

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Selectboard Meeting
January 11, 2016

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Russ Pazdro; Steve Long.
Others Attending: Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Pazdro moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the January 5, 2016 Financial Meeting. Long seconded. Motion passed.

Town Warning

The Board reviewed and made changes to the draft warning for Town Meeting 2016. It will be sent to the Town Clerk and other town officials for review. The final warning will be signed at a Special Selectboard Meeting on January 26, 2016 and posted the following day.

Highway Department

The Board discussed a leaning tree on Pike Hill Road and concerns of ice build up at the Devins Farm Bridge. Long will relay the concerns to Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman.

Correspondence

The Board reviewed a copy of David Danforth's resignation as Corinth Fire Warden.
The Board received a request from the VT Veterans' Home that a link to their website be added to the Corinth website. Groschner will ask the webmaster about including the link.
The Board received the 2016 Certificate of Highway Mileage form. It was agreed to discuss and sign this at the next meeting, allowing the Road Commissioner time to review the figures.
The Board reviewed remaining correspondence.

Other Business

The Board discussed the dilapidated buildings ordinance. Ed Pospisil, Corinth Fire Chief, will be invited to attend a future meeting.
The Board changed the date of the Financial Meeting in March to March 8 at 5:00 due to Town Meeting taking place on March 1.
The Board will set up a meeting with Burt Cooper, Town Moderator, to discuss Town Meeting.

Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers

The Board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Pazdro seconded.
The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Selectboard Meeting
February 8, 2016

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Russ Pazdro, Steve Long.
Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman;
Robert Fortunati; Rick Cawley; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting, the January 26, 2016 Special Selectboard Meeting and the February 2, 2016 Financial Meeting. Pazdro seconded. Motion passed.

Public Concerns

Robert Fortunati voiced concerns regarding the Highway Department using too much sand on town highways, not enough ditches along the roads, and damage to trees and stone walls. Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman, addressed the concerns saying damage to the trees in question was not the fault of the Highway Department and the ditches and culverts are handling the roadside water sufficiently. Blodgett stated that he has not received other concerns from town residents. The Board agreed that they have only heard positive feedback. After much discussion, the Board recommended no change to the current road plan.

Appointments

Groschner moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Burt Cooper as Town Moderator. The Board expressed appreciation for Cooper's years of service to the town. Long seconded. Motion passed.

Pazdro moved to appoint Rick Cawley as temporary Town Moderator for the 2016 Town Meeting. Long seconded. Motion passed. Cawley graciously accepted the appointment. The Board and Cawley discussed Town Meeting preparations.

Road Commissioner's Report

Roderick stated that the Highway Department trucks are in good working order and things are running smoothly. Blodgett presented details regarding the future purchase of a new truck. Groschner moved to approve the purchase of a new Ford 550 truck from Gateway Motors, equipped by Viking Cives for a total of \$87,680. Long seconded. Motion passed. Blodgett will meet with the treasurer to draw up the paperwork.

Committees

Roderick reported that the Conservation Committee sponsored square dance at WRVS, held recently, was very successful. Roderick also reported that the Forest Committee's plan will be ready for the Board to review at the April meeting.

Other Business

The Board discussed two separate cases of dog bites.

The Board thanked Russ Pazdro for his commitment and time as a Corinth Selectman. Pazdro's term ends in 2016 and he is not running for reelection.

Correspondence

The Board received notice from Casella of a bag rate increase, effective March 1, 2016.

A 15 gallon bag will go from \$1.50 a bag to \$1.60 a bag.

A 30 gallon bag will go from \$3.00 a bag to \$3.20 a bag.

A 45 gallon bag will go from \$4.50 a bag to \$4.80 a bag.

Groschner will review the Casella contract in detail for other changes. The contract will be signed next month.

Emergency Lights and Fire Extinguishers

The Board checked and found all to be working properly. It was noted that the fire extinguishers need to be recharged in May.

Pazdro moved to adjourn. Long seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of the Regular Selectboard Meeting
March 14, 2016

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long.
Others Attending: Susanne Smith, NEKWMD Alt. Supervisor; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Carolina Diaz; Lynn Sciortino, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the March 8, 2016 Financial Meeting. Groschner seconded. Motion passed.

Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

Smith presented information regarding proposed changes to the NEKWMD charter. Long moved that the Selectmen instruct the NEKWMD Supervisors to approve the two proposed charter changes on budget approval process and per capita fees. Groschner seconded. Motion passed. Action will be taken at the next NEKWMD meeting on April 12.

Appointments

Groschner moved the following appointments:

Budget Committee: Irene Mann, Amy Peberdy, Raymond Moulton, Linda Weiss, Mike Pittman, Lee Porter for one-year terms ending in 2017.

Conservation Commission: Frank Roderick for a four-year term ending in 2020.

E911 Coordinator: Frank Roderick for a one-year term ending in 2017.

Emergency Management Coordinator: Joe Truss for a one-year term ending in 2017.

Energy Coordinator: Tim O'Dell for a one-year term ending in 2017.

Fence Viewers: Gary Bicknell, Robert Fortunati, Mike Danforth for one-year terms ending in 2017.

NEKWMD Supervisors: Marian Cawley, Bob Sandberg (alt.), Susanne Smith (alt.) for one-year terms ending in 2017.

Planning Commission: Bill Tobin, Dan Carter, Russ Pazdro for three-year terms ending in 2019.

Revolving Loan Fund: Linda Weiss for a three-year term ending in 2019.

Service Officer: Jen Brooks-Wooding for a one-year term ending in 2017.

Town Forest Committee: Dina DuBois, Kevin Eaton, Courtney Haynes, Frank Roderick for one-year terms ending in 2017.

Tree Warden and Wood Surveyor: Ginny Barlow for a one-year term ending in 2017.

TRORC Commissioner: Frank Roderick for a one-year term ending in 2017.

Upper Valley Ambulance Representative: Joe Truss for a one-year term ending in 2017.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: Kevin Eaton, Frank Roderick, Maxine Slack, Peter Allen (alt.) for one-year terms ending in 2017.

Long seconded. Motion passed. Sciortino will draft appointment letters.

Road Commissioner's Report

Roderick reported that Joe Blodgett will be attending an annual town highway budget meeting with a VTrans representative on March 28th. Long will attend.

Committees

Roderick reported that the Town Forest Plan has been completed and will be emailed to the Selectmen.

Smith reported that Kevin Geiger from TRORC will attend the April meeting of the Planning Commission to go over the final draft of the Subdivision Bylaws.

Groschner moved to accept with regret the resignation of Kimberly Hotelling from the Conservation Commission. Long seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence

The Board received and signed a liquor license renewal application for the East Corinth General Store. The Board reviewed remaining correspondence.

Other Business

Groschner moved to pass the following resolution:

The Corinth Selectboard, on March 14, 2016, established the date, time and place of its regular meetings. Financial meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, 5:00 p.m., at the Corinth Town Hall and Regular meetings will be held on the second Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m., at the Corinth Town Hall.

Long seconded. Motion passed. Sciortino will post the resolution.

The Board received a call from Sugar Maple Preschool seeking suggestions for a preschool location for the next school year. Discussion followed. Groschner will contact the preschool with possible sites.

Groschner reported that the problem at the Transfer Station has been resolved.

The Board received a call regarding support to legislative change in order for more local control of solar projects. Discussion was tabled until all Selectboard members are present.

The Board thanked Sciortino for her service to the town as Selectboard and Planning Commission clerk and welcomed Carolina Diaz, who will be replacing Sciortino on April 1st.

Emergency Lights and Fire Extinguishers

The Board checked and found all to be working properly.

Long moved to adjourn. Groschner seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting
April 11, 2016

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long, Hal Drury.

Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Dina Dubois; Katie Southworth; Tom King, Deputy Chief; Joi Winchell; Tim Moore; Joyce McKeeman; Rick Cawley, Town Attorney; Anne McKinsey; Carole Freeman; Lori Buik; Jim Ainsworth; Alex Nuti-de Biasi (JO); Daniel Wing; Sarah Polli; Richard G. Hutchins; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approvals of the Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the April 5, 2016 Financial Meeting with two corrections to the Financial minutes. In regards to the roof over the handicapped entrance, last line, replace "next year" to "2017-18 year"; In the Journal Entries, change "January" to March". Drury seconded. Motion passed.

