

Town of Corinth Selectboard  
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Unapproved Minutes Of Selectboard Meeting  
Tuesday May 3, 2022

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. Others attending: Travis Gendron.

Others attending via Zoom: Dick Kelley, town treasurer, Gary Apfel, town moderator; and Alex Nuti-de Biasi from the Journal Opinion,

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

Approval of minutes of regular meeting of April 5, 2022, and financial meeting of April 11, 2022

Carl Demrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular selectboard meeting of April 5, 2022 and the financial meeting of April 11, 2022. Nick Kramer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Public concerns

None

Road Commissioner's report / Hwy. Concerns

Commissioner Porter and foreman Blodgett relayed the news concerning the rising fuel prices.

- a. EPA proposal regarding Richardson Road: Blodgett stated that he has been in contact with Ed Hathaway who is the EPA contact person for the Pike Hill Mines cleanup. Hathaway and Blodgett want to have a meeting to discuss the upgrading of Richardson Road for heavy truck travel bringing in material to cap the mines. Blodgett is opposed to having the road paved as it would be extremely costly (paid by EPA) and unnecessary for the amount of traffic. He and commissioner Porter agreed that beefing up the amount of gravel for stabilization and the use of calcium chloride and water for keeping down dust would be more effective and cost efficient. Blodgett will contact Hathaway to set up a meeting and let the selectboard know the date.
- b. Proposed "Gravel Ride": Chair Cawley has been contacted by Steve Maas who has scheduled a mountain bike trek from Barre which will come through West Corinth via Cookeville Road and loop back to Barre via Maplewood Rd. It is to take place on October 9, 2022 from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Kramer said he would respond to Steve Maas with the board's approval.
- c. Omnia purchasing program; Blodgett requested that the selectboard approve that the town highway dept join the Omnia Purchasing cooperative which sells products at a discount and there is no cost to join. Cawley researched the company and did not find any "catch" for joining and no minimum requirement. Blodgett told of buying parts such as hydraulic fittings and hoses at quite a savings. Demrow made a motion to approve Blodgett to join Omnia for needed highway purchases. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Blodgett brought up the issue of informing the East Corinth village residents that the town will be paving Village Road in June. As homes along that road are near the right of way he anticipates possible frustration with the necessary upheavals. Maybe a letter to warn the residents of the upcoming project would be prudent. Kramer will work on a first draft of the letter.

Revisions to dumping ordinance

Carl Demrow will draw up a draft of revisions to the existing ordinance to include tougher consequences for violations.

#### ARPA proposals

There was discussion between Blodgett and the selectboard about building a needed shelter for the new grader, the loader, and the pickup truck. He has been meeting with different contractors getting quotes for the proposed project. Demrow asked that Blodgett bring the estimated numbers to the selectboard to review.

There was more discussion as to the ARPA proposal process and how open the ARPA committee is to new proposals. Cawley noted that the committee has worked hard to pare the list down and will have the list for people to peruse at the town meeting. Kramer explained that no decision will be made at the town meeting and probably not until the 1st or 2nd selectboard meeting after the town meeting.

#### Anticipated town clerk/lister vacancies

The town clerk vacancy will be discussed in executive session later in the meeting. Head lister Karen Galayda has given her notice so the town is actively looking for a replacement as the Listers' office will be vacant once she's done. Kramer agreed to put a listing on the LRN for the position.

#### Town meeting 2022, final preparations

Cawley will talk with Luke Knapp who is providing the tent for the town meeting to confirm arrangements. It is anticipated that the tent will be set up on Sunday the 15th. Town clerk Nancy Ertle will set up for the meeting on Monday. Cawley, Demrow, and Apfel will set up the sound system early Tuesday morning. Apfel reported that he sent emails out to our state representatives. Rep LeFebvre has responded that she has it on her calendar and no reply yet from Rep Graham. Apfel expressed concern about handling the ARPA article at town meeting. Cawley assured him that the ARPA committee has been quite thorough and the article should go smoothly.

#### Correspondence

The selectboard received return receipts from the certified letters sent to residents who are in violation of the town right of way. A letter came from TRORC inquiring for any changes in the transportation advisory appointments which there are none.

#### Other business that comes before the board

None

#### Executive session/personnel matter

The board came out of executive session at 8:31 PM. No action taken.

Demrow made a motion to adjourn. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

