

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
August 13, 2018

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long
Catherine Tudish, Select Board Clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Joseph Blodgett, Road Foreman;
Shirley Montagne, representing Blake Memorial Library; Christopher Diaz,
Christopher Diaz, Jr.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of the Select Board meeting of July 9, 2018 and financial meeting of July 3, 2018 were approved. Long amended financial minutes of August 7, 2018 to include the Treasurer's request to purchase an air conditioner for the Town Office, which was authorized by the Board.

Blake Memorial Library Renovations

Shirley Montagne, head of the library board committee for renovations and expansion of the parking lot, gave a report on the library's construction and expansion plans.

The library board has decided to hire contractor Bill Ricker for the parking lot expansion, which will add 10-15 parking spaces. The bank at the end of the current lot will be leveled, and the stone wall will be moved and reconstructed. The front door of the library will be closed off, so there should be no more parking on the street. These changes will also improve driveway access.

Montagne said the commercial building donated by the Holland family to the library board has been sold, and the proceeds will go toward funding of library building renovations. These will include handicapped access, notably installation of an elevator; installation of heat pumps and back-up heating; improvement of stairs; and the addition of a second bathroom to the downstairs. The board has hired an architect, Jay White of Burlington, to design interior improvements.

The library board wants to apply for a Vermont Community Development block grant in the amount of \$75,000 for accessibility construction. On behalf of the library board, Montagne requested that the Town of Corinth act as sponsor and fiscal agent for disbursement of grant funds. The submission date for the grant proposal is February 14, 2019, and there will be a public hearing for community input prior to that date.

Long moved to participate in the block grant process, with the town acting as fiscal agent; Groschner seconded, and the motion was approved.

Road Commissioner's Report

Porter said he met with residents of Short Street who had been throwing yard debris onto town property. Residents had not realized this was a violation, and agreed to comply with Porter's request to stop.

After a road sign on Richardson Road had been knocked over, a license plate was found that appeared to be from the vehicle that ran into the sign.. The issue is being handled by Sheriff Ken Schaffer.

Porter brought up residents asking about funding available from the state for improving Class 4 roads.

Blodgett said few Class 4 roads meet the criteria for this funding.

Porter clarified that the funding is intended for the area around Lake Champlain and Lake Memphremagog, in order to mitigate phosphorous run-off from the roads.

Blodgett brought up the delay in getting FEMA funds, an amount of \$35,000.

Groschner said the Select Board has been working on the purchasing policy document with Rick Cawley, which needs to be completed to release FEMA funds.

Blodgett reported that the town has received a Municipal Pilot Grant of \$20,500 for upgrading culverts.

Blodgett presented pictures of available "guard house" trailers for sale for use at the transfer station. The Select Board authorized the purchase of a trailer available in Maine for \$100.

Blodgett is acquiring four generators: one for the town garage, one for the transfer station, one for the new fire station, and one to sell. Price for the four is \$1,000.

Porter offered to buy the available generator for a price that would cover all four generators, so there would be no cost to the town.

Blodgett commended the paving by Pike Industries on Goose Green Road, saying it was especially well done.

Blodgett has been getting estimates for the painting of the town's army truck and has found someone to do it for \$1,800.

Porter noted that the stickers for transfer station use have arrived, but too late to send out with tax bills. They will be mailed out to taxpayers. Renters and anyone needing a second sticker should bring proof of residency (such as a driver's license or current utility bill) to the Town Office to pick one up.

Stickers will be required on vehicles entering the transfer station beginning September 1.

Fire Station

Long said he had received an email from Rick at Morton Builders. He said that Morton would present any changes in the original estimate and a construction schedule, by the end of August.

Correspondence

Long reported receiving a letter of resignation from Zoning Board of Adjustment member Kevin Eaton. The Board accepts the resignation with thanks for Eaton's long service.

Testing of Fire Alarms and Extinguishers

Long tested all alarms and fire extinguishers.

Groschner moved to adjourn, Long seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.