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

## Minutes of the Special Meeting January 25, 2021

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Rick Cawley. Others Attending: Mike Pittman, fire department treasurer.

The meeting was held as a Zoom call. Groschner read a notice authorizing this public meeting to be conducted by remote access, in accordance with a special provision of Vermont's Open Meeting Law. It was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

## Solar installation at fire station

Long presented bids from O'Meara Solar and Integrity Energy to construct a solar net metering system on the roof of the new fire station on Fairgrounds Rd. O'Meara's bid proposed installing 9,450 watts for \$28,539. Integrity proposed installing 12,740 watts for \$29,768. Cawley noted that the 425 watt panels proposed by Integrity were the most output in a panel that he knew of. The board approved the proposal from Integrity and directed Long to sign the contract and return it to Integrity. The board also approved the paying of a \$1,000 deposit to Integrity in the quickest fashion, whether by credit card or check.

Long will discuss the payment method with assistant treasurer Karen Galayda.

Mike Pitman reported that things were working out well with the new fire station. He noted that the contractor had been notified of some problems, and that they were scheduled to come to rectify them.

New members had joined the department, with others expressing interest.

The board discussed the placement of the solar panels on the southwest facing roof. Long asked Pittman to discuss with Chief Pospisil whether the department would grant a variance to place the panels closer to the roofline than the four-foot setback that is standard for commercial buildings. The narrower setback would be to allow snow to fall from the panels off the roof and not form a pile below the panels.

## **Executive session**

Groschner requested that the board enter executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The board did so at 7:40. At 7:50, the board exited executive session, having taken no action.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.