

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
September 12, 2016
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Christopher Diaz, Second Constable; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman. Visitors: Christopher Diaz, Theodore Rogers and Linda Moore; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on August 8th and the SB Financial Meeting minutes on September 6th. Drury second. Motion passed.

Public Concerns

Theodore Rogers, full time resident for 4 years, live on 350 Limlaw Road. Mr. Rogers explained the Town road crew has dug up the ditches next to his driveway, they are over 6 feet deep and about 3 feet wide and the ditch goes in to his property about 14 feet. The water flow now goes into his property. Mr. Rogers has spoken with the Road Foreman, who explained the town had the right of way. Mr. Rogers said he was not notified of the changes done to the road. Mr. Rogers is concerned about liability if a car loses control and goes into the ditch that has been created. Groschner had visited the location with the Road Commissioner and Road Foreman. He showed pictures of the entrance of the driveway and the culvert that became visible after the ditches were cleaned out. Groschner also looked at the driveway permit. The Road Commissioner and Road Foreman confirmed and the drainage ditch has to be there as a condition of the driveway permit. He said he understands Mr. Rogers's concern now that the ditch is more open, someone can make an early turn into your driveway and end in the ditch. Groschner placed reflectors to mark the edge of the driveway, so someone would have much less opportunity to make a wrong turn. The reflectors were purchased by Groschner.

Porter explained the Driveway Permit signed has to have the water off of town road to avoid road erosion. Prior to clearing the ditch, only about an inch of the 18" culvert was showing, so consequently no water could run thru there. The culvert is there to move the water under the driveway rather than over the road and in front of the drive. Porter provided a copy of the driveway permit to Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers reiterated his concern about someone driving into the ditch. Constable Diaz said during his patrolling, he has never had an issue during winter with Limlaw Road. Blodgett explained it is Mr. Rogers responsibility to maintain his culvert driveway, as stated on the Driveway Permit. Blodgett suggested to contact the fire department and have the culvert flushed.

Constable

Groschner explained in order for the board to appoint Diaz to First Constable, he will have to resign as Second Constable and the Board would appoint him as First constable until the next election. Diaz is willing to accept being appointed as First Constable, but he would like the board to assign a Second Constable. Diaz explained he needs help during the Halloween festivities at East Corinth village. Blodgett said Joe Hill, who recently moved out of town, would help during Halloween and when needed. Groschner said there was no one that has asked to be Second Constable. Christopher M. Diaz (son of Constable Diaz) said he would be interested in being appointed and will be running for Second Constable in March elections. Groschner asked for his experience CM Diaz explained he has been in several ride alongs with police officers, is well knowledgeable in the town laws and has been in ride alongs with the Constable Hill and Constable Diaz. Long feels he should be elected as a Second Constable by the people, rather than appointed to the post. Constable Diaz said he will need help during the Halloween festivities. Porter said he has no problem with CM Diaz being a Second Constable but also agrees he should be elected into the position, he also said the town allocates a budget for police services from the Orange County Sheriff. He recommended asking them to help Constable Diaz. Groschner agreed that we should use Orange County Sheriff for help on Halloween.

Long suggested that Diaz write a resignation letter and submit it to the Board. Diaz submitted a letter of resignation as Second Constable, Groschner moves to accept the letter of resignation. Long second, motion passed. Groschner moves to assign Diaz as First Constable. Long second. Motion passed.

Fire Station

Drury said a contract had arrived from Morton Builders and he has forwarded it to town attorney Cawley and to the other members of the selectboard. Long will provide to the Town Clerk the warning to hold a town vote on spending \$32,000 to receive a comprehensive contract from Morton Builders.

Dilapidated Building

Drury, the Corinth Safety Officer submitted his inspection report on the 1102 Cookeville Road. The Board reviewed the Safety Officer Report and Long moves to accept the report and have the Safety Office write a Building Safety order and send it to the owner, Groschner second. Motion passed.

Road Commissioner's report /Hwy. Concerns

Blodgett suggested to move up the Road Commissioner's report in the Agenda for future meetings. Long said he will move it right after Public Concerns.

Blodgett is done paving. Has been working on culverts around town. They are currently working on Pike Hill Road near Rollie Day Road and Pond Lane to avoid the mud that happens every year. Then they will work on the Coppermine Road culvert right after Diaz driveway and by the Kennedy's. Eagle Hollow Road will be worked on this week to finish the chip seal project. Blodgett would like to purchase a set of new forks for the loader. The cost is \$4500. He will use the money from the budget and trade the old ones. The Board agrees to have Blodgett purchase the new forks.

Blodgett says they are making baby steps to fix Limlaw Road and the triangle corner for better entrance onto Rt 25.

Committees:

The Board will ask if anyone from the Planning Commission would consider representing the Town of Corinth on the board of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission. Groschner will contact D.Kelley and attend the Planning Commission Special meeting on 9/15/2016.

Town Report, the board needs to start working on the Town Report. Need to remind the committees to submit all their report by 11/1/16. Anne McKinsey will layout the report and arrange for printing. Long is willing to help with editing. Drury would volunteer if more help is needed.

Other business: None

Correspondence

The Town Treasurer is looking to approve first half of the School payment of \$844,716.00. The board approved and signed the payment. Form was left at the Town Treasurer's desk.

VLCT Annual meeting, Wed Oct 5th. is inviting a representative of the town to attend as a voting member.

Letter from the people who run Sugar Maple Preschool. Asking Tax Exempt because they are non profit organization. The selectboard cannot grant this request, it needs to be added for town meeting to be voted on.

Clean Water advisory committee from Two River asked Corinth to send a delegate. It would make sense to have someone from the Conservation Committee. Long delivered letter to the CCC.

Norumbega Trail Ride annual chair recreational trail ride. They reminded the Board of the Annual Motorcycle ride.

Other business: None

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be in working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long second.

Meeting adjourn at 9:02 pm