

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
November 13, 2017

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Hal Drury
Catherine Tudish, selectboard clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner; Joe Blodgett, road foreman; Karen Galayda, administrative officer; Jon Skates, representing Casella Waste Management; Dean Gregoropoulos; Jessica Gregoropoulos

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of select board meeting (Oct. 9) and financial meeting (Nov. 7) were approved.

Public Concerns

Dean and Jessica Gregoropoulos raised concerns regarding river corridor and wetlands restrictions affecting their property on Miller Road. Dean stated that he had filed wastewater and driveway permits and was not aware of other legal requirements. He hadn't been aware that he needed to fill out the Town's Development Notification Form. The issue concerns the location of a shed that Dean describes as a pole barn built to store equipment over the winter. The structure is in the river corridor and must be moved. Jessica noted that the cost of remediation will be about \$2,000 and that if the shed is not relocated by December 1, they will be susceptible to a daily fine.

Groschner stated that the issue should be resolved in a way that does not impact the complainant negatively. He suggested that the issue is in the hands of the Board of Adjustment, as there is nothing the Select Board can do.

Galayda said the Board of Adjustment has to deal with the situation. She is hoping they can permit the shed as is by applying for a conditional use permit. The laws are on the books, she added, and she is required to report any infringements to the state.

Long explained that flood hazard area bylaws have been in place for about two years. The Select Board has sent out notices of the new regulations in the town newsletter and has made other attempts to get the word out. The Development Notification Form was implemented so that the administrative officer can help landowners avoid any construction in the river corridor.

Road Report

Blodgett presented forms for the Select Board to sign to release \$175,000 coming from the state highway program for work completed by the town road crew on Chelsea Road. The forms were signed and returned to Blodgett.

Groschner brought up a concern a resident had raised regarding four loads of gravel delivered by the town road crew to a section of Wilson Road near Jerry Andrew's driveway. Blodgett reported that Andrew had paid for the gravel, which is often done by residents on

Class Four roads. Blodgett stated that the arrangement saves money for the town, while keeping roads in good repair.

Porter asked whether it was common to have a town highway with two or three different names. He pointed out that Corinth has three Highway Sixes, for example.

Groschner wondered why Chelsea Road and Goose Green Road switch names back and forth. He noted that since roads were named and signed to comply with 911 regulations, there should not be confusion about road names and locations.

Drury stated that for public safety, 911 naming should take priority.

Long agreed with Drury that public safety should take precedence; names and numbers along every road should be known.

Groschner suggested Porter call the Vermont highway agency for clarification.

New Contract with Casella Waste Management

In negotiating a new contract with Casella, Groschner stated that the town is concerned about proposed increases in bag prices and would prefer a 3-year rather than a 6-year contract.

Skates said that longer duration of contracts is better for the company. Corinth is under-priced, compared with nearby towns such as Bradford.

Long stated that the Board would be willing to sign a longer contract if bag increases were more gradual than originally proposed.

Skates noted that the company cannot charge for residential recycling. The increase in bag prices reflects greater expenses of recycling for the company. He proposed this alternative: a 6-year contract with reasonable increases or no contract and higher bag fees along the lines of Bradford's \$4.50 for a 15-gallon bag.

The board agreed to the 6-year contract, which was signed by Groschner and witnessed by Porter.

NEW FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018: 15-gallon bag \$2.75; 30-gallon bag \$4.25; 45-gallon bag \$6.50.

Skates stated that Casella no longer wants to be on the required state permit for the transfer station. Beginning January 1, the town will be the only signer on the permit.

Dog Ordinance

The ordinance issue was tabled, to be taken up at a later date.

Fire Station

Drury reported that John Haney has agreed to draw up the site plan for the new fire station at no cost to the town, if the work comes in under \$5,000. The town would have to pay for anything over that amount.

Committee Reports

None.

Groschner moved to adjourn after the testing of emergency lighting and fire extinguishers. Long and Drury seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.