

Town of Corinth  
Board of Selectmen  
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Unapproved Minutes Of Selectboard Meeting  
Meeting  
Monday September 13, 2021

Attending for the Board: Rick Cawley, Carl Demrow, Nick Kramer. Anne Rosten, select board clerk.

Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman.. Gary Apfel and Norm Collette, and Peter MacMurray attended via Zoom.

Meeting conducted in person and on Zoom. Rick Cawley called the meeting to order at 7:03

Approval of minutes of regular meeting of August 9, 2021, and financial meeting of September 7,, 2021

Carl Demrow motioned to approve the minutes to the regular meeting from August 9, 2021 and the financial meeting of September 7, 2021 with the added note that Holly Groschner submitted her official resignation letter from the EC Fiber board to the select board at the August 9, 2021 regular select board meeting which letter provides more detail than the minutes reflect. Nick Kramer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public concerns

None

Historical Society lease

Chair Cawley noted that 25 years ago the Corinth Historical Society had signed a 25 year lease with the select board with the option to renew the lease for 24 years. Historical Society members Norm Collette and Peter MacMurray attended to have the board authorize and agree to the request. Demrow asked if the Agricultural and Trades Museum in East Corinth was included in the lease. Collette answered that the Historical Society owns the Ag and Trades museum. Kramer made a motion to approve the renewal of the lease. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ARPA proposals

Cawley reminded the board and the attendees that this item will be on the agenda for the next few months while the town continues to explore the different needed projects around town and to receive further guidelines pertaining to the authorized use of the funds. Road foreman Blodgett has received numerous emails questioning how the funds will be used. He listed a couple of possible projects such as a new addition to the town garage or to explore what is needed to construct a water and sewer system for East Corinth Village. Cawley called to keep the conversation going through future meetings. Board member Demrow informed the board that he will be unavailable next month to complete the report on the ARPA funds that is due on October 31,2021. The board will ask treasurer Kelley to complete the report.

Funding offer for parking area at the town forest

The Conservation Commission has received an offer of \$20,000 from an unnamed foundation for the purpose of constructing a 40 X 60 parking area for the town forest. The foundation sent a letter to the selectboard for approval. Cawley had some questions as to the timeline to start the project within one month of receiving the wetlands permit and completing the project within two weeks from start to finish. Blodgett noted if Ricker Construction is to do the project, the town could help with hauling stone and gravel. Cawley was also concerned about item #7 in the letter concerning an additional \$5000 offered for plowing the access road and lot for a period of five years. Questions were raised as to who would be responsible for plowing and sanding. Wilson road is currently plowed by the landowners along that road and the road commissioner and road foreman were very reluctant to set the precedent of plowing a 4th class road. Demrow asked about different maintenance issues; culvert upkeep and washouts for example. Cawley suggested more

communication is needed between the board and the Conservation Commission before signing the agreement. Demrow made a motion to authorize Cawley to further negotiate the agreement with the foundation and to sign it if the chair is satisfied with the revised terms. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Road Commissioner's report / Hwy. Concerns:

Commissioner Porter noted that there is no change at the former East Corinth Village Store as to the vehicle in the town right of way. Cawley has not received the return receipt from the landowner as to the certified letter sent to remove the vehicle in a reasonable amount of time. Constable Diaz served the tenant the letter also. The letter states that they have 30 days to accomplish the removal.

Porter reported he got a call from a lawyer representing a Corinth resident about landowner rights regarding abuses by ATV riders. Porter advised the lawyer as to what the landowner can and cannot do. First is to call the sheriff which the landowner did. Blodgett then put a request to the board about applying for a state grant to acquire what is needed to prevent road erosion which the state covers 80% and the town is responsible for 20%. Demrow then made a motion to authorize a letter of intent for Blodgett's request for the grant. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Committees:

None

Correspondence

Cawley reported that he has not gotten the signed copy of the letter sent to the abutter to the town's South Road property yet. As the original letter was sent to the wrong address Cawley will allow one month before following up on this.

Other business that comes before the board

None

Personnel (executive session)

Kramer made a motion for the board to go into executive session with Road Commissioner Lee Porter and Road Foreman Joe Blodgett to discuss a personnel matter. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously,

The board came out of executive session at 8:34. Demrow made a motion to authorize the Road Commissioner to make offers of employment to two individuals consistent with the parameters discussed in executive session. Kramer seconded which motion passed unanimously.

Demrow made a motion to adjourn which Kramer seconded and which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:36.