## Town of Corinth Board of Selectmen P.O. Box 461 Corinth, Vermont 05039

Unapproved Minutes of the Emergency Meeting
January 16, 2014
4:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Ryan Dodge. Others Attending: Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Burt Cooper, Town Moderator.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

The Board discussed the final draft of the Town Meeting Warning with the treasurer and moderator. Locke noted that the town attorney has reviewed and approved the draft. No further changes were suggested and the Board signed the document as presented.

Locke moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Ryan Dodge from the Selectboard effective January 22, 2014. Groschner seconded and the motion carried.

Groschner moved to appoint Russ Pazdro to Dodge's seat on the Board effective January 23, 2014 and ending March 4, 2014. Locke seconded and the motion carried.

Dodge moved to adjourn. Groschner seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting February 10, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Lois Jackson; Skyla Kroll; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> Groschner moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting, the January 16, 2014 Emergency Meeting and the February 4, 2014 Financial Meeting. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Public Concerns</u> Lois Jackson asked the Board to consider waiving the Town Hall Use Fee for the 2014 Open Studio Tour (VT North by Hand) being held in October. Groschner moved to grant VT North by Hand a one-time waiver for this year only. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Listers</u> Locke moved that the Board sign a Certificate of No Appeals or Suits Pending Against the 2013 Grand List document. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Highway Department</u> Roderick reported on some of the projects for 2014. The survey of the proposed site for the Corinth Park & Ride has been completed and the town has received permission to move ahead with the plan. Construction is due to begin in the spring or summer. Page's Box Shop Bridge will be receiving deck work during the summer. The Chicken Farm Bridge project is also on the schedule to begin in the fall.

<u>Conservation Commission</u> Roderick informed the Board of impending changes in the membership of the Commission. Discussion followed regarding restructuring the term from three years to four years.

The Board reviewed correspondence. Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Town of Corinth Board of Selectmen P.O. Box 461 Corinth, Vermont 05039

Unapproved Minutes of a Special Meeting February 25, 2014 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner, Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Rick Cawley, Town Attorney; Ryan Dodge, Chairman of the Fire Hall Study Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 6:48 p.m.

\*The Board discussed a resolution to be put before the voters for a municipal bond to finance the construction of a municipal fire hall to be built on donated land off Fairground Road. Cawley presented a draft resolution for the Board to consider. Locke moved to adopt the resolution with modifications. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

### RESOLUTION

The Board resolved that the public interest or necessity demands construction of a municipal fire station; that the cost of same, estimated to be \$1,162,969, will be too great to be paid out of the ordinary annual income and revenue of the Town; and that the proposition of incurring a bonded debt in this amount be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town.

\*The Board discussed the wording of a warning for a special town meeting, to be held March 31, 2014, for the purpose of voting on a bond to pay for construction of the proposed fire hall and the wording of a notice for a public information meeting on March 21, 2014, to provide the public with salient details regarding the project. Groschner moved to approve the two warnings. Locke seconded. Motion passed.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting March 10, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Brenda Carter, Asst. Treasurer; Michael Pittman; Ed Pospisil; Jim Ainsworth, Jon Spanier, Michael Danforth, Virginia Barlow; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> Locke moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting, the February 25, 2014 Special Selectboard Meeting and the March 3, 2014 Financial Meeting. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Election of a Chairman</u> Groschner moved to nominate Allen Locke as Chairman of the Corinth Selectboard for the upcoming year. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. Locke accepted the nomination.

Adoption of a Resolution Establishing the Date, Time and Place of Regular Meetings

## Corinth Selectboard Resolution

The Corinth Selectboard, on March 10, 2014, established the date, time and place of its regular meetings. Financial meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall and Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Locke moved to accept the resolution establishing the date, time and place of regular Selectboard meetings. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Appointments of Municipal Officers</u> The Board presented a slate of appointments for consideration:

<u>Conservation Commission</u> The Board acknowledged that the appointment of a Conservation Commission member is for a four-year term and adjusted accordingly.

Earl Adams 2015 Frank Roderick 2016 Gabe Zoerheide 2016 Anne McKinsey 2017

Marian Cawley 2017 (New Appointment) Linda Tobin 2018 (Reappointment) Glynn Pellagrino 2018 (Reappointment)

### E-911 Coordinator 1 Year

Frank Roderick 2015 (New Appointment)

## Emergency MGT Coordinator 1 Year

Joe Truss 2015 (Reappointment)

## **Energy Coordinator 1 Year**

Dan Wing 2015 (Reappointment)

## Fence Viewers 1 Year

Gary Bicknell 2015 (Reappointment) Robert Fortunati 2015 (Reappointment) Mike Danforth 2015 (Reappointment)

## NEKWMD Board 1 Year

Bob Sandberg 2015 (Reappointment)

Alt. - Open Seat

## **Planning Commission**

Deferred pending input from the Planning Commission

## Revolving Loan Fund 3 Year

Brenda Carter 2017 (Reappointment)
Virginia Barlow 2015 (New Appointment)

