

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
October 8, 2018

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, John Haney
Catherine Tudish, Select Board Clerk
Others attending: Joe Blodgett, road foreman; Joanna Bligh

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM.
Minutes of the select board meetings of August 13 and September 10 and the financial meeting of October 2 were approved.

Public Concerns

Joanna Bligh introduced herself as a resident of Corinth Corners who drives a horse and carriage on the roads near her house. She has been concerned in recent weeks by the dangerous behavior of large groups driving four-wheelers. They have not respected her right-of-way and have driven so close that they have startled her horse into rearing up and nearly overturning the carriage. She said that she called the state police and reported them, because it is her understanding that four-wheelers are not allowed on the roads in Corinth.

Groschner confirmed that four-wheelers are not allowed on the roads in Corinth, since an ordinance of 2006. But he said we no longer have a constable with the authority to issue tickets.

Groschner recommended alerting the Orange County sheriff.

Blodgett said part of the problem is that the neighboring towns of Washington and Topsham do allow four-wheelers. He added that metal signs banning four-wheelers in Corinth have been stolen.

Bligh suggested posting paper signs, such as those used during mud season to close roads to heavy vehicles, that would show the Corinth boundary and give notice that four-wheelers are not allowed. She said paper signs could easily be replaced if they were taken down.

Haney agreed that the best idea was to call the Orange County Sheriff.

Groschner said he would also look into making up paper signs.

Road Foreman's Report

Blodgett said the town tractor has sold for \$15,800.

Steve Slack has requested to buy the old tractor pull weights that belonged to his father. Blodgett said they would be worth \$500, which would go back into the equipment fund. The Select Board approved the sale to Slack.

Blodgett reported that the dump site off Brook Road has been approved by the state, but the town is still waiting for a state permit. The site is not likely to be moved until spring, Blodgett said.

Blodgett reported that the price of salt has increased again, to about \$80 per ton. The town buys from 650 to 800 tons per year. Groschner signed the contract with Barrett to provide salt for the winter season. Blodgett said beavers have been plugging the culvert on Cookeville Road and that adjacent property owners have been opposed to trapping. Long asked if the road crew had tried beaver baffles. Blodgett said they had tried a baffle that lasted about three days before the beavers chewed through it. Haney said there might be a type of culvert fencing that has been developed more recently. Blodgett said there are already so many beaver dams in the area that a severe storm could wash them out and flood both the Cookeville Road and Joe Lord Road.

Fire Station

The Board discussed the draft contract with Morton Builders that Haney had reviewed and his suggested changes. The next step will be to send Morton a cover letter with the proposed revisions to the contract. Groschner said he would ask Rick Cawley if the town has a boiler-plate contract that could be used for a contract with Bill Ricker on specifications for the site work. Long said he expects to get the signed wastewater permit from Joe Holland in the mail by October 9.

Transfer Station

Addressing recent questions of access, the Board agreed that all Corinth taxpayers, whether year-round home owners, land owners, or seasonal home owners have the right to use the transfer station and should receive stickers.

Other Business

Groschner said he will attend the Newbury Select Board meeting on Wednesday, October 10, to get more information on jointly hiring an Orange County deputy sheriff to patrol the towns. Blake Memorial Library has asked that Anne McKinsey be appointed the town representative to the library, retroactive to April 24, 2018. Long moved to approve the appointment, Groschner seconded, and the motion passed. The Board approved adding information to the town web site for college students wishing to register to vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.