

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
April 8, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of the select board meeting of March 11, 2019 and the financial meeting of April 2, 2019 were approved.

Road Commissioner's Report

Porter said he and Joe Blodgett met with Washington Electric about power at the new transfer station. The company representative suggested 200-amp service. Bringing power in will require a new transformer.
Porter said they are getting estimates on wiring the trailer, which will be used as a warming shed and free store.
He added that the trailer will be power washed and painted.

Treasurer's Position

Long reported that they will be interviewing two candidates for town treasurer, tentatively on April 18.
Long will contact applicants to arrange times.

Fire Station

Haney reported on firms he and various members of the select board have been meeting with, regarding design and construction of the new fire station.
Backtilt Studio: an architectural team in Norwich, was interested in the project, but they would not be able to stay within the budget.
Lajeunesse Contractors: a design/build firm. They said they would prepare a cost estimate based on using plans from Morton Builders. They have done steel buildings of a similar size and scope before. As of April 8, Haney had not heard back with their estimate
Hazen Hill Construction: a smaller contractor in Norwich, with experience from residential to commercial, but not a building similar to the fire station. Provided an estimated budget based on the Morton plans, but for a stick built rather than a steel building. Also met with Christopher Smith, an architect Hazen Hill works with.
E.F. Wall: another design/build firm that will provide a cost estimate based on Morton plans. They constructed a stick built fire station in Greensboro, VT.
Select Board members and Haney are going to visit the fire station in Greensboro.

Haney suggested inviting at least two of the firms to make full presentations to the select board at a meeting open to the public.

Long said he thought they had a good cross-section of firms and did not need to look further. He recommended Hazen Hill and E.F. Wall.

Cawley made a motion to invite those two, Long seconded. Cawley and Long voted to do so; Groschner abstained, saying he didn't have enough information on the firms.

The select board will schedule a special meeting for the presentations, with 24-hour notification.

Haney will invite the company presenters.

Grant Proposal for NBRC (Northern Borders Regional Commission)

Long noted that Corinth is in the East Central Vermont Economic District. He suggested looking at what they are trying to accomplish with their grant money as they prepare a proposal.

The select board will submit a proposal to NBRC, requesting funding in the amount of \$175,000 for putting a solar array on the roof of the fire station and net metering for the town; a pellet boiler for the fire station and a radiant heating system for the station. The proposal is due May 10.

Cawley said he had attended an informational meeting and was encouraged to submit a proposal.

Broadband Future

The board has sent a letter to Topsham Telephone requesting information about their 8-year plan regarding broadband service.

Cawley said there has also been a conversation about broadband at Washington Electric.

Appointments

Ken Arkind was appointed to the Conservation Commission to serve the remainder of Dina Dubois' term, which will expire in 2020.

Joe Truss was appointed emergency management coordinator for one year.

Correspondence

The state form to renew the liquor license for the East Corinth Store was presented for select board signatures.

The board received a copy of the Energy Audit for Town Hall from May 2009.

Groschner said he would review to see what has been acted on so far.

Long and Cawley tested emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.