Linda Weiss 2016

Nancy Ertle Susan Fortunati Chris Groschner

### Road Commissioner 3 Year

Frank Roderick 2017 (Reappointment)

### Service Officer 1 Year

Jen Brooks-Wooding 2015 (Reappointment)

### Tree Warden & Wood Surveyor 1 Year

Virginia Barlow 2015 (Reappointment)

## UV Ambulance Service Rep. 1 Year

Joe Truss 2015 (Reappointment)

<sup>\*</sup>Groschner moved to change the number of years in the Road Commissioner's term from one to three. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

## Zoning Administrator

Deferred pending input from the Planning Commission

## Zoning Board of Adjustment

Deferred pending input from the Planning Commission

## Budget Committee (At Large) 1 Year

Linda Weiss	2015	(Reappointment)
Irene Mann	2015	(Reappointment)
Lee Porter	2015	(Reappointment)
Hal Drury	2015	(New Appointment)
Amy Peberdy	2015	(New Appointment)
Michael Pittman	2015	(New Appointment)

<sup>\*</sup>Locke moved to accept the slate of appointments. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Public Concerns</u> Tree Warden & Wood Surveyor, Virginia Barlow, presented a project proposal on behalf of the Conservation Commission for the planting of fruit trees on a two acre parcel next to the Town Hall. The Conservation Commission would like to purchase and plant the trees this year. Grant money would likely cover fencing and mowing expenses. The Selectboard supported the project. Locke moved a resolution: Be it resolved by the Selectboard of Corinth, Vermont that the Conservation Commission has the full support of the Board to establish a small orchard for all to enjoy. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> Fortunati notified the Board that property, sold at tax sale, had been redeemed. The Board authorized payment for reimbursement for property sale redemption in the amount of \$7,840 to Richard Balagur.

<u>Highway Department</u> Roderick asked to develop a plan in the event that Casella is not at the Transfer Station on time to open Saturday mornings. Pazdro agreed to discuss the matter with the Transfer Station attendants. Muddy conditions at the Transfer Station were also addressed. Remedies were proposed. Roderick agreed to relay concerns/possible solutions to the Road Foreman. The Road Commissioner asked that the Board authorize the posting of roads for mud season. Pazdro moved to act on the Road Commissioner's recommendation that the roads be posted from March 11, 2014 until May 15, 2014 or until the Road Foreman states that roads are passable. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Building Maintenance</u> The Board agreed to begin scheduling Town Hall maintenance projects. Fortunati will update the Board on monies available. Pospisil asked if volunteers could be solicited to help with certain projects.

New Business Discussion took place concerning the formation of a Social Services Committee to advise the Budget Committee. The Board agreed to contact interested people and will officially organize the committee at the next Selectboard meeting. A group of Topsham Telephone internet users expressed concern at Town Meeting about their internet service and requested that the Board address these concerns. The Board agreed to do so at a future Selectboard meeting. Locke will contact a representative from Topsham Telephone to attend the meeting and set the date.

<u>Correspondence</u> The Board received a letter of resignation from Anne Margolis of the Conservation Commission. The Board regretfully accepted the resignation.

Other Business Ed Pospisil agreed to look into a source of office furniture for the Town Hall.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

## Town of Corinth Board of Selectmen P.O. Box 461 Corinth, Vermont 05039

Unapproved Minutes of a Special Meeting April 4, 2014 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Locke moved to sign the required appointment agreement and release of liability form for a basic training course with Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council for part-time Second Constable Christopher Diaz. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

The Board discussed the construction plans for a municipal fire station and the results of the March 31, 2014 vote.

Groschner moved to create a Town Communications Study Committee, ad hoc, consisting of Amy Peberdy, Emily Rowe, Anne McKinsey and Jen Spanier. Locke seconded. Motion passed. The committee's first meeting will be Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at Blake Memorial Library.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Locke seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

## Town of Corinth Approved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting April 14, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Karen Galayda, Lister; Holly Groschner, Planning Commission Chair; John Haney; Ryan Dodge; Susanne Smith; Rick Cawley; Patty Duffy; Ed Pospisil, Michael Danforth, Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> Groschner moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting, the April 1, 2014 Financial Meeting and the April 4, 2014 Special Meeting.

Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Public Concerns</u> Patty Duffy informed the Board that payment she had left in the Town Hall drop box for dog licenses had not been received by the Town Clerk. Groschner moved to waive the \$4 late fee and ask the Clerk to issue the licenses. Locke seconded. Motion passed.

Duffy wrote out a new check for the cost of the licenses and gave it to the Board.

The Selectboard discussed the March 31, 2014 Bond Vote for construction of a new fire station, which passed by two votes. Rick Cawley, Town Counsel, advised the Board to begin the procedure for the bond. An application has to be submitted to the Bond Bank before May 15. Pazdro moved to begin proceedings for the bond application for construction of a new fire station. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. Ed Pospisil wanted it known that negative comments found on Facebook regarding the bond vote are not those of Fire Department members. Pospisil also wanted to thank John and Marin Haney for donating a building on White Road to the Fire Department for training.

