

Town of Corinth Board of Selectmen
P. O. Box 461 Corinth, VT 05039
Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting January 14, 2019

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, John Haney
Virginia Barlow, Temporary Clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM. Minutes of the select board meeting of December 12 and the financial meeting of January 2 were approved.

1. Road Commissioner's Report/Highway Concerns

Lee Porter said there have been a couple of complaints about people leaving berms in the town road while plowing their driveways but he has dealt with them.

The road crew is using more than the normal amount of sand and Joe Blodgett has been bringing in more sand. The grader has been winging back the banks.

Lee mentioned that Joe Blodgett has put in a bid for a building to be placed at the new transfer station and he thinks we've got it. It's 30 feet long and divided in such a way that part will be a warming hut and the conservation commission can have the other part of it for a free store. It is now in Portsmouth, NH, but is on wheels and the town has a vehicle that can tow it to Corinth if this works out.

FIRE STATION BOND PROCESS: Paul Giuliani from Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer sent two sets of papers for the select board to approve and sign.

The first set was required for participation in the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank and included:

- Certification of temporary bond anticipation borrowing
- the Town's EIN number
- an anticipated schedule of improvements financed by the bond
- the legislative body's declaration of official intent (reimbursement resolution).

The board voted to complete and sign all forms and return them to Giuliani.

The second set of paperwork is the original documentation needed to complete the 2019 Series 1 sale.

The board agreed to sign and execute the following documents:

- Resolution and Certificate
- Municipality Tax Certificate
- Loan Agreement
- Bond
- Certificate of Registration
- IRC Section 148 Certification

Steve will get the Clerk and Treasurer to sign the documents that need to be signed and returned to P, P, E, and C.

CONTRACT WITH RICKER EXCAVATING

John has developed a contract and the town attorney has provided his guidance on it.

One last item needed to be decided on, an assessment of liquidated damages. John says this only comes into play if we think we are going to incur costs because Ricker Excavating has failed to complete the work and Morton needs to delay its start. He recommended keeping it in the contract but said that the rest of the contract was more important in protecting the town. Steve suggests a fee of \$1.00 per day. The others concurred and approved the contract. It now goes to Bill Ricker.

CONTRACT WITH MORTON BUILDERS

Chris has a copy of an AIA agreement that includes samples of contracts for the select board to consider when developing contract and terms and conditions.

John says that Morton first suggested we provide only terms and conditions from the AIA (American Institute of Architects) contract, but then seemed to suggest in a recent email that we provide the whole AIA contract. Terms and Conditions are pretty much boiler plate, but the contract would be considerably more work.

Steve wants Morton to work with what we sent them, rather than start anew. He suggested that a conference call would be better and faster. John will set that up.

ANNUAL MEETING WARNING

Select board members have looked at the warning previously except for one change, which calls for a report on the town fire station. Steve is willing to make the presentation at town meeting, with help from John. Bond money should be in the bank by then.

The warning is ready to go, both Neysa Russo, the treasurer and Susan Fortunati, the former treasurer have reviewed the figures.

Chris moved that the board sign the Town Meeting Articles for Tuesday March 5th, 2019. Steve seconded. All voted in favor and signed the warning.

POSITION OF TREASURER

Steve has received some responses to his ads. Susan Fortunati provided a four-page summary of the job description. Steve summarized it and into a short job description. He has had two responses from Craig's list and one from the listserv. Steve will put ads out again. John suggested the VLTC website and Steve will do that. Steve may revise the Craig's list posting.

Lee mentioned a State of Vermont job listing service that at used to exist and maybe still does.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

CORRESPONDENCE

The annual certificate of highway mileage needs to be filled out and returned to the state. Lee Porter will take care of that.

NEKWMD sent their new tire policy. The town now needs to deliver tires to them. As of January 1, they will no longer pick them up. We have already been taking them there.

OTHER BUSINESS

At last year's town meeting, the select board was asked to discuss moving the date and time of town meeting and said they would consider it. Some towns meet on the Saturday before, although Australian ballots need to be voted on the 1st Tuesday of March even if floor votes occur on another day. Chris has explored the pros and cons of this and has found that Saturday or evening meetings do not result in more people coming.

The emergency lighting and fire extinguishers were checked by Steve and John

Chris moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 pm. All voted in favor.