

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

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, John Haney
Catherine Tudish, Select Board Clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner; Joe Blodgett, road foreman; Rick Cawley; David Frank of SunWood Biomass

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

Minutes of the select board meeting of November 12 and the financial meeting of December 4 were approved.

Road Commissioner's Report/Highway Concerns

Porter said he had received a complaint from a resident on Bear Notch Road regarding the plowing of the road. Porter informed the resident that this is a Class 4 road not plowed by the town. A neighbor has been paying a private contractor to plow, and Porter suggested any further issues should be discussed with the neighbor.

Blodgett reported that Vershire resident Mr. Zimmer continues to be concerned about the town trucks safely turning around in the space at the top of Tullar Road that abuts his property. Mr. Zimmer said he will go to the Vershire select board and ask for the turn-around to be expanded and would like Porter and Blodgett to be involved.

Blodgett also reported that the town's bale mulcher has been sold for \$4,500.

Blodgett presented figures for the new town truck, saying he expects to get \$70,000 in trade.

Fire Station: Presentation by SunWood Biomass/Contract with Ricker Excavating/Contract with Morton Builders

David Frank of SunWood Biomass made a presentation on the efficacy of installing a wood heating system in the new fire station in addition to the currently proposed propane system. He pointed out that Efficiency Vermont gives larger rebates if a wood system is installed in an existing building, and thus he recommended waiting to install after construction. He estimated that the rebate would be \$8,000 for a 6,000 square foot building.

Frank said he would be glad to consult with Morton Builders about making space for a wood boiler. Additionally, a wood boiler would require a flue that would go through the roof and an outside silo for wood pellet storage.

Frank suggested putting in the connections for piping systems to be used in the future, to prepare for the eventual installation of a wood system that would provide radiant floor heat.

Compared with the gas forced hot air system currently planned for the building, the wood system would offer a 30% saving on fuel, he said.

Frank concluded that the cost of installing a wood heating system would be \$45,000 before the Efficiency Vermont rebate.

Groschner explained that the Select Board favors a wood heating system, but that the decision to go with a propane hot air system was based on the necessity of staying within the approved budget. Frank said it would be relatively easy to install a wood system later if piping connections were put in place at the time of construction and if space for a wood boiler was made available.

Discussion of the contract with Ricker Excavating was tabled until the next meeting.

Regarding the contract with Morton Builders, Long reported that Morton wants the town to get back to them with a statement of terms and conditions from a standard AIA (American Institute of Architects) contract.

Groschner said he believed he would be able to access an AIA contract.

Haney said it would be foolish to construct a new building without putting radiant tubing in the floor, even if it isn't hooked up at first.

The board agreed that it would be best to have Morton install the radiant tubing.

The bond application is being prepared by Long and Haney, with a submission deadline of Friday, December 14.

Annual Report: Warning/Renew Exemptions

Long said the warning needs to be out by January 24. Items on the warning include renewing exemptions, financials, and redefining the town treasurer position.

Groschner reported that photographs of Corinth's historical buildings have been given to the art teacher at Waits River School. Student drawings will be submitted to Anne McKinsey by January 15.

Long said he has been proofreading reports and will draft the Select Board report.

He asked other Board members to add items to the warning.

Position of Treasurer

The Board discussed the possibility of changing the position of Town Treasurer from an elected to an appointed office.

Haney suggested that the board define the position and advertise for a treasurer, with the expectation of getting approval at Town Meeting for the change.

Groschner and Long agreed to this approach, and Long volunteered to write up an ad.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.