Appointments Holly Groschner presented the Planning Commission's nominations for Board of Adjustment members: Frank Roderick (reappointment), Maxine Slack, Kevin Eaton and Peter Allen, alternate, to a term of one year. She also presented the following nominations for Planning Commission members: Linda Buonanduci (term ending 2017), Dick Kelley (term ending 2017), and Holly Groschner (term ending 2016). Also presented was the nomination for Administrative Officer: Karen Galayda to a term of three years. Groschner wanted to thank Karen Galayda, Administrative Officer, as well as the following people, for their dedication and service to the Planning Commission: Russ Pazdro, Linda Buonanduci, Susanne Smith, Bill Tobin, Steve Long, Dick Kelley, Lynn Sciortino, and special thanks to Nancy Ertle and Susan Fortunati for their time and assistance.

Pazdro moved to accept the Planning Commission's nominations of Frank Roderick, Maxine Slack, Kevin Eaton and Peter Allen, alternate, for BOA and the reappointments of Linda Buonanduci, Dick Kelley and Holly Groschner to the Planning Commission and Karen Galayda for Administrative Officer, 3 year term. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Holly Groschner described the work of the Planning Commission and upcoming projects (updating flood plain and subdivision by-laws, researching derelict buildings ordinances, looking into grants for community waste water projects and establishing space for storing a computer and printer in the Town Office). Discussion followed regarding the availability of Planning Commission funds for computer equipment. The Planning Commission requested a key to the main office, space in the office for equipment and permission to use the copy machine. The Selectboard supported the request. Pazdro moved that the Planning Commission Chairman be issued a key and allowed access to the office. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Formation of a Social Services Committee</u> The following people have expressed an interest in serving on this committee: John Gundy, Gary Apfel, Susan Russell, Tony Mason, Lora Nielsen and Susan Fortunati. Pazdro agreed to contact them and set up a meeting.

Pazdro moved to create a Social Services Committee, whose main reason for establishment is to advise the Budget Committee on appropriations. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

The Board noted, with regret, the resignation of Anne McKinsey from the Conservation Commission. Locke moved to appoint Bessie Sandberg as Alternate Supervisor on the NEKWMD board. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. Past Alternate Supervisor, Susanne Smith, suggested that

the Board authorize Peter Keene, Supervisor from Topsham, to represent Corinth at meetings if the Corinth representatives are unable to attend. Locke moved to authorize the Topsham Supervisor to represent Corinth at NEK meetings, contingent upon Topsham's agreement to allow Corinth Supervisors to represent Topsham in similar circumstances. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Groschner moved to sign the Liquor & Tobacco License renewal form for the East Corinth Store. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

#### <u>Reports</u>

<u>Listers</u>: Groschner moved that the Board sign the Certificates of No Appeals or Suits Pending for the following years: 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Highway Department: Roderick reported that the highway access permit for the proposed Park & Ride has been approved and he has received a letter confirming increased funding for the project. The Board and Roderick reviewed a map of the site for the Park & Ride. Roderick also stated that he will be applying for a Paving Grant for paving sections of Brook Road and Cookeville Road. The Board asked Roderick to get an estimate on the cost of paving the Town Hall parking lot. Pazdro moved to apply for a Town Highway Grant for class 2 paving projects for fiscal year 2014/2015. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Locke moved to sign a Certificate of Compliance of the Town Road and Bridge Standards.

Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Pazdro moved to sign the application for registration on a flatbed trailer for the Highway Department. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Building Maintenance</u>: Groschner reported that he had reviewed the 2013 list of maintenance projects. Two projects took priority and will be addressed.

The floor in the hallway and main room of the Town Hall need to be refinished and the east side of the building and steps need to be painted. The Selectboard agreed and Groschner will pursue obtaining estimates for these projects. Work on the roof/gutters was also discussed.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting May 12, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Russ Pazdro.
Others Attending: Karen Galayda, Administrative Officer; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Carole Freeman; Richard Hutchins; Bill Parmenter; Sue Parmenter; Sheila Herman; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u> Pazdro moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the minutes of the May 6, 2014 Financial Meeting with one correction to the Financial minutes. In the Treasurer's Report, third line, replace "Workers' Comp." with "insurance." Locke seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Public Concerns</u> A group of local residents voiced concerns about the condition of the former general store in East Corinth Village. The building has been under construction for approximately eight years and people feel there are potential safety issues at hand. Pictures of the building were presented. Discussion followed regarding the structural soundness of the building, septic conditions and proximity to the river. The Selectboard asked the residents to continue dialogue with the owner about the concerns. Residents felt there needs to be a process for investigating possible public hazards. The Board will look into further action and bring it up at the June meeting. Roderick agreed to determine whether debris has overflowed into the town right-of-way.

