

Unapproved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting  
Tuesday, October 4, 2022

Attending for the board ;Rick Cawley and Nick Kramer; Carl Demrow attended via Zoom. Anne Rosten selectboard clerk. Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Norm Collette, town hall maintenance; Connie Longo. Others attending: Representative Samantha Lefebvre via Zoom.

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

Approval of minutes of regular meeting of September 6, 2022, and financial meeting of September 12, 2022

No discussion. Nick Kramer made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2022 and the financial meeting of September 12, 2022. Carl Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public concerns

None

Road Commissioner's report / Hwy. Concerns: Commissioner Porter reported that there are no obstacles in the town right of ways. Rick Cawley asked about some debris that is being left on the side of the road across from the Meadow Meeting House. Foreman Blodgett noticed it also and believes he knows who is leaving it; a resident from South America Rd. Joe then asked for the board to approve allocation of the Better Back Roads grant funds to be applied to the road crew's labor and equipment budgets in the amounts they were billed at. Kramer then made a motion to allocate the grant funds to whatever expenses the town used for the project. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Blodgett shared a letter with the board from the dealer from whom the town will order a new Western Star dump truck for next year's equipment rotation. The letter stated that the town is not obligated to buy the truck if the town votes it down at town meeting. Kramer made a motion to order the new truck, pending voter approval at town meeting. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Joe has heard from another Cookeville Rd. resident who is concerned about the material used by the road crew to grade the road. He assured the resident that Cookeville Rd. gets the same treatment as all other class 3 roads in town. Joe also reported that he purchased a roller for \$500 to better pack the gravel.

There was discussion about a washout problem behind the Corinth Academy and needed grading at the East Corinth ballfield which the town road crew will attend to.

Transfer station update

Blodgett said he ordered the phone for the transfer station building and has not set up the camera yet.

Lister vacancy

Nick Kramer received an email from an interested party for the lister's position. He gave him a rundown of the duties and suggested he get in touch with Kelly Ann Donahue for more information. Kramer will run the post again in the LRN. Joe heard from another woman who may be interested in the lister position.

Carl Demrow heard from someone interested in the building inspector position. He advised that she read the dilapidated building ordinance and get in touch with Rick, which she has done. Rick will call her back and discuss the position..

Norm Collette informed the board that the current town hall cleaning woman was getting done in January but has decided to terminate her employment immediately. Rick Cawley noted that Connie Longo is willing to take on the job which she has performed before. Carl Demrow made a motion to appoint Connie Longo to be the town hall cleaning person at the hourly rate of \$20. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ARPA proposals

Joe again went over the plans for the proposed expansion of the town garage. He and the board went over the probable costs for the foundation and shell as opposed to a new building. Joe proposed bringing in someone local with a portable sawmill and mill rough cut lumber to save money on the project. Joe stressed the need for the town equipment to be kept undercover and a dry, clean area for the town crew to eat their lunch and take breaks. Cawley stated that they need to

figure out the projected needs of the town hall renovation and the different funding options before they could commit a sum to the garage proposal.

#### Correspondence

The board read a proposal from NEWMD to amend their charter which will eliminate the Australian ballot voted on by member towns. Instead the final budget will be acted on by the board of supervisors.

Next was a solicitation from a nonprofit from Burlington called Big Heavy World requesting \$250 from the town. It will be put by Treasurer Kelley to be considered for appropriation at budget committee meetings.

Rick Cawley received a survey from TRORC to fill out asking for opinions of town needs which he had already completed online. He suggested the other board members fill out their own surveys if desired.

#### Other business that comes before the board

Shirley Montagne informed the board that she contacted an attorney who volunteered to do pro bono work and petition the court to release the \$2000 endowment for the library discussed at last month's selectboard meeting.

Norm urged the board to review and update the town hall use policy for the town clerk. He will scan the existing policy and send it to the board members. Rick said he would put it on a future agenda.

Nick Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 8:13 PM.