

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
September 10, 2018

Attending for the Board: Steve Long, John Haney
Catherine Tudish, Select Board clerk
Others attending: Karen Gaylada for the Board of Listers; Lee Porter, Road
Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Crew Foreman; Carl Demrow

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.
Minutes of the financial meeting of September 4, 2018 were approved. Approval of
minutes of the Select Board meeting of August 13, 2018 was postponed, as Haney
had not been present at that meeting.

Listers Report on Appraisal

Galayda said she talked with attorney Dan Richardson, who specializes in municipal
law. Richardson met with Vermont Appraisal Company three weeks ago to discuss
the Listers' opinion that the appraisal was incomplete because it did not include an
adjustment of statistics, such as the comparison of assessed values versus market
values. Normally the town's statistics would change following a reappraisal, but
those for Corinth did not. In the company's opinion, they were not responsible for
adjusting statistics to meet state requirements.

Galayda subsequently discussed the matter with Chris Groschner, Select Board
chair, and Richardson. Together they decided it would not be feasible to take the
issue further.

Long asked if the town was finished with reappraisal issues.

Galayda said yes. She added that reappraisals should be done more often than every
10 years.

Road Commissioner's Report

Porter said there is an ongoing problem with Peter and Donna MacMurray's
property on Magoon Hill Road, regarding the town culvert that crosses the road
parallel to their barn. They keep plugging the culvert with gravel, attempting to
prevent water from running over their property. Porter said he and Blodgett would
try to meet with them to discuss the importance of keeping the culvert open.

Blodgett said it is a crucial pipe and needs to be in place.

Porter and Blodgett reported on the status of the transfer station move. Porter said
he has received a letter from the state declaring the project is at a halt. Because the
town also wants to put in a stump dump, Porter said that could be the reason for the
halt. He said that if adding the stump dump is holding up the procedure, the town
would drop that and just move the transfer station.

Blodgett presented a form authorizing the listing of a used town mower on the online site AuctionsInternational.com. The form was signed by Long. Blodgett said that the town's military truck has been painted for a cost of \$2,200.

Fire Station

Long said he has been trying to contact Dan Carter, the civil engineer working on septic and other permits for the state, regarding the site survey done by Byron Kidder.

Long reported that once the wastewater permit is in place, Karen Galayda can do the subdivision permit.

Attorney Daryl Hotchkiss, representing the property donor, Joe Holland, is asking the town to pay his fee of \$450 to handle the property transfer.

Long moved to pay Holland's legal fee of \$450, Haney seconded, and the motion was approved.

Morton Builders sent the contract for review, stating that they needed documents back by September 21; otherwise, they can't guarantee the agreed-on price.

Haney drafted a letter in response, noting that both sides have been responsible for delays and that the town will not be rushed into signing off on the contract. The Select Board will wait for approval by Groschner to send the letter.

The contract also has to be approved by the town attorney.

Committees

The Conservation Committee asked for the appointment of Lindle Sutton for a 3-year term, to March 2021. The Select Board approved the appointment.

Long and Haney checked the emergency lighting and fire extinguishers in the Town Hall.

Long moved to adjourn, Haney seconded, and meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.