

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
December 9, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 11, 2019 and the financial meeting of December 3, 2019 were approved.

Public Concerns

Kendall Gendron followed up on her earlier complaint about barking dogs kenneled near her home on Richardson Road. She presented a copy of the Town of Corinth's Dog Control Ordinance and a letter she wrote to the Select Board detailing the problems with the dogs and her efforts to alleviate the problem by following the guidelines in the Ordinance.

Gendron was advised by the Animal Control Officer to contact the town constable. Diaz said the Ordinance states that the dogs must bark continuously for 30 minutes before action can be taken. He added that he had not been present when the duration of barking lasted 30 minutes.

Gendron said the owner, who lives in Bradford, informed her that he would remove the dogs for the winter. It has been over week since he contacted her, but the dogs are still there.

Cawley made a motion to follow the procedure in the Dog Ordinance. The first step would be to send a letter from the Select Board to the owner. Groschner seconded, and the motion passed.

Cawley said if there is no response to the letter, the Board would issue a municipal ticket.

Road Report

Porter said a truck that had been parked in the right of way on Chelsea Road for several months has finally been moved.

Porter noted that a few roads have debris in the right of way. He will try to determine who is responsible.

Two residents at the top of Tullar Road complained about town trucks turning around near their property. They were concerned that there was not adequate space and that trucks might go over the bank and damage a pond.

Long reported that John Zimmer, one of the Tullar Road residents, called him to say that he watched a town truck make the turn-around with no problem and no longer has a concern.

Porter asked what the Select Board thinks about replacing the guardrails on the Center Road Bridge. Currently they are wood, but Porter thought steel would be stronger and last longer.

All select board members said that they preferred the wooden timbers.

Groschner asked if the No Dumping signs had been ordered.

Porter said the signs are now at the town garage and will be put up.

Groschner said he notified Joe Blodgett that a road sign indicating direction of a curve ahead and speed reduction had been knocked down near the entrance to South Road.

Porter said Washington Electric recently notified him that a state inspector had to inspect the electric connection put in at the transfer station prior to installing the line, but the town was not informed of this in advance. The state may fine the electrician for a violation, although there is no problem with the line.

Porter said Blodgett will pick up a small building to use for a warming hut at the transfer station.

Fire Station Update

Haney said the project architect told him a state inspector would review the building plans within 30 days.

Cawley asked if amendments could be made if needed. Haney said yes.

Haney said he asked the state if storm drain plans had to be inspected and permitted. He was told that he just needed to give the state office a copy of the plans. Cawley said the easement has been granted.

The Board thanked John for his continued oversight of the project.

Town Clerk: retention of records and welcome package

Nancy Ertle sent information on the Town's need to comply with state law on the retention of records.

The plan would allow the Clerk to destroy records considered obsolete, according to state guidelines.

The material included a Records Management Policy and Retention Plan to be filed with the state. Groschner moved to sign, Long seconded, and the motion passed.

Ertle requested that the Select Board compose a letter of welcome to be distributed to new residents as part of the welcome package. Groschner said he would draft a letter.

Town Hall capital expenditures budget

Long reported that the Board added \$10,000 to the existing pool of money, for a total of \$38,000.

Long suggested adding new siding to the renovation project for the entrance on the south side of the building.

Groschner said making it a bigger job might result in a better price from the contractor.

Porter said he was concerned about the steps extending too far into the parking area, which is already fairly narrow.

Long said the roof drain on the south side of the building is not working.

Long suggested planning for other projects on the Town Hall.

Groschner said another project was for an up-to-date energy audit, with the hope that it would lead to improvements.

Leave time policy, part-time employees

Leave time policy is mandated by the state.

The Town's current document does not specify "part-time employees."

Cawley suggested renaming the document to specify Leave Time Policy for Part-Time Employees.

Cawley made a motion to so rename; Long seconded; the motion passed.

Other business

The treasurer requested an addition to the December warrant, which was approved by the Board.

Groschner requested that the Board go into executive session at 8:17 PM to discuss a personnel matter; the request was approved by Long and Cawley.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:30 PM. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Long and Cawley tested emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.