

Unapproved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Attending for the board ;Rick Cawley, Carl Demrow, and Nick Kramer. Anne Rosten selectboard clerk. Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Norm Collette, town hall maintenance; Chris Diaz, Constable. Others attending, Jeremy Goodrich, Attending via Zoom: Gary Apfel, town moderator

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

Approval of minutes of regular meeting of August 2, 2022, and financial meeting of August 8, 2022

No discussion. Carl Demrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 2, 2022 and the financial meeting of August 8, 2022. Nick Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public concerns

None

Road Commissioner's report / Hwy. Concerns: Dirt bike rally

Joe Blodgett requested the board to approve the design for the Hedgehog Bridge project in East Corinth with Ruggles Engineering. Joe met with Tim Ruggles to go over the plan which should not cost more than \$10,000 and the construction should take 3 to 4 weeks. Kramer made a motion to approve the Ruggles design phase of the project. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Norm Collette noted that during the project stones from the old Hunter Bobbin Mill may be uncovered which would be of historical significance.

Blodgett stated that the 2016 dump truck is due to be replaced next year. He would like to put in an order now for a new one as there could be shortages and there would not be any financial obligation to do so. Demrow made a motion to authorize Joe to place an order for the new truck now on the condition that the town is under no financial obligation at this time. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Blodgett noted that there is an extra \$11,000 left in this year's highway fund. After discussing whether to use it for needed equipment or fuel. The board decided to leave it as surplus in the highway fund for now as future fuel prices are uncertain.

Blodgett reported that he's received an email from a Taplin Hill resident asking for "Slow Children Playing" signs by his residence to slow traffic down. Blodgett and constable Chris Diaz explained that the official speed limit is 50 mph and to change it would be complicated and costly. However, the homeowner can put his own sign out as long as it is not in the town right of way.

The Norumbega and Montshire Trail Riders are holding a dirt bike rally on Sunday, September 11th from 11:00 - 4:00. Constable Diaz is concerned as there could be upwards of 300 motorcycles entered and there are areas on the route that may need a "police" presence to alert other drivers and cyclists to be careful. He presented the rally route map to the board. He requested to be paid to cover the intersection of Coppermine and Richardson Rds. He will also alert the Fast Squad about the rally. The board agreed to his request.

Transfer station: phone, illegal dumping, solid waste ordinance

There was a question as to whether the new revisions to the dumping ordinance was actually published in the print version of the Journal Opinion. It was later verified by Cawley and Demrow to be in the August 10th print edition.

The board and road foreman Blodgett discussed using a camera to photograph violators. Kramer made a motion to authorize Joe to set up a camera at the transfer station. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. He also requested the installation of a telephone for use in case of emergencies. The board looked over the different options from

Topsham Telephone and the Basic package looked adequate. Kramer made a motion to authorize Joe to have Topsham Telephone install the basic phone service at the transfer station. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

School Director vacancy

Sarah Nolin sent her resignation as School Director to the board. Nancy Ertle expressed interest in serving on the school board. Kramer made a motion to have Nancy Ertle appointed as School Director for Corinth. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chair Cawley will send Ertle an email to inform her.

ARPA proposals / town hall renovations

Joe Blodgett presented the drawings of the proposed town garage addition and the quote from the builder to members of the board. The builder came in with a quote of between \$230,000 and \$250,000 for the finished project. There was quite a bit of discussion and questions about different details. They are not ready to make a decision and asked Joe to keep them updated.

Norm Collette also presented his written plans for the town hall renovation project which encompasses many numerous projects; new windows, weatherization, new siding, frost wall, steps, gutters, roof, possible expansion, etc. As the town hall has needed updating for many years, these projects have added up. The board and Norm discussed how to prioritize and possibly categorize each need and deal with each separately. There are also other funds available from the state and nonprofits that could be utilized other than ARPA.

Kramer suggested having a special selectboard meeting for discussion on the town hall renovations. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, Sept. 29th at 7:00 PM to discuss all items on the list to identify the priorities. Cawley talked with Mark Nielsen who is interested in working on the project. He will ask Mark if he would care to attend the special meeting to help with suggestions.

Carl Demrow offered to post an ad on the LRN looking for a volunteer to do research on grant monies available. Carl and Nick will draft the ad and run it past Rick before posting.

Correspondence

The board read a letter from Brad Caswell and Carrie Kessler on Richardson Rd. which included a copy of the public comment to Ed Hathaway of the EPA asking the selectboard to encourage the EPA to revise their plans for the Corinth coppermines and significantly reduce the volume of truck traffic.

The board also received an email from an East Corinth resident looking to address the debris around the old store in the village.

Other business that comes before the board

None

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

Meeting ended at 9:13 PM.

