

Town of Corinth  
Board of Selectmen  
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting  
March 11, 2019

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Rick Cawley  
Catherine Tudish, Select Board clerk  
Others attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner; Dina Dubois, John Haney

The meeting to called order at 7:00 PM.  
Minutes of select board meeting of February 11, 2019 and financial meeting of March 1, 2019 were approved.

Election of Select Board Chair

Long moved to re-appoint Chris Groschner as chair, Cawley seconded, and the motion passed.

Public Concerns

Dubois noted that the flag outside Town Hall has come loose from one attachment and is flapping in the wind in a way that could damage it. She added that it is hard to get to the flag pole because of the current snow bank, but hopes the flag can be lowered and re-attached soon.

Dubois also expressed a health concern about people picking up dropped apples in the town orchard that might be contaminated by animals and insects. She asked if a sign could be posted to warn people of the possibility. She wondered if the town's insurance would cover it if someone sued after getting sick after eating dropped apples.

Groschner said he would call the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, which provides insurance for the town to find out about coverage.

Cawley suggested including a precaution about drops on a sign posted at the orchard. He said "Pick at your own risk" should be sufficient.

Appointments

The Board made the following appointments for town officers:

Administrative Officer, one year: Karen Galayda

Animal Control Officer, contract annually: Michelle Boyer

Budget Committee Members at large, one year: Linda Weiss, Raymond Moulton, Lee Porter, Amy Peberdy, Mike Pittman, Irene Mann

E-911 Coordinator, one year: Karen Galayda

Emergency Management Coordinator, one year: Joe Truss

Fence Viewers, one year: Gary Bicknell, Robert Fortunati, Catherine Tudish

Health Officer, one year: Chris Groschner

Revolving Loan Fund Committee, three years: Linda Weiss  
Surveyor of Wood and Timber, one year: Virginia Barlow  
Tree Warden, one year: Virginia Barlow  
Two Rivers Ottaquechee Commission, one year: Tim O'Dell  
Upper Valley Ambulance Service Representative, one year: Joe Truss  
Energy Coordinator, one year: Tim O'Dell  
NEK Waste Management District Board, one year: Bob Sandberg; alternate Marian Cawley  
Town Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits, one year: Gary Apfel  
Town Agent to Deed Real Estate, one year: Gary Apfel

#### Road Commissioner Report

Porter said a building has been placed on the new transfer station site to be used as a warming hut and the Conservation Commission's free store. The building was purchased for \$500.

Groschner suggested that the Conservation Commission might pay for half the cost of the building, as they will be using it.

Porter asked if money from selling recycled metal at the transfer station could pay for the other half. The Board agreed to this suggestion.

Porter suggested putting a power line into the building.

Groschner asked if Porter would contact Washington Electric to ask about a discounted price for the town. Porter agreed to do this.

Porter said he was in favor of installing a motion sensor light on the building rather than installing a street light at the site. The Board agreed a motion sensor light would be preferable.

Cawley suggested putting a line item in the annual town budget for removal of Green-Up day trash.

Long moved that the Board give the road commissioner authority to post the roads when needed, per state regulations. Cawley seconded, and the motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Position

Long noted that Neysa Russo was elected by the town to serve as treasurer.

Groschner said she has agreed to serve for 60 days, and expressed the Board's appreciation for her willingness to stay on while the search for an appointed treasurer proceeds.

Long has advertised the treasurer's position in the list serves, and has posted the job description in the on line listings of colleges in the region that have business programs.

Long reported that there have been some encouraging responses so far.

Cawley suggested talking to Joe MacPherson, a Vershire resident, who is now the town treasurer in West Fairlee to ask about possible candidates. Cawley offered to call him.

Long said he would provide Cawley with a job description and a list of the tasks.

### Fire Station

Long thanked John Haney, who stepped down from the Select Board, for graciously offering to continue working with the Board as the point person on the new fire station.

Haney reported that he has reached out to two architects and three general contractors who work on a design/build basis. To date he has met with one architectural firm and one contractor. He stressed the importance of finding someone who is invested in the project as a town asset. Haney said it would be a benefit to have an architect involved as part of the team.

Haney has also been in touch with David Frank of SunWood Biomass about the heating system.

Cawley said he hopes the new building will be as green as possible.

Haney said he was optimistic that a building could be constructed within the budget.

Groschner said ideally the fire station could be used as a shelter in case of an emergency.

Long said he will be away for three weeks, beginning March 13, but did not want his absence to delay moving forward with plans for the fire station. Cawley said he would stand in to work with Haney if a representative from the Board was needed.

### Correspondence

The Board reviewed a letter from Scott Welch, an IT consultant from Great Planning Tech of Bradford, regarding support of the town's computer system.

Groschner moved to hire Great Planning Tech to replace NMRC, Long seconded, and the motion passed.

The Local Emergency Operations Plan was sent to the town from the state for updating.

Long and Cawley tested emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.