated that he had received several calls after the last storm regarding damage to class four roads. He and Blodgett have since gone and addressed these concerns and have been working on solutions.

Blodgett reported that the paving jobs have been completed, and were completed under budget.

Blodgett presented to the Board the Title for the truck they traded in for the new Western Star truck purchased. Groschner signed the title over to the buyer. Fortunati presented to the Board the paperwork for the loan on the new Western Star truck, first payment starting October 2018. The Board, along with Fortunati and Anna Brown, Board Clerk have signed off on these documents.

Blodgett presented the Board a letter of his resignation as 911 coordinator. Karen Galayda has expressed interest in taking over this position. Discussion followed. Long moved to accept the resignation of Joe Blodgett as 911 coordinator and moved to appoint Karen Galayda as replacement. Drury Seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Backway Road sign is missing again, Groschner stated that he has some ideas to help solve this problem. Blodgett is going to get Groschner a sign.

Listers Concerns: Karen Galayda presented to the board the correction of a calculation error in a reappraisal of the property of John Copoulos and Sue Ordinetz Total Real Value from \$218,300 to \$217,400. Parcel # 068-01494 Span # 159-050-10529. Long moved to accept the changes. Drury seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Dog Ordinance: Drury moved to table this discussion to another meeting. Long seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Station: The Board has detailed mechanical plans, but they do not include architecture plans. Drury is going to talk to Morton Builders and ask them to provide architectural drawings.

Committees: NONE

Correspondence: Information from the Census Department, Groschner taking home to look over. Thank you letter from Two Rivers for the payment. Thumb drive from Two Rivers on its regional plan, which has been put in the Planning Commissions mail box for Dick Kelley.

Resignation letter from Christine Minery, resigning as one of Corinth's Town Listers. Groschner asked Galayda about the status of finding another Lister. Galayda has reached out to some town members. Groschner said that there needs to be postings regarding the vacancy. Long is going to assist Anna Brown, Board Clerk, in making these postings.

Groschner believes the assistant Treasurer position needs to be posted as well. Long said he would like to form a search committee to aid in the process of filling the role of assistant treasurer. Long suggested Becky Buchanan for the committee and said he would contact her. Long, Drury and Fortunati volunteered to serve on the committee. Discussion followed. Fortunati emphasized the need for quick action. Result of the discussion was to advertise the opening, request resumes be sent into the Treasurer's office by August 31, and have the search committee meet on Friday September 1, 2017 to evaluate applicants.

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 9:30pm