<u>Highway Department</u> The Board began reviewing estimates for paving the Town Hall parking lot. They asked Blodgett to obtain an estimate from Bill Ricker for upgrading the gravel parking lot. Blodgett reminded the Board that the Page Hill Bridge will be under construction this week. Traffic will be down to one lane for a couple weeks. He went on to describe the paving project and installation of new culverts on Brook Road.

On May 13, the initial meeting on the Park & Ride will take place. The Road Crew will be attending the Town Field Day in Barre on May 14. Roderick presented the Bridge Inspection Summary Report. Pazdro moved to sign the 2013 Bridge Inspection Summary Report at the recommendation of the Road Commissioner. Locke seconded. Motion passed.

Building Maintenance It was reported that the Town Hall's four exterior lights are out.

New Business Roderick, a member of the Board of Adjustment and Galayda, Administrative Officer, requested funding to attend a VLCT sponsored workshop on Planning and Zoning on June 4, 2014. Locke moved to approve sending Roderick and Galayda to the workshop at a cost of \$60 a piece plus mileage with funds from the Selectmen's Meeting Fund. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. Sciortino presented copies of the appointment letters and contract for the Animal Control Officer for the Board to sign. Locke moved to offer a one year contract to Justin Pickel as the Animal Control Officer for Corinth from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

<u>Correspondence</u> The Board received a new contract with Orange County Sheriff's Department. Pazdro moved to sign the contract with Orange County Sheriff's Department for the upcoming fiscal year, at a rate of \$42/hour. Locke seconded. Motion passed.

The Board received and signed the National Incident Management System form.

The Board received a copy of an email sent to the Town Treasurer from VLCT regarding towns sharing materials, equipment and services. The Board reviewed remaining correspondence.

Pazdro moved to adjourn. Locke seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting June 9, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Russ Pazdro; Chris Groschner. Others Attending: Carole Freeman; Geoffrey Hoots; Mary Dallett; Fritz Gross; Patty Duffy; Dina Dubois; Dan Wing; Karen Galayda, Lister; Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Pazdro moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting. Locke seconded. Motion passed.

Groschner moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 Financial Meeting with the following addition to Other Business: "The Board agreed to the purchase and installation of a time clock for the Town Office Staff." Locke seconded. Motion passed.

### **Public Concerns**

Carole Freeman asked for an update on the former general store building in East Corinth, which is presently under construction. The Board reported that debris had been moved from in front of the building, traffic cones have been set up and sections backfilled. Freeman and other residents are investigating organizations such as VT Community Land Trust and Preservation Trust of VT for support. They hope to have a section of East Corinth designated as a "village center" which might make it eligible for development and improvement funds. The Board supported their efforts and Roderick suggested that Two Rivers may be helpful in guiding them through the process. Groschner will check with the Planning Commission for input. A group of residents attended the meeting to ask questions and provide suggestions to the Board regarding improvements to the Town Hall parking lot. The Board is still waiting for bids to come in for this work. No decisions have been made. Different materials were discussed as well as specific areas of the lot. The Board asked the Road Commissioner to obtain an estimate from Bill Ricker.

### New Business - Future of Fire Station Project

The Board discussed possible next steps regarding the building of a new fire station. Several suggestions were heard. It was agreed that input from the Fire Department is important as new plans develop. A new committee may form to explore the different options. Details will be discussed at the July Selectboard meeting.

#### Reports

Treasurer - Fortunati presented a Fraud Prevention Policy. Groschner moved to sign the Fraud Prevention Policy as presented by the Treasurer. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. Discussion followed regarding a proposed Investment Policy. It was agreed to review and modify the policy before adopting.

Listers - Pazdro moved to approve the rate of pay for the Listers for the 2015 fiscal year as follows: Karen Galayda, Chairman, \$16.00/hour; Jen Brooks-Wooding, \$14.00/hour; Melisa Mahony, \$13.00/hour. An additional driving premium of \$12.00/day will be paid to the driver when on road inspections. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. Forms for payroll were signed with the new pay rates for the Listers.

Highway Department - Roderick presented the permit forms from Washington Electric Co. for the proposed line relocation on Cookeville Road. The Board signed the forms. Roderick updated the Board on other highway projects: Beaver Lodge Road, Box Shop Bridge, Park & Ride and calcium chloride treatment.

Building Maintenance - It was reported that the outside lights are not working. Gutter work needs to be done. The Board discussed scheduling the floor refinishing. Bids for the exterior painting of one side of the Town Hall are still being collected. Discussion followed on the hiring of a Building Manager. Earl Adams was suggested. The Board will invite him to the next meeting to see if he is interested.

### Other Business

Groschner reported that he had completed the NIMS questionnaire and would mail it to Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting July 14, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Karen Galayda, Lister; Holly Groschner; Amy Peberdy; Jonathan Durham; Jennifer Spanier; Lora Nielsen; Virginia Barlow; Rik Sheridan; Patty Duffy, Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Locke moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Locke moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2014 Financial Meeting with the following amendment: Adding to Other Business, "The Board signed the Lathem annual support agreement which covers the time clock." Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

### Reports

Treasurer - Fortunati stated that the new chart of accounts is in full effect.

