

Town of Corinth Selectboard  
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Unapproved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting  
Tuesday November 1, 2022

Attending for the board ;Rick Cawley, Carl Demrow, and Nick Kramer. Anne Rosten selectboard clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Norm Collette, town hall maintenance; KellyAnn Donahue, lister; Mark Nielsen, retired architect; Glyn Pellegrino, chair of the Conservation Commission. Others attending: Liz Davis and Suzanne Opton. Gary Apfel, treasurer Dick Kelley, Alex Nuti-de Biasi, editor from the Journal Opinion, and Carol Freeman via Zoom.

Board chair Rick Cawley called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 October 4, 2022 and the financial meeting of October 10, 2022. Carl Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public concerns

None

Road Commissioner's report / Hwy. Concerns:

Commissioner Lee Porter met with an engineer who reported that they have started improving the road to the copper mines and will be continuing to take soil samples for testing. He received a complaint about a resident driving too fast. He had a conversation with the speeder who agreed to slow down.

Lister Donahue informed the board that a new road name must be issued for camps who share a new access road off of Maplewood Rd. Donahue will send a letter out to the residents informing them of their 911 addresses and requesting a name for the road.

Transfer station update/recycling trailer

Porter said the telephone company did install a new line to the transfer station but the actual telephone has not been placed there yet. Cawley raised a question as to who owns the recycle trailer for the redeemables. The Conservation Commission owns it and is responsible for the cost of the upkeep.

Complaint re: East Corinth property

The board of the East Corinth Congregational Church submitted a complaint letter to the selectboard detailing a number of issues regarding the former East Corinth store property, which abuts the church. The issues included tree damage, the condition of the back barn closest to the church, and concerns over fire. The barn attached to the back of the old store is crumbling and very near the river. Cawley noted the board has no authority to deal with the tree issue. Cawley suggested they try and work with the property owner for a resolution. Demrow made a motion to forward the complaint to the building safety inspector with a directive to focus on the condition of the barn structure. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Hall repairs and renovations (ARPA)

Mark Nielsen handed out hard copies of the town hall plan he worked up with a ballpark estimate on the costs from Rinehimer Custom Carpentry. He also reviewed with the board each point of the plan on his computer. The plan includes repairs to the roof, a new covered porch with stairs and a ramp, drainage pipes, etc. The board agreed it is a good plan and a serious investment as it is. Cawley suggested moving forward through 3 stages:

First, there needs to be one board member authorized to work with Nielsen and Collette through the project.

Second, to authorize Collette to get fixes on the roof repairs.

Third, To look at further projects such as new windows, weatherization, and the attic.

Kramer made a motion to authorize Rick Cawley to work directly with Nielsen in consulting with Collette to advance the design as presented tonight. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Demrow then made a motion to authorize Norm to accept the proposal from Burrell Roofing Co. for \$2200 to fix the roof and use money from the building

reserve fund. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The board will continue discussing other needed town hall projects in future meetings.

#### Knotweed on Cookeville Road

The board discussed the growing problem of knotweed growing on roadsides and river banks in town. One proposed solution is to use herbicides to stop the invasive growth. Conservation commission chair Glyn Pellegrino said that it is impossible to eliminate and would not condone the use of herbicides. Cawley felt the consensus was to decline to go forward with it and so it was tabled.

#### Town hall use policy/wage policy

The board members discussed how to conclude which town positions should be paid or volunteer. Kramer agreed to compose a master list with 2 columns for the board to look at.

Collette and Connie Longo will inspect the town hall for cleanliness and cleanup after use and decide whether a deposit refund is appropriate.

#### Town Report authorization

The board and Donahue discussed what the town report theme could be this year for photos. Collette suggested the Pike Hill copper mines as the historical society has a lot of old photos from its heyday.

Demrow made a motion to authorize Anne McKinsey to continue to work on the town report. Kramer seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Budget meeting schedule/interim warrant

The board went over the tentative budget meeting schedule from last month's meeting with all agreed on the dates and time. Kramer made a motion to approve the budget meeting schedule for November 15th, 22nd, and 29th, December 8th, and December 13th if needed. All meetings will be at 6:00 PM. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After a few questions for treasurer Kelley, Kramer made a motion to approve the interim warrant. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Appointment to revolving loan fund committee (selectboard member)

Demrow made a motion to appoint Nick Kramer as the selectboard member to the revolving loan fund committee. Rick seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Correspondence (TRORC dues)

The board got letters from FEMA about flood risk studies being conducted in the White River watershed and also the Connecticut River watershed which includes the Waits River.

They also read a letter from TRORC for the town's annual dues to be warned for town meeting unless they were built into the town budget for appropriation.

#### Other business that comes before the board

Donahue asked how the search was going to recruit new listers. Kramer explained that there had been a couple of interested people but hadn't heard anything after the initial calls. Donahue then handed out a paper with options for fulfilling the tasks of the listers' office in the event the town couldn't find the needed three listers. The board will continue to seek people for the listers' job.

Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Demrow seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.