

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.  
Minutes of select board meeting of October 14, 2019 and financial meeting of November 5, 2019 were approved.

Public Concerns

Allegra Shumway followed up on concerns she had brought to the October 14, 2019 meeting. She stated that, in her opinion, the town should hold tree warden meetings prior to tree cutting along roadways and that affected trees should be marked to clearly identify them for the landowners involved.

Shumway asked what progress had been made on a written consent form for landowners.

Long said that there is no roadway tree cutting planned over the winter and thus no urgency about finalizing a written form.

Cawley said the town would notify landowners of tree cutting on their property.

Groschner clarified that the written form will allow landowners to confirm that they want to keep the cut trees.

Shumway stated that landowners have the right to a tree warden hearing and thus trees should be marked so that they will know which trees are coming down.

Cawley said landowners should be able to meet with the road foreman in order to understand what the cutting plan is.

Porter said communication would be open, with written notification.

Cawley said landowners will be notified, and if they have concerns they can request more information.

Cawley noted that safety and road access would be the primary considerations in making decisions about tree cutting along the town right of way.

Road Commissioner's Report/Highway Concerns

Groschner said that reports on the new transfer station from users have been positive. He noted that there is still confusion about which direction to drive through.

Porter said that a local contractor would be bringing in 200-amp power from the road to a pedestal inside the transfer station. They will delay installing the underground lines until the trailers are ready.

Groschner brought in his game camera to use on a road where there has been illegal dumping.

Porter brought in a photograph of a vehicle that has been parked in the town right of way on the Chelsea Road for over a year. The owner told Porter he would move it, but so far he has not. Porter asked if the Select Board could do anything, such as sending the owner a certified letter.

Groschner said the Board could send him a letter, telling him the truck will be towed on a certain day unless it is moved.

Cawley said the person might not pick up a certified letter.

Long said the constable could deliver the letter instead; other Board members agreed this would be a better approach.

Porter also brought in photos of a property on Young Road where refuse has been creeping into the right of way. He has been trying to contact the resident, who is not the landowner.

Groschner mentioned a large green chair that was dumped at the end of Abe Jacobs Road several weeks ago.

Cawley said it might be worth establishing a policy of reimbursing people willing to pick up illegally dumped items and take them to the dump.

#### Fire Station Update

Haney said the design process is winding down, as structural drawings are nearly complete.

The one big item that is unresolved is the heating system, Haney noted. Once the heat loss analysis is complete, the Board can meet with the general contractor and the architect to discuss options.

Still to be determined: relocating the building, based on discovery of bedrock. The building footprint can be shifted, Haney said, but that may impact the boundary line. Haney said no physical features would be off the boundary, but earthwork could be impacted.

Cawley suggested getting an easement for slope rights.

Haney suggested a boundary line adjustment without an increase in total area.

#### Town Hall Capital Expenditures Budget

Long noted that the budget process would begin on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

Groschner said the Board has not received a plan for renovation of the Town Hall's south entrance from Mike Curtis, so the Board can't send it out for bids. He said he would contact Curtis to find out the status.

Cawley suggested getting an updated energy audit, noting that the last one was done in 2009.

Groschner said he would ask Tim O'Dell for advice on getting an audit.

### Other Business

Groschner moved that the Board direct the Treasurer to pay the Fire Department the amount of \$27,500 for the second half of their 2018-2019 allocation. Cawley seconded, and the motion passed.

Groschner signed a form to change signing privileges at People's Bank to add Karen Gaylada and remove Neysa Russo.

Cawley noted that the corrections in the Town Plan requested by the Select Board and the Conservation Commission were not made in the final version.

### Correspondence

The Board received a letter from a resident disputing a late fee on his property tax payment. Groschner said he would send the forms for signing up for the automatic payment plan.

Washington Electric sent a form requesting approval of work to be done adjacent to the Chelsea Road. Long made a motion to approve; Cawley seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Long and Cawley checked emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.