

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
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Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
January 13, 2020

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Rick Cawley
Virginia Barlow, substitute select board clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner; Dennis Tatro; John Haney

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
The minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2019 and the financial meeting of January, 2020 were approved.

Public Concerns

None

Town Hall Facilities Manager

There have been no applications for this position so far. Dennis Tatro attended the meeting to introduce himself and to express his interest in the job. He has done carpentry all his life. Now he works for a contractor, has a 40-hours job but he'd have weekends and nights available.

Chris Groschner described the position. "Occasionally something comes up. Sometimes it's something that needs to be dealt with quickly." Formerly, the pay was \$20/hour. Dennis said he would need at least \$30/hour. Projects or project oversight may be part of the job, but that's not a given. The rear entrance will be modified, for instance, and maybe overseeing that work would be needed. The select board will put together a job description. Dennis will email his resume to Steve Long.

Fire Station Update

John Haney had a meeting with the architect about heating possibilities. The two options are radiant floor heat through the whole building or heat pumps. In each case there would be supplemental heat to bring the building temperature back up when the doors have been open and maybe for the meeting room as well.

Floor drains are kind of a big issue, especially in Vermont. Usually an oil/water separation system is required but there are exceptions if vehicles are not being

worked on in the building , in which case the drains can be daylighted. John has received an exemption letter to daylight the floor drains without installing a separator. The town has been urged to think about installing something at a later time in case a bunch of oil is leaked.

With input from the fire department, the select board, and others, John has been developing a list of subcontractors to send to Jason at Hazen Hill. He will send the complete list to the board, so the board can make recommendations on who Jason seeks bids from.

Chris Groschner: We will need something fairly definitive by town meeting. But all agree that the cost is fixed whatever route is taken.
The current design includes a hip roof. There won't be significant heat loss through the roof and therefore there won't be melting snow falling from the roof. Snow won't slide on the asphalt roof, so that's not a concern.
The select board expressed their appreciation of John Haney's help.

Road Report

Transfer station: The trailers plug into the electric pedestal, so they can be moved without needing to change the wiring.

There is now power there and Joanne has an electric heater.

Safety cones are not always put out because they are in the way if the road is being plowed. Joanne knows they are a good idea and will put them up when there's no expectation of plowing. On the whole, traffic at the transfer station is working well.

Lee Porter reported that we are doing well with salt and sand. Still a little problem about people who leave snow in the road when they plow their driveways but Lee will talk to them.

Lee requested signatures from select board members on requests for reimbursement for paving grants for the current year and for next year and for a Better Back Roads grant. Those documents were signed by all the select board members.

Budget

Kerry Claffey, the town treasurer, has pointed out four items that need modification: two related to health insurance for office and highway employees and two for office and highway retirement plans. The budget is now more accurate and Rick moved that the board accept Kerry's revisions. All in favor.

Warning for Town Meeting

The select board reviewed the items on the warning. The numbers in the town report should be reviewed to be sure they correspond to those in the budget. The select board will call a special meeting to sign the warning when it has been spruced up.

Other business

Library Renovation Grant. The select board has been asked about the town's policies with regard to a renovation project grant that the library has sought with help from the town. The terms of the grant stipulate that municipalities comply with a list of eight policies and codes that are consistent with the Vermont Community Development Program and federal law. The select board has been asked to abide by the following eight policies and codes: Equal Employment Opportunity, Fair Housing, Use of Excessive Force, Use of VCDP funds for federal lobbying, compliance with a code of ethics, with the Drug-Free Workplace Act, subrecipient oversight monitoring, and whistleblower protection.

Steve Long moved to adopt the eight policies as presented. Rick Cawley moved to amend the motion to add a requirement that the library board provide the select board with verification that all of the provisions in the document will be complied with. All voted in favor of the motion as amended.

One copy of the document will be provided to the library board and one will be kept at the town office.

School Choice. The board made a decision not to act on a request to adopt a proclamation about school choice.

Correspondence

A VTrans certificate of highway mileage was signed but was put aside for Lee Porter to review before returning it, pending his verification.

A letter stating that the TRORC board has unanimously approved the Corinth Town Plan has been received.

At 8:45 pm the select board voted to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Report on Executive Session

After exiting the executive session, the board tentatively scheduled a performance review with the treasurer for Wednesday, 1/15/20 at 10:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.