Public Concerts

Several local residents attended to voice their concerns on the building located at 657 Village Rd, East Corinth, VT 05040. They state the building is becoming a fire hazard and people feel there are potential safety issues, especially with a school bus stop, in front of the building. While waiting for the bus, children play in the surrounding areas and near a 8 to 10 foot ditch. The conversation continued regarding the structural soundness of the building and septic condition with proximity to the river and neighbors. The residents request to use the Dilapidated Building Ordinance to inspect the building. Southworth was representing the owner Michelle Walker; she stated there have been several renovations and Mrs. Walker's son, Mark, is currently living on the 2nd floor. Polli said her insurance company advised she request a copy of Walker's Certificate of Insurance in case something happens because Mark has dug up into her property line. The board will take the petition submitted by the residents and will start going thru the steps, using the ordinance, and order an inspection to assess the structure. Others in attendance stated they wished the board to also act on the former Eastman property on Cookeville Road, which they stated also qualified as a dilapidated building. Long stated they have been looking for a local inspector with the expertise but have not been able to find one. The Board agreed they will have an answer by next month's meeting.

Fire Department/New Fire Station

Tim Moore presented drawings and a new estimate for the fire station; he provided information for the board to review. Groschner stated the board is very supportive of this project. The Board will have to review all the materials submitted. Groschner asked Drury to consider being a point man on the Fire Station. Drury agreed.

Town Forest Management Plan

Roderick suggested the Board read the plans submitted and see if they had changes before scheduling a Public Meeting.

Road Commissioners Report/Highway Concerns

Roderick stated they took delivery of the Ford 550 truck and it's currently being outfitted with dump body and plow. When the new truck arrives, the old Ford 550 will be listed on the market. He also stated the Highway Department are running smoothly and maintaining the roads.

Committees

Roderick reminded the board, as a representative of Two Rivers, that he will be terminating his services in June 2016. The Board will have to select someone to represent the town. Also, there will be a meeting on 4/25/16 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Royalton Academy Building to discuss the Act 250, The Regional Plan and Local Plans and Regulations regarding purchases of land to make large complexes.

Correspondence

Long moved to approve the Corinth Local Emergency Operation plan and send it back to Two Rivers. Drury seconded. Motion passed.

Other Business

No other business.

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers

The Board checked and found all to be working properly. It was noted that the fire extinguishers need to be recharged in May.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting
May 9, 2016

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury.
Others Attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Irene Miller; Karen Galayda, Administrative Officer; Greg Thurston, Susanne Smith; Dina Dubois; Anne McKinsey; Joyce McKeeman; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approvals of the Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2016 Regular Selectboard Meeting and the May 5, 2016 Financial Selectboard Meeting. Drury seconded. Motion passed.

Public Concerts

Board has received two letters from citizens regarding the septic of 657 Village Rd, East Corinth Village. Agency of Natural Resources has been contacted and will open an investigation file for the property. They provided no estimate on how long their review will take. There were also concerns about a barking dog at the same address. Board suggested that citizens should contact the dog officer or second constable. Board will follow the ordinance and the same process will be done for the Eastman building.

Dilapidated Buildings

The board has been searching for a volunteer to be the Dilapidated Building Ordinance safety officer. Board member Hal Drury has agreed to serve in that capacity. Groschner makes motion to appoint Hal Drury as Building Safety Officer, Long seconds. Motion passed.

Septic system

Thurston reported that he had contacted three contractors for bids for the new town hall septic system to be installed this summer. He has received two sealed bids which he presented to the board. The lowest bid came from Ricker Excavating. Long makes motion to accept Rickers Excavation, Drury seconds. Motion passed.

Fire Station

Drury reported that he had contacted Morton Builders for a current copy of their construction contract which had not been received at time of the meeting. Groschner will send it to be reviewed by the town attorney when it becomes available..

Flood Hazard Bylaw Fees

Galayda suggested that the Corinth citizens need to be better informed about the Flood Hazard Bylaws process and the fees which would be levied if a permit should be required. The board set fees at \$25.00 plus any needed additional expenses. Groschner suggested to add information on the town website, town newsletter and place an ad in JO newspaper.

