

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
July 9, 2018

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long
Catherine Tudish, Select Board clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of Select Board meeting of June 11 and financial meeting of July 3 were approved as presented.

Road Commissioner's Report

Porter said putting material on Wilson Road is delayed approximately two weeks, because the quarry's crusher is broken and waiting for repair.
Porter has attempted to meet with residents on Short Street to discuss yard debris disposed of on town property, but has not found them at home. He will keep trying. He reported that the road crew is building up the sand pile for winter.
Regarding the new transfer station site, Porter said the road crew is waiting for the state permit/approval for moving the site.
Groschner said the Conservation Commission is considering adding a "free store" for donated items, to be open when the new transfer station is open. The commission would be responsible for overseeing the operations.
Porter said he was looking for a used military building to serve as a warming hut at the new site and that perhaps a larger such building could be used to house a free store. The advantage of a military building, Porter said, is that it would already be wired and insulated.
Porter noted that the generator at the town garage needs to be replaced soon.

Fire Station

The Select Board is preparing for the July 17 informational meeting in advance of the July 24 re-vote.

Law Enforcement

Groschner said he was contacted by a Newbury town official to determine interest in hiring an Orange County sheriff who would be shared among several towns. Corinth would be open to talking about it, depending on cost and number of towns involved, Groschner and Long agreed.
The current arrangement is with Orange County Sheriff Bill Bohnyak, at a rate of \$43/hour. Bohnyak has requested an increase to \$46/hour for this fiscal year. In the new town budget, \$10,000 is designated for sheriff services.

Groschner moved that the Board accept Bohnyak's contract at the new rate, Long seconded, and the contract was signed.

By state law, the town is required to have its own constable. Groschner said he would try to find someone for the constable position in order to comply.

Correspondence

From the Vermont Department of Taxes: The homestead tax rate is now 1.3024. The nonresidential rate is 1.4394.

Also from the Vermont Department of Taxes: Our "hold harmless" estimate is \$100,348 (for land held in current use).

Groschner moved to accept and sign the contract from Sullivan, Powers & Co., P.C., the town auditor, for the year ending June 30, 2018. Long seconded, and the contract was signed.

Other Business

The Board addressed the issue of non-residents using the facilities of the Corinth transfer station, resulting in excessive amounts of material, such as multiple refrigerators, brought in by unauthorized users. Various methods of verifying residency were discussed. The Board decided to require resident stickers on vehicles for use of the transfer station.

Porter will identify a local business that can produce the stickers, and town residents will be notified of how and when to obtain them.

Groschner moved to adjourn, Long seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.