

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

Present for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Rick Cawley  
Catherine Tudish, select board clerk  
Also attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner; Joe Blodgett, road foreman; John Haney

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.  
Minutes of the regular meeting of June 10, 2019 and the financial meeting of July 2, 2019 were approved.

Road Commissioner's Report/Highway Concerns

Porter said a resident on Bear Notch Road made a request to put in water bars, claiming water was running off the road and pooling on his lawn. Porter told him to go ahead, as it is a Class 4 road, but only if he didn't adversely affect other traffic on the road. Subsequently a state trooper called Porter because the water bars were about eight inches deep, essentially speed bumps. The resident then told Porter he was concerned about speeders and said there had been about 75 ATV's on the road over 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Porter advised him to call the sheriff when people are speeding on the road.

Blodgett said he would repair Bear Notch Road with the town grader.

Groschner asked if the town is chloriding the roads.

Blodgett said they have been to some extent and will be doing more.

Groschner said the road crew would be posting the roads to warn that ATV's are not allowed on the roads in Corinth.

Blodgett presented the new Municipal Road General Permit (MRGP) codes and standards from the state for the board to sign. There are no significant changes, Blodgett said, except a modification requiring six inches of gravel on top of the existing surface before paving.

Groschner moved to approve the standards presented, Long seconded, and the motion was approved.

Blodgett also presented Better Back Roads forms for signing by Groschner.

Blodgett reported that Limlaw has begun cutting trees along Hutchinson Road and will be moving to Taplin Hill Road.

Fire Station Update

Haney reported that the requested variance has come in from the state; the station will not need to install a sprinkler system.

Haney said other state requirements would involve minor modifications to the original building plan. The state requires that a 2-hour rated firewall separating the

trucks from the rest of the building must extend from the floor to the roof sheathing. A second requirement is an alarm connecting to dispatch in Norwich.

Haney has contacted two companies about geo-seismic classification, which needs to be done before construction begins. Haney wants to make sure that ground water is deep enough that it won't leak into the footings.

Long asked about the schedule

Haney said permit drawings should be put together to submit to the fire marshal's office by early September. Then there will be a waiting period while the state reviews and responds. Some things could go ahead before plans are approved by the state, Haney suggested, such as putting in the well.

#### Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP)

The town has received updated guidelines to comply with FEMA regulations.

Groschner made a motion to adopt the LEMP, Long seconded, and the motion was approved.

Groschner and Cawley signed the document, which will be sent to the Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Commission.

#### Use of Credit Cards for Payment

Long reported that town treasurer Kerry Claffey is in favor of allowing credit cards to be used for any payments to the town, including property taxes and dog licenses. The payer would be responsible for the card fee of 2.65%. The town would only be responsible for buying the card reader, at a cost of \$175.

Cawley moved to approve Claffey's suggestion, as long as the only cost to the town is for the card reader. Long seconded, and the motion was approved.

#### Correspondence

The select board received the signed agreement from the sheriff for services for the new fiscal year.

Cawley moved that the board approve Karen Galayda's request to apply for a Village Center designation for Cookeville. Groschner seconded, and the motion was approved. Board members signed the required form, which will be returned to Galayda.

After testing of emergency lighting and fire extinguishers, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.