Listers - The Board and Galayda discussed reappraisal proposals. The Board asked for a printout and discussion will continue at the next Financial Meeting. The Board asked Galayda to contact a VT Dept. of Taxes Property Valuation and Review lawyer for their official view of the impact of the new Open Meeting Law on the work of the Listers' office.

Highway Department - The Board received a pole extension request from Washington Electric for Turkey Hill Road. Roderick supported the request. Pazdro moved to sign the permit with WEC for work on Turkey Hill Road effective July 11, 2014 to July 11, 2015. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. Discussion took place regarding liability issues with the Fire Department's help in clearing roads after major storms. Roderick reported that the Fire Department does not work under the direction of the Highway Department. Fortunati will check with VLCT to clarify the liability coverage questions. Roderick also reported that the Box Shop Bridge project has been completed, paving on Brook Road and Cookeville Road will begin soon and preparations are in place for the Corinth Park & Ride.

Building Maintenance - Groschner reported that the wood floors in the Town Hall (hallway and main room) will be refinished from August 4 through August 11. Arrangements will be made for a porta-potty. Groschner also reported that the exterior painting will be completed by the end of the week.

## Other Business

Town Website - A number of residents expressed concern that the town website is temporarily down due to new requirements from the state of VT regarding changes to the Open Meeting Law. The Board responded that this was done at the suggestion of VLCT since there was a question of not being able to comply with the new laws. The Board stated that this is only a temporary measure and that they are looking at several options regarding the town website. They have received two proposals for redesigning/hosting/managing a new website, however no money was budgeted for FY 2015 for this unforeseen expense. Patty Duffy asked to go on

record that she objected that the bid process was not put out. Residents asked if the old website could be put back up while the Board considers proposals for a new one. The Board responded that they have to be certain that they are in compliance with the new laws. They will review the matter and make a decision at their next meeting.

Open Meeting Law - Recent changes to the law that went into effect July 1, 2014 were discussed. Locke moved that the official designated posting locations be the interior hallway at the Town Hall, the locked board on the porch at the Town Hall and the locked board on the southwest side of the East Corinth General Store. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. All town committees and commissions will use these three locations for posting agendas and minutes. Amy Peberdy agreed to be the interim point person responsible for the postings and will work on a proposal for that process. The Board will compile a list of all the committees and chairpersons and invite them to a meeting to develop a process for complying with the new law.

Dog Licensing - The Board reviewed a list of unlicensed dogs. A letter will be sent to all delinquent dog owners. Pazdro moved to draft a letter of response to the owners of unlicensed dogs (as of July 14). Locke seconded. Motion passed. Locke agreed to draft the letter. Constable Diaz has agreed to follow up with the owners if necessary. The Board will also send a letter to a resident regarding a dog bite which occurred in May.

Town Office Personnel Compensation - Locke moved to go into executive session at 9:36 p.m. to review a legal matter. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed. The meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m. The Selectboard stated that there will be a change to the Town Clerk's method of compensation from wage to salary, retroactive to July 1, 2014, postponing a shift from salary to wage until fiscal year 2016.

Locke moved to adopt changes to the town office payroll procedures, retroactive to July 1, 2014, to the effect that all elected and appointed staff of the Town Offices who are paid on an hourly basis will record their working hours on the time clock.

Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

### Correspondence

The Board discussed a National Guard road rebuilding project in town. They will be working under the direction of the Highway Department. Pazdro moved to invite the National Guard to conduct a road project on Claflin Road as a training exercise. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. A letter will be sent to the National Guard informing them of the decision.

The Board received an annual maintenance agreement form for the generator at Waits River Valley School. Fortunati will inform them that WRVS is responsible for the maintenance and future correspondence should be directed to them.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting August 11, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Karen Galayda, Lister; Amy Peberdy; Susanne Smith; Scott Elledge; Jonathan Strong; Raymond Moulton; Jonathan Durham; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Groschner moved to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Groschner moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 Financial Meeting with the following clarification to the Other Business, Susan Fortunati, Corinth Treasurer paragraph: The third sentence was replaced with "The following specific line item budget amounts would be zeroed out and reclassified to the respective line items in the new Technology and Communication category." Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

### **Public Concerns**

A number of residents expressed frustration regarding speeding trucks, excessive noise and littering late at night in the West Corinth area this summer. There are concerns for personal safety as well as the safety of animals near the road. Locke will contact Joe Hill, Corinth Constable, to discuss the matter.

Amy Peberdy thanked Chris Groschner for the drapery rods for the Town Hall. The new drapes will be hung as soon as the floor refinishing project is complete.