Town Forest

The board thanked the Town Forest Committee for their hard work on the Forest Bylaws. Longs move to accept the Forest Bylaws. Groschner seconds. Motion passed.
A public meeting will be scheduled for July meeting. Long and Drury will be out in June. Long will send bylaws to Anne to post on website for public inspection. Roderick will post on LRN for information to the public.

Road Commissioner's Report/Highway Concerns

Blodgett reported that he will be listing the Ford 550 truck for sale as soon as the new truck is available. The board approved the purchase of a \$500.00 used aluminum box storage unit for use at the transfer station.

Committees

NEK Waste Management District Board of Supervisory is Marian Cawley, Bob Sandberg (alternate), Susanne Smith (2nd alternate).

Correspondence

Board signed a Law Enforcement Contract with Orange County Sheriff.

Other Business

No other business

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers

The Board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Town of Corinth
Unapproved Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting
June 13, 2016
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury.

Others attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Anne McKinsey; Ed Pospisil, Fire Chief; Tim Moore, Corinth Fire Dept.; Dina Dubois; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approvals of the Minutes

Long moved to change the date on the SB Financial Meeting Minutes to June 7, 2016 and approve the Selectboard Meeting Minutes on May 9, 2016. Drury seconded. Motion passed.

Public Concerns

None

Dilapidated Buildings

Drury will be mailing out a letter, Certified – Return Receipt, to the owners of each property, 657 Village Rd. East Corinth Village and the former Eastman property on Cookeville Rd to start process with the Dilapidated Building Ordinance. Citizens have offered to help with fixing the 657 Village Road, but the current tenants have not accepted. The board has noticed there have been some movements on the Cookeville property.

Fire Station

Drury will request a contract from Morton Builders that is specific to the Fire Station building. He will meet with Moore and Pospisil on 6/15/16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Town Forest

The Town Forest Management Plan is available on the website and the Town Clerk can print a copy if any citizen requests to see a hard copy. The Town Forest Committee has dissolved and effectively merged into the Conservation Commission. Long moves to appoint Dina Dubois and Kevin Eaton to the Conservation Commission.

Proposed gift of land to town

Possible Frank Infante gifting the town with 20.6 acres at 2402 Chelsea Road, Corinth. Board discussed the possible uses of the property and determined that there was no compelling reason to own the property. Long moves to respectfully decline the offer from Frank Infante, Drury seconds. Long will contact Infante regarding the board's decision. Motion passed.

Road Commissioners report /Hwy. Concerns

Blodgett can expect delivery of 1 ton truck by next week. Open bids to sell the old truck will be available next SB meeting, starting at 7 pm, Blodgett will be able to receive bids thru emails and the board will make a decision. The RC continue paving project. Reclaim ½ mile Vershire to Cemetery Road. At 8:00, Groschner made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a highway contract. Long second. Motion passed. Board came out of executive session at 8:25 and no decisions made.

Long asked Roderick if he had thought about a person to replace him as Road Commissioner. Roderick discussed the role and offered several possibilities, including current Road Foreman Joe Blodgett. The board has until August to make the appointment and will explore the possibilities.

Committees

None.

Correspondence

Irene sent a letter to Drury asking the future use of the old fire house in East Corinth. The fire department will continue using it for storage.

Letter from Green Mt. Economic Corp. Groschner will be attending the June 23rd meeting. Contract from the Auditors for Terms of agreement for next fiscal year. Groschner, Long and Drury signed the contract with Auditors for one year.

NEK mailed the updated town registration form.

Letter from Municipal Street Light program- Groschner will to check if we are paying for the street light that has been turned off for the last six months.

Letter from Two Rivers acknowledging that Blodgett will be replacing Frank Roderick on the transportation committee.

Other business

None

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers.

The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes

July 11, 2016

Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Lillian Gahagan, Journal-Opinion; Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Town Treasurer; Ed Pospisil, Fire Chief; Tim Moore, Fire Department; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk; and visitors Katie Southworth, Chris Doyle, Virginia Barlow, Marian Cawley, Anne McKinsey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Groschner moved to change the agenda to give time for Fortunati, Town Treasurer. Long second. Motion passed. Fortunati presented the board with bills to approve and sign for the fiscal year end.

