

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

Minutes of the Financial Meeting
February 4, 2021

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Rick Cawley.
Others Attending: Dick Kelley, treasurer; Karen Galayda, assistant treasurer. Carl Demrow, visitor.

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 4:05 p.m.

Galayda and Kelley reported on progress on the audit. The board's financial assistant, Suzanne Hansen, has had some health problems but is recovering. She said she expected that she was within a workday or so of completing the reconciliation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Kelley said that the office would be open one day only, on Tuesday, February 9, to collect taxes in person. Many people have been using the drop box to pay their taxes. Galayda said she could find the plexiglass shield so it can be put in place for social distancing precautions on Tuesday.

Orders for Payment

The Board reviewed outstanding bills. Galayda asked that two more items be added to the warrant, a mileage reimbursement for Joe Blodgett and a payment to Irving Oil. The board members approved the warrant with the additions and authorized Galayda or Kelley to sign their names with his or her initials adjacent. The Board reviewed payroll and payments made in previous month, and authorized signatures under the same conditions.

Quarantine

The board confirmed that there had been a positive case of Covid among the people using the office. Galayda and Kelley are currently working separate days. Nobody else is currently working in the office. Groschner told the board that he would contact town clerk Nancy Ertle and let her know that taxes were going to be collected on Tuesday, which would normally be her day to work in the office.

Board of Abatement

The board discussed an upcoming Board of Abatement meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9. They are in agreement that it should not be an in-person meeting, and that it should be conducted via Zoom. Cawley has purchased an account that the town has been using for selectboard meetings. Groschner asked Cawley to seek reimbursement for this monthly charge.

Bond Bank privileges

Long, who has submitted his letter of resignation from the Selectboard as of February 8, said that he and former treasurer Kerry Claffey were the two town officials with signing privileges in working with the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. He suggested that the board change the privileges to include current treasurer Kelly and board member Cawley, who has been very involved with the fire station construction. Galayda has the paperwork to be filled out and signed.

Listers

Galayda asked that the board sign the annual Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending. The board approved this and authorized Galayda or Kelley to sign their names with his or her initials adjacent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50.