### Open Meeting Law Posting Procedures

In order to comply with Vermont's new Open Meeting Law, Amy Peberdy has volunteered to be the point person to collect the agendas and minutes of all town committees and commissions and post the agendas in the designated places. Agendas and minutes will be posted on the Town website as well. In addition she will create a binder of agendas and minutes to be housed in the town office. She has agreed to these responsibilities beginning August 12 until the end of September, presenting a time study to the Board on September 8, 2014. The Board is looking to see if having one person responsible for these duties will minimize the burden on committees and be less confusing for the town webmaster. Peberdy stated that she will notify the town committees and commissions of the change in procedure. Susanne Smith presented Peberdy with keys to the Town Bulletin Boards. Locke stated that he will contact Rik Sheridan to put the town website back up. Groschner moved to designate the Bulletin Board at the Transfer Station as one of the three official designated posting places replacing the bulletin board inside the Town Hall. The other two remain the same - on the Town Hall porch and at the East Corinth General Store. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

## Reports

Treasurer - Fortunati reported that finances were out of balance by \$468 due to a deposit not reaching the bank. Twelve checks had been mailed yet there was no record of deposit. The people involved will be contacted and asked to send a new check. The Board asked Fortunati for an update on the new computers and she reported that all the prep work has been done and the computers should be installed shortly.

Listers - Galayda notified the Board that the Listers will hold an Organizational Meeting on September 2, 2014 to discuss: (1)Responsibilities, (2) Approach to the Grand List, (3) Duties, Responsibilities and How to Use Time, and (4) Educational Opportunities and Educational Budget. Galayda also noted that a "Listers' Log" would be set up and maintained. Discussion took place regarding the appraisal firm to be hired for Corinth's reappraisal process. Locke moved the Town hire Vermont Appraisal Company to conduct the next town reappraisal beginning in 2015. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. The Board suggested that the Listers call VAC to put together a contract.

Highway Department - Roderick reported that the paving on Brook Road is done and Cookeville Road paving will begin soon. The Park & Ride project is on schedule. The Board asked Roderick to look into putting the Corinth 250 logos on the town trucks. The Board next discussed the resurfacing of the Town Hall parking lot, an estimate submitted by Bill Ricker and funds to pay for the work. The Board would like to have the work done this year if there is available funding. No decisions were made. Responding to questions regarding the Radio Repeater Project, Roderick stated that he will contact Richard Wyatt, a resident on Ridge Road, and continue conversations about the tower location.

Building Maintenance - Groschner reported that the Town Hall floor refinishing project has been completed. The Board is now looking for someone to repair the rain gutters on one side of the Town Hall. Groschner will contact Chester Clark of Clark's Painting and Small Jobs to see if he is interested.

## Other Business

Dog Officer, Census, Licensing - The Board received notice of Justin Pickel's resignation and stated that although Corinth Constable Chris Diaz is interested in filling the position, he will not transport animals in his personal vehicle. Discussion followed. The Board will ask Joe Blodgett to look into the cost of a used vehicle for the town from surplus supplies.

#### Review Correspondence

The Board reviewed remaining correspondence.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting September 8, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Chris Preston; Edward Childs; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. using the gavel that was recently donated by Lora Nielsen.

### Approval of Minutes

Pazdro moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the September 2, 2014 Financial Meeting. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

## **Public Concerns**

Chris Preston presented information regarding a road (known locally as the Spur Road) that crosses his property. Liability concerns prompted Preston to inquire about the status of this road. The Road Commissioner stated that by use and dedication it qualifies as a town road. Pazdro moved that the Board officially acknowledge that the western spur of Limlaw Road (intersecting with Route 25) is a town right-of-way and historically always has been. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. The town has no plans for making any changes to the road at this time.

Edward Childs expressed concern about the poor quality of service and speed of the internet provided by Topsham Telephone. The Board responded that other residents have similar concerns, but there is little the town can do. The Board suggested that he contact Vermont Telecommunications Authority or Holly Groschner for more information. Childs may look into collecting signatures on a petition so that the topic can be addressed at Town Meeting.

### Listers - Reappraisal Contract

Pazdro moved to assign the contract for town reappraisal to Vermont Appraisal Company. Locke seconded. Motion passed. The Board signed the contract. The Listers will sign the contract and mail it to Vermont Appraisal Company.

## Treasurer's Report

Fortunati stated that there were errors on the most recent warrant and submitted a revised warrant to the Board. The Board granted permission for Fortunati to contact the town attorney for help in preparing for a tax sale in 2015.

### **Highway Department**

Roderick reported that the two paving projects (Brook Road and Cookeville Road) have been completed. The Highway Department is preparing a second treatment on the invasive Japanese Knotweed in a couple spots along the road. A settlement with FEMA was reached recently for spring storm damage. The National Guard will begin weekend work on Claflin Road soon. Most of the work on the Park & Ride should be completed by the end of the month. Projected date of completion is November. Roderick reported a 25% increase in the price of road salt this year. The winter sand will be put up next week. Discussion followed regarding ATVs and the need for signs to inform the public of the town ordinance which prohibits ATVs on all town highways and trails. Roderick will look into posting the signs.