Approval of the Minutes

Long offered corrections to the minutes for the June 7th meeting. He suggested adding "term ending on 2020" in the Town Forest section to define the terms on the Conservation Commission for Dina Dubois and Kevin Eaton. Groschner second. Motion passed.

Long suggested to add Irene Miller's last name to the Correspondence section. With those corrections, Long moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on June 7th and approve the SB Meeting Minutes of the financial meeting on July 5th. Groschner second. Motion passed.

Public Concerns – None

Town Forest

Town Forest Management Plan is available in the Town website. Long thanked the Town Forest Committee on the wonderful job they did with the Town Forest Management Plan.

Several citizens suggested that motorized biking and horseback riding be allowed in the forest. Members of the Town Forest Committee explained that the plan restricted them because of concerns about liability and maintenance, but they didn't object to changing that policy. Long moves to amend the document and remove the restriction on mountain bikes and horseback riding. Drury second. Motion passed.

Long made a motion to amend the plan and change any reference to "Town Forest Committee" as the manager of the forest to Conservation Commission. Conservation Commission is in charge of managing the forest. Drury second. Motion passed.

Fire Station

Drury suggested that he meet with the Town Treasurer to see if there is surplus funding available for the Fire Station plans. Construction drawings will cost \$32,000. With the construction plans, Morton Builders, will present a final budget. Tim Moore urged the board to move on this to keep the process moving forward. The Board will need to present the final budget to the public for their approval. Drury made a motion if \$32,000 is available from the surplus, the Selectboard recommends to pay Morton Builders to complete a full set of construction drawings for the new building. Long second. Motion passed.

Dilapidated Building

Drury says there has been progress at the 657 Village Rd. building. The owners say they have plans to close in the first floor, and then will close the hole on the street side of the building after finishing the

foundation. Groschner reported that we have not been able to get a call back from the Agency of natural Resources regarding its findings on the legality of the septic system.. Long mentioned that Twin Pine Housing, a non-profit organization, probably has a staff to do inspections, and suggested we might ask their assistance if the Building Safety Officer conducts an inspection.

Groschner will speak with town attorney to see what it will take to change the name of the ordinance to Building Safety Ordinance from Dilapidated Building Ordinance.

At the Cookeville property, Sara Woods, the owner, has been able to take sole possession of property and has two parties interested in purchasing the building as is, before a cleanup.

Road Commissions report /Hwy. Concerns

Blodgett received bids for the 2010 550 Truck from Gateway for \$12,000 and another bidder for \$16,200. Roderick suggested to sell for \$16,200. Yearly payment for the new truck is \$19,000. Long moves to sell the truck for \$16,200 and put the money towards the payment of the new truck. Groschner seconds. Motion passed.

Blodgett will speak with the owner of the property across from the transfer station about discontinuing Town use of the property for temporary storage of fill Board suggests to take everything out and leave property in good condition, thank the property owner for the use of the property. Board suggested for Blodgett to look into the old town dump on Brook Road to see if it could be approved for storage of dirt and other materials.

Blodgett received two grants. A \$13,000 grant will be used to change the culvert and fix erosion on Coppermine Road. The Planning grant of \$5,300 will be for an erosion plan.

Blodgett will look into painting the road where the stop sign was added on Cookeville Road and Brook Road.

Roderick spoke with Lee Porter about replacing him as Road Commissioner when he is ready to step down. Roderick will go over any changes.

Committees

Town Forest committee dissolved. The Conservation Commission will do trail maintenance in the fall. Dick Kelly from the Planning Commission requested to add his son, Zachary Kelly, to fill in the PC unexpired term of Susanne Smith. Long moves to appoint Zachary Kelly to fill in the PC unexpired term of Susanne Smith until March 2018. Drury seconds. All in favor.

Groschner reported that he spoke with Russ Pazdro to fill an opening on the Board of Adjustment and he accepted.

Correspondence

Casellas correspondence about adjusting rate change. The current rate is as follows: 15 gl at \$1.67, 30gl at \$3.30, 45gl at \$5.00.

Other business – None

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers

The board checked and found all to be in working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Drury second.

Meeting adjourn at 8:50.

