

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
March 12, 2018

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Hal Drury
Catherine Tudish, selectboard clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner; Kevin Eaton, Chair, Corinth Zoning Board of Adjustment

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of select board meeting of February 12, 2018 were approved.

Public Concerns

Eaton expressed concerns about potential flooding in the river corridor. He stated that the flood plain is determined by the state using remote devices, a process that results in "broad brush strokes" that don't make fine distinctions. Eaton would like to get training to be able to better judge the accuracy of the state assessments, training that includes certification.

Groschner replied that there would be money for such training, if the right training can be identified. He said the Select Board supports whatever educational needs Eaton may have and emphasized that floodplain regulations are fairly new. He said Karen Galayda is the contact for funding.

Eaton then asked how property owners would be compensated if they lose use of property because of floodplain regulations.

Groschner said the Select Board does not yet know how that could work.

Eaton noted that there may be more corridor conflicts in the future, because even small streams are involved.

Groschner pointed out that the Select Board has taken several steps to inform town residents about the regulations, including a letter sent out that details the regulations and related restrictions on property owners.

Road Commissioner's Report

Porter said he had received a complaint about a town plow truck damaging the border of a lawn in West Corinth. He met with the complainant and worked out an agreement to repair the damage.

Porter presented a document requiring Groschner's signature for the town to receive state funding for signage of roads. Groschner signed and returned to Porter.

Porter said the sand pile is holding up, and there is an adequate supply of salt.

Groschner pointed out that a 35 MPH speed limit sign is needed near the electronic speed monitor on Cookeville Road, and Porter agreed.

Groschner reported that he has talked to Paul Tomasi of the Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District to confirm that Corinth has voted to move the transfer station to the location on Brook Road. Tomasi will help with the state certification permit for the new transfer station.

Porter said trees and shrubs will be planted at the roadside of the new station.

Groschner moved to post town roads from March 12 to May 15. Drury seconded and the motion passed.

Appointed Town Officers for 2018

Drury moved to accept the following slate of officers appointed by the Select Board, Groschner seconded, and the motion passed.

Administrative Officer, one year: Karen Galayda

Budget Committee, one year: Irene Mann, Raymond Moulton, Amy Peberdy, Michael Pittman, Lee Porter, Linda Weiss

Conservation Commission, four years: Glynn Pellagrino, Linda Tobin

E-911 Coordinator, one year: Karen Galayda

Fence Viewers, one year: Gary Bicknell, Hal Drury, Robert Fortunati

Health Officer, one year: Chris Groschner
Planning Commission, three years: Kerry DeWolfe, Nick Kramer, Kenya Lazuli, one position tabled to next meeting
Revolving Loan Fund Committee, three years: Virginia Barlow
Surveyor of Wood and Timber, one year: Virginia Barlow
Tree Warden, one year: Virginia Barlow
Two Rivers Ottaquechee Commission, one year: Tim O'Dell
Upper Valley Ambulance Service Representative, one year: Joe Truss
Zoning Board of Adjustment, one year: Kevin Eaton, Russ Pazdro, one position tabled to next meeting
Blake Memorial Library Representative, three years: Jen Spanier
Energy Coordinator, one year: Tim O'Dell
NEK Waste Management District Board of Supervisors, one year: Bob Sandberg, alternate Marian Cawley
Constable, one year: position to remain vacant.

Payment for Treasurer

Tabled to financial meeting of April 3.

Places for Posting Town Notices

Dick Kelley requested approval for an additional posting area. He had already received permission to use the library bulletin board.

Groschner moved to accept the library bulletin board as an official posting site, Drury seconded, and the motion passed.

Fire Station

Drury reported that he had talked with Pete Bania of Morton Builders about heating for the building and was told they have a contract with Irving for propane.

Groschner asked Drury to contact Anne Margolis, who raised the possibility at Town Meeting of using heat pumps, to get more information about the feasibility of heat pumps for the station.

Drury said he would get back to Morton Builders for further discussion about heating.

Drury proposed two informational public meetings, to be scheduled for April 10 and April 24.

Correspondence

The minutes from Town Meeting prepared by Nancy Ertle were presented to be reviewed and signed by Groschner. Groschner signed with changes.

Responding to the letter of resignation from Maxine Slack, the Select Board accepted with regret her resignation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Other Business

A request was submitted from Susan Fortunati, setting her effective hourly rate at \$20/hour as Assistant Treasurer. Approval of the rate was moved by Groschner and seconded by Drury. This is provisional, until Fortunati is appointed by the new Treasurer.

Drury made a motion to extend Eyemed coverage for 18 months for the Assistant Treasurer, all premiums to be paid by Fortunati. Groschner seconded, and the motion passed.

Groschner moved to adjourn, Drury seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.