## **Building Maintenance**

Groschner passed out copies of a list of Town Hall maintenance projects and asked the Board to prioritize the projects in order for discussion at the next meeting. He had recently received an estimate for power washing three sides of the building. The Town Hall parking lot project was discussed and will be addressed at the budget meetings in November. No decisions were made on either project.

### Other Business

Groschner relayed that the Planning Commission would like the Selectboard to authorize the use of one of the desks in the Town Office area for Planning Commission business. The Board agreed to postpone making a decision on this while they check their inventory of office furniture and contact Joe Blodgett, who recently put a bid in for office furniture and/or filing cabinets.

### Correspondence

The Board received a letter from Pamela Doyle resigning her position as a school board director. The Board accepted the resignation, with regret, and discussed the need to appoint a replacement for Doyle. Ken Schaffer was suggested as a possible candidate. Locke will contact Schaffer to see if he is interested. Other names may be submitted at the next Selectboard meeting.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

## Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting October 13, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Karen Galayda, Lister; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Joseph Nolin; Caroline Locke, Will Locke, Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

#### Approval of Minutes

Pazdro moved to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the October 7, 2014 Financial Meeting. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

#### Reports

\*Listers - Galayda presented Grand List Changes for the Selectboard's approval. Locke moved to approve the changes to the grand list to correct the taxable value of parcel #078-02055 and parcel #034-00452. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

\*Highway Department - Blodgett presented a Class 2 Highway Grant to the Board for signatures. Locke moved to approve the request for reimbursement for the paving work done on Brook Road. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. Blodgett next went over different options for selling the 1996 International truck. Locke moved to accept the proposal to sell the 1996 International truck to Bolduc Auto Salvage for \$2,500. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

When questioned about signs for prohibiting ATVs on Corinth roads, Blodgett responded that the Highway Dept. is working with Worksafe Traffic Control on the design, will be ordering nine signs and they will be posted soon. The Board asked Blodgett to explain the pros and cons of asphalt vs. gravel for the Town Hall parking area. It was decided to put off the work until next year and to budget the money for the project at the budget meetings in November. The Board also discussed with Blodgett possible sites for a radio tower, cleaning and maintenance to the Town Garage furnace and work on Claflin Road scheduled for next year.

### Other Business

\*Town website - Locke distributed handouts on three Web Site Proposals for the Board to consider. A description of services and costs from KeVa Co, GovOffice and AMCK Web & Print Design will be reviewed by the Board and a decision made next month regarding any changes. Locke moved to rescind the town website action made at the October 7 meeting, pending further study of the matter. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

\*Town Crier - Pazdro moved to extend the hours of the Administrative Assistant, Lynn Sciortino, to cover duties of the Town Crier at the rate of \$12 per hour plus mileage (\$0.56 per mile).

\*School Board Vacancy - Joseph Nolin expressed interest in filling Pamela Doyle's term on the school board for six months. He has no plans to run for the position in March. The Board stated that they will continue to contact Ken Schaffer to see if he is still interested in the position. An appointment will be made at the Selectboard's November 4 meeting.

#### Correspondence

The Board received the new Corinth Flood Hazard Bylaws from the Planning Commission for review. The Board will look into the timeline and procedures for the next steps.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

## Town of Corinth Board of Selectmen P.O. Box 461 Corinth, VT 05039

## Unapproved Minutes of the Special Meeting October 21, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Rik Sheridan, Anne McKinsey, Caroline Locke, Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Locke moved to change the date of the November Financial Meeting from Tuesday, Nov. 4 to Monday, Nov. 3 at 5:00 p.m. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Groschner moved to appoint Joe Nolin to the interim position of Waits River Valley School Board Director. Locke seconded. Motion passed. Groschner will notify Chris Preston of the appointment.

The Board agreed to offer Paula Clements of West Topsham the position of Animal Control Officer. Groschner will draw up a contract and send it to Clements.

After review of the contract for website redesign submitted by Anne McKinsey, Groschner moved that the Board accept the proposal from AMCK Web & Print Design to redesign the Town of Corinth website. Locke seconded. Motion passed. McKinsey will get a temporary website up and begin work on the new one which she hopes will be up by mid to late November. The Board commended Rik Sheridan for his time and work on the town website over the past six years. Sheridan thanked the Board and offered to work on the new website if needed. Sheridan will notify KeVa Co that Anne McKinsey will be contacting them to make arrangements for the transfer. The Board discussed other topics regarding the website (transfer of ownership procedure, billing, maintenance updates, whether to include ads and/or a business directory).

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

# Town of Corinth Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting November 10, 2014

Attending for the Board: Allen Locke, Chairman; Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro. Others Attending: Stanley Miller; Mary Miller; Caroline Locke, Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

Pazdro moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting, the October 21, 2014 Special Selectboard Meeting and the November 3, 2014 Financial Meeting. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

### **Public Concerns**

Stanley and Mary Miller expressed concerns regarding the intersection of Miller Road and Brook Road. The Millers stated that this was a blind intersection and poses safety concerns when turning on to Brook Road from the end of Miller Road. Several solutions were discussed. Miller offered to provide some fill if needed. Locke agreed to relay the concerns to the Road Commissioner and Road Foreman.

### Facilities Issues

Groschner reported that the broken window in the Town Hall had been repaired. The Board discussed window reglazing as a project for next spring or summer. A list of carpenter's names was generated.

## Correspondence

\*The Board received a letter from Carole Freeman asking for an update of the former general store in East Corinth Village. The building has been under construction for approximately eight years and is considered by some to be an eyesore and a public hazard. Freeman expressed concerns regarding the building at the May and June Selectboard meetings. Lack of a town ordinance addressing this issue has prevented the Board from any action other than ordering debris be removed from the town right-of-way. Adoption of an ordinance was discussed and a sample ordinance on derelict/vacant buildings was handed out for review. Pazdro agreed to respond to Freeman and explain the Board's limitations.

\*The Board received the Animal Control Officer's contract from Paula Clement. Clement has a map of Corinth roads, the Corinth dog ordinance, licensing information and is prepared to begin her duties as Dog Officer. Groschner will contact Anne McKinsey asking her to put Clement's name and phone number on the town website.

#### Other Business

\*Groschner completed the first draft of the Selectmen's Report for the Town Report and sent it to the other selectmen for reactions and feedback.

\*Groschner asked if it was necessary for important files, such as the Planning Commission's records, to be kept in a fireproof file cabinet. The Board agreed it was not necessary as copies of all legal records are in the vault.

Locke moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

## Town of Corinth Board of Selectmen P.O. Box 461 Corinth, VT 05039

## Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Selectboard Meeting December 8, 2014

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner; Russ Pazdro.

Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Steve Long; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

## Changes to Agenda

Groschner moved to change the order of the agenda, moving Discussion/Appointment of Person(s) to Fill Vacant Town Positions from #7 to #2. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

### Election of Chair of Selectboard

Pazdro moved to elect Chris Groschner as chairman of the Selectboard. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

### <u>Discussion/Appointment of Person(s) to Fill Vacant Positions</u>

The Board received a notice of resignation from Allen Locke, Selectman, effective December 1, 2014. Groschner moved to accept his resignation with great regret and to commend Locke, thanking him for his years of outstanding service as a selectman, lister and member of the Planning Commission. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Groschner moved to appoint Steve Long to the position of Selectman until an election is held on March 3, 2015. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes

Groschner moved to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2014 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the December 2, 2014 Financial Meeting. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

### Listers' Report

The Board received an Errors & Omissions report from the Listers regarding two parcels containing the value of the same barn. Pazdro moved to accept the Listers' Errors & Omissions Report for two parcels each including the value of a barn (\$23,200). This value has been removed from Parcel #024-00991 and left on Parcel #024-00990. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

### Constable Equipment

The Board received a request from Joe Hill, First Constable, to purchase wearable cameras for the town constables at a cost of approximately \$800. No decisions were made. Groschner will contact Orange County Sheriff's Department for more information.

## **Highway Department**

Pazdro moved to approve and sign a permit regarding Washington Electric Cooperative's relocation of power lines and poles in the Ryder Road area. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Roderick reported that the Corinth Park & Ride construction has been completed. Discussion followed regarding how best to notify residents. Roderick will alert the Town Clerk and ask about putting a notice in the Corinth Quarterly. He will also contact the Journal Opinion to inquire about a date for an official public opening. Groschner will notify Stagecoach and post a notice on the ListServe. Roderick also reported that work has begun on the Chicken Farm Bridge project.

## Dilapidated Buildings Ordinance

The Board is continuing to work on a Corinth ordinance for dilapidated buildings.

### Correspondence

The Board received the preliminary budget figures for Orange County. A copy was posted on the Town Hall bulletin board. Also received was a request for appropriations from the VT Rural Fire Protection Task force. Groschner agreed to submit this to the Corinth Treasurer for consideration at the next budget meeting. Being a new appropriation's request, it would require a separate warning in the Town Report. The Board received notice that Joyce McKeeman will not be able to fill the position of Justice of the Peace. She has sent notice to the governor who will appoint a replacement after receiving a recommendation from Frank Roderick. The Board reviewed remaining correspondence.

#### Other Business

Steve Long notified the Board of his resignation from the Planning Commission due to incompatibilities with his new appointment on the Selectboard. Groschner moved to accept the resignation of Steve Long from the Planning Commission with deep regret. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

The Board discussed overpayment to Val Stori for her services on the Town Forest Committee. The Board agreed to let Stori work off her remaining debt, details to be administered by the Town Forest Committee.

## Fire Extinguishers and Emergency Lights

The Board checked and found all to be working properly.

Pazdro moved to adjourn. Groschner seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.