

Corinth Town Meeting Minutes May 17, 2022

Dick Kelley led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Apfel spoke on Roberts Rules.

Article 1. To elect the following by Australian ballot. For the purpose of this article the polls will be open from 8:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Moderator for 1 year

Selectboard member for 3 years

Lister for 3 years

Lister for 1 year

Collector of Delinquent Taxes for 1 year

Constable for 1 year

Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years

WRVS School Director for 3 years

Article 2. To see if the voters will accept the various Officers' Reports as presented in the Town Report.

Jeff Spiegel moved the article Irene Mann seconded

Dick Kelley spoke on some corrections to the Capital Reserve s Funds. No other comments.

Gary called for a vote, the ayes have it.

Gary asked to recess to hear from our State Representative Samantha Lefebvre. Kelly Ann Donahue moved the motion, Mike Tagliavia seconded.

Samantha spoke on what the legislature has been working on. Some of the topics were abortion, robo calls, clean energy.

There were questions about various subjects.

Meeting called back to order at 10:47 am

Article 3. To see if the voters will vote \$843,607.00, of which \$598,607.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the Highways Fund.

Sue Parmenter moved the article, Laurie Sheridan seconded.

Lee Porter spoke on the highway department. Joe Blodgett spoke on the work they have done and the hiring of new help.

No more discussion, Gary Apfel called for the vote, the ayes have it.

Article 4. To see if the voters will vote \$125,470.00, of which \$115, 470.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the Highway Capital Equipment Fund.

Jeff Spiegel moved the article, Amy Peberdy seconded.

Joe Blodgett spoke on this fund and why we need it.

Gary Apfel called for the vote, the ayes have it.

Article 5. To hear a report on and discuss how best to spend the American Rescue Plan Act money the town will receive (\$425,970).

Kelly Ann Donahue moved the article, Jeff Spiegel seconded. The ayes have it.

Carl Demrow spoke on the ARPA funds and Steve Long, chair of the ARPA committee, explained the committee's process. Carl Demrow thanked the ARPA Committee for their work. 12 projects made the final list. The Selectboard will decide the projects using the list for guidance.

Article 6. To see if the voters will vote \$15,000.00, of which \$15,000.00 to be raised by taxes, for the Bridge Reserve Fund.

No discussion, Gary Apfel called for the vote, the ayes have it.

Article 7. To see if the voters will authorize the town to use funds received from the Better Back Roads grant program.

John Saken moved the article, Jon Conner seconded, the ayes have it.

Article 8. To see if the voters will fix the compensation for the Selectboard members for the coming year at \$1,200.00 each.

Kerry Dewolfe moved the article, Lindle Sutton seconded.

Glynn Pelagrino moved to amend the article to have the amount be \$2000.00. Kelly Ann Donahue seconded. The ayes have it.

Carl Demrow moved to amend the amendment to leave it at \$1,200.00 Mike Tagliavia seconded.

Nancy Ertle spoke on why it should be higher. Gary Apfel called for a vote on the amendment to the amendment, nays have it.

Gary Apfel called for a vote on the original amended article which states, To see if the voters will fix the compensation for the Selectboard members for the coming year at \$2,000.00 each. The ayes have it.

Article 9. To see if the voters will vote \$5000.00, of which \$5000.00 to be raised by taxes, for the Emerald Ash Borer Fund.

TR Jackson moved the article, Christane Carroll seconded.

There was discussion on this fund about when and how it will be used and how much money is left in it. Gary Apfel called for a vote, the ayes have it.

Article 10. To see if the voters will vote \$500.00, of which \$500.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the Planning Commission.

Kerry Dewolfe moved the article, Mary Hays seconded.

Kerry spoke about it being town support to go along with the grants. No more discussion, Gary called for the vote, the ayes have it.

Article 11. To see if the voters will vote \$2,100.00, of which \$600.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the Conservation Commission.

John Saken moved the article, Amy Peberdy seconded. Glynn Pellagrino spoke about Green Up funds and supporting grants.

Gary Apfel called for the vote, the ayes have it.

Article 12. To see if the voters will vote \$5000.00, of which \$5000.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the Town Hall Capital Improvement Fund.

Nancy Ertle moved the motion, Jim Ainsworth seconded.

Discussion was had about ARPA funds and maintaining the building.

Gary Apfel called for the vote, the ayes have it.

Article 13. To see if the voters will vote \$3,000.00, of which \$3000.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the computer equipment reserve fund.

John Saken moved the article Kelly Ann Donahue seconded.

Glynn Pellagrino asked how much was in the fund. No other discussion, the ayes have it.

Article 14. To see if the voters will vote \$425,689.00, of which \$225,449.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the General Fund.

Kelly Ann Donahue moved the article, Amy Peberdy seconded.

Nick Kramer spoke on the General Fund.

Virginia Barlow moved to amend the amount to add \$2400.00 to the amount to cover the increase for the Selectboard pay.

Nancy Ertle seconded. The ayes have it.

There was discussion on the budget for the Orange County Sheriff's office.

Gary Apfel called for a vote on the amended article which reads 'To see if the voters will vote \$428,089.00, of which \$227,849.00 to be raised by taxes, to support the General Fund. The ayes have it.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the Treasurer and to fix the dates for payment of the same.

Dick Kelly moved the article to have payments September 13th 2022 and February 7th 2023 for the coming tax year. Kelly Ann Donahue seconded.

Susan Fortunati moved to amend the article to include postmarks not accepted, Nancy Ertle seconded. The ayes have it.

Gary called for a vote on the amended article which would be 'To see if the Town will vote to have the taxes collected by the Treasurer on September 13, 2022 and February 7, 2023 post marks not accepted.' The ayes have it.

Article 16. To recommend four members at large for the Budget Committee for 1 year.

Dick Kelly nominated Nancy Ertle. Amy Peberdy nominated Mike Pittman. Rick Cawley nominated Irene Mann and Raymond Moulton. Mike Pittman nominated Lee Porter.

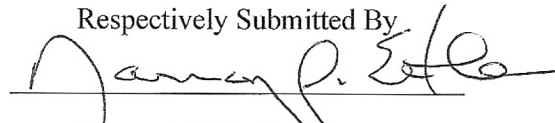
Rick Cawley moved to amend the Article to include 6 members instead of 4, Kelly Ann Donahue seconded.

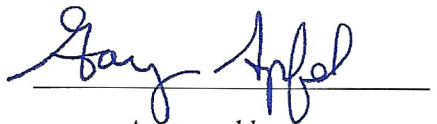
Gary Apfel called for a vote on the amended article which reads 'To recommend six members to the budget committee.' The ayes have it.

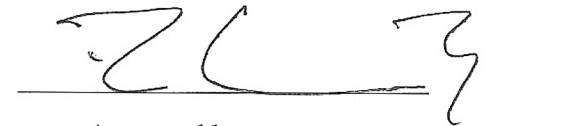
Article 17. In case of unanticipated State aid Funds (funds not included in the budget) for specific highway and bridge projects applied for and received during the fiscal year, shall the Town allow expenditure of such funds for those projects?

TR Jackson moved the article Kelly Ann Donahue seconded. No discussion. Gary Apfel called for a vote, the ayes have it.

Article 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
There were some complaints, some thankyou's, Dan Wing talked about a storm window workshop to take place in
Vershire. John Connor moved to adjourn Mike Pittman seconded, the ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm

Respectively Submitted By

Nancy J. Ertle Town Clerk


Approved by
Town Moderator
Office held


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Chair - Select Board
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