

Unapproved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Attending for the board: Rick Cawley and Nick Kramer. Anne Rosten selectboard clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Norm Collette, town hall maintenance. Others attending, Jeremy Goodrich. Attending via Zoom: Dutton Vought, Matt Nola, Jeremiah Goyette, and Gary Apfel, town moderator.

Board chair Rick Cawley called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of minutes of regular meeting of June 7, 2022, and financial meeting of June 13, 2022

No discussion or changes. Nick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7th, 2022 and the financial meeting of June 13th, 2022. Cawley noted that while he was not in attendance at the June 7, 2022 meeting, selectboard member Demrow had already made his corrections to the minutes, given that, Cawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public concerns, grievance procedure

Jeremy Goodrich of 137 Turkey Hill Rd. wanted to follow up with the board after receiving a letter in response to his complaints raised at the last selectboard meeting. He reiterated the driveway damage and the non application of calcium chloride on the road in front of his property. The board and Norm Collette again informed him of the difficulty of his property's location for maintenance given that it sits below the road.

Other concerns: Dutton Vought reported that BlackTop Paving just blacktopped 200 ft in front of his property and there appears to be a chemical spill from the project that is seeping onto his property. Rain is washing it into the staypak driveway and the grass. Road commissioner Porter will look at it, confer with foreman Blodgett, and follow up with Blacktop as necessary.

Road Commissioner's report/Hwy. Concerns

Porter stated that the East Corinth village paving project is ready to go.

Appointments

Jeremiah Goyette volunteered to take on one of the school board vacancies. Cawley welcomed his interest but noted that Joe and Sarah Nolin are still on the board as they have not tendered their resignations. He advised the need to wait until the Nolins resign before making an appointment to replace them. Nick Kramer made a motion to appoint Jeremiah Goyette to the school board contingent on one or both Nolins tendering their resignations. Cawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Cawley made a motion to reappoint Mike Wolff, Joe Blodgett and the selectboard to the Emergency Management Committee for one year. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Norm Collette stated that he would like to be kept in the loop for emergencies as he takes care of the town hall.

Next was the Upper Valley Ambulance service rep; currently Joe Truss. Cawley will email Joe and see if he wants to be reappointed. The E911 Coordinator was Karen Galayda until she resigned, as it coincided with the lister's job. Cawley will contact new listers Kelly Ann Donahue and Bill Tobin to see if either is interested in taking on that position.

Town hall maintenance/projects/renovations

Norm reported on all the accomplishments made around the town hall, i.e. mowing the orchard, lightbulbs, tree work, etc. The board discussed and agreed that Norm should get mowing bids from Dean Gregoropoulos and Chris Bruce. There was discussion about mapping the town orchard meadow, dying trees that need attention, and the back entrance to the building. More to be discussed during the ARPA agenda item.

ARPA proposals/sewer study

There was quite a bit of discussion about the different projects around the town hall building and the different state and federal funds aside from ARPA that could be applied for; Historic Preservation and Preservation Trust for windows, grants for energy audits and upgrades through Efficiency Vermont and VLCT. Collette listed a few requests about the back entrance but the board advised to wait and see what funding is available before scheduling any design and contract work.

Redstart Forestry has put in a bid for \$6500 to conduct a study to locate all the septic systems and wells in East Corinth village. Kramer made a motion to accept the \$6500 bid from Redstart for the original proposal to inventory all the septic and wells in the village. Cawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Cawley will contact Ben Machin from Restart to inquire whether it would be feasible to include locating stormwater drains and outlets as part of that project.

Then some discussion about welcome signs for Rt 25 and other roads entering Corinth from Bradford, Vershire, Washington, and Topsham. Cawley will explore the requirements of VTRANS at an upcoming meeting relative to the placing of signs on VT RT 25.

LEMP approval

Kramer made a motion to adopt the Local Emergency Management (LEMP) plan and send it to TRORC. Cawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Pay for temporary workers

The board revisited an earlier conversation from last fall concerning the minimum wage for all town employees, clarifying their intention to set a minimum wage of \$15/hr for all employees. Kramer made a motion to set the minimum wage for all hourly town workers at \$15. Cawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Revisions to dumping ordinance

Cawley stressed the need for notice of the revised ordinance to be published in the Journal Opinion and posted in 5 places around town. Kramer volunteered to put together a notice and send a draft to Cawley and Demrow for review prior to their next meeting in August.

Correspondence

The board acknowledged receiving a letter from NEKWMD informing them of a proposed revision of their by-laws removing the member towns requirement to pass NEKWMD's budget by australian ballot and instead passing the budget by vote of the member towns' representatives.

The Orange County Sheriff's Dept. contract was reviewed. Kramer made a motion to approve and authorize Cawley to sign the contract. Cawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other business that comes before the board

None

Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cawley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.