Town of Corinth Select board Unapproved Minutes
August 8, 2016
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Frank Roderick, Road Commissioner; Karen Galayda, Lister; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Christopher Diaz, Second Constable. Visitors: Lee Porter, Katie Southworth; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Long offered corrections to the minutes for the July 11th meeting. He suggested changes in the following sections:
Town Forest: Change the word "motorized biking" to "mountain biking."
Road Commissioner's report: add "sold to International Auction."

Long moved to approve the minutes with the mentioned changes of the Select board Meeting on July 11th and approved the SB Meeting minutes of the financial meeting on August 2nd. Drury second. Motion passed.

Public Concerns – None

Fire Station

The board announced, with great regret, the sudden passing of Tim Moore. He was dealing with the Fire Station project. At this point, the Board has not been told who will be responsible for the Fire Station in this role. Drury has been in touch with Morton Builders. Drury confirmed, Morton Builders' bid would be based on it being the General Contractors for this job. Drury also confirmed Morton Builders fee is included in the quoted price. Drury requested from Morton Builders a contract that is specific to this job, so the Selectboard can feel comfortable taking it to a public vote. The treasurer reported the town has \$119,000 surplus for next year, which \$48,000 is budgeted for the fiscal year. The board feels it would be safe to take \$32,000 for the construction drawings of the Fire Station. The Board will have a special vote in November to see if the public authorizes the use.

Dilapidated Building

Drury produced a Notice of Intent to conduct a safety inspection of the 1102 Cookeville Road property. The inspection is scheduled for August 31st at 10 a.m., this will start the process of the Dilapidated Building Ordinance. Drury will inspect the building and site. Groschner moves for the board send the notice to the owners of 1102 Cookeville Road with intention to conduct a safety inspection on August 31st, 2016 at 10 am, Long seconds. Motion passed.

The board has noticed construction activity at the 657 Village Road, East Corinth. Southworth reported the owner's plans to close the front of the building, her contractors will continue work in a couple of weeks.

Road Commissioner's report /Hwy. Concerns

Roderick presented his resignation as Road Commissioner and several other appointed positions, as of August 15th. The board accepted the resignations with great regret.

The board appoints the following people to take over:

Road Commissioner – Lee Porter

E-9-1-1 Coordinator – Joe Blodgett

Driveway Permits – Joe Blodgett

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Russ Pazdro

Conservation Commission – The commission has enough members for now.

Two Rivers – Roderick has also served as the representative to Two Rivers Ottauquechee. He recommends that the town should send someone, meetings are held every 4th Thursday of every month in Woodstock.

Blodgett says they've changed culverts, ditches, and have mowed many roadsides. Paving is all done on Chelsea Road. The road crew will be doing a chip seal project on Eagle Hollow Road to seal the cracks. This will preserve the pavement for about 5 or 6 years.

Blodgett presented two contracts for salt, Cargill \$80.56/ton and American Salt is \$77.44/ton. The town is budgeted for 600 tons. Blodgett suggested to go with Cargill because of their reliability. Past experience with American Salt, has not been favorable. They are further away and are not reliable to deliver salt when most needed. Long moves to accept Road Foreman and Road Commissioner suggestion, to use Cargill for the salt delivery. Drury seconds. Motion passed.

Other business

Zoning Board of Adjustment, Galayda spoke with the board in reference to a Conflict of Interest Policy. Galayda found a Corinth Planning Commission policy that she suggests to have adopted as an umbrella for all the committees. The board will take under advisement and look over what Galayda provided.

Galayda also asked if there is a time limit on driveway permits. Galayda gave an example of the Martinis issue, they had a driveway permit, the Martinis built their second driveway but the Bylaws have changed, and according to the Bylaws, the location of the 2nd driveway is not acceptable. Galayda will look for the Driveway permit given to the Martinis and present it to the board.

Lister – Galayda presented a case of errors and omissions. The error is a camp on McArthur Ridge, 4 years ago. The camp was listed on the wrong parcel. The board signed necessary papers to move the camp from one parcel to the correct parcel. Assessment will be added next year.

The Listers have inspected 488 out of 792 properties. 34 properties they have not been able to get into at all. Most of the data collected is from exterior inspections. Galayda will post on the October newsletter if anyone wants an interior inspection to get in touch with Galayda and they will schedule it.

The Board received Joe Hill's email letter of resignation as first constable. Diaz, the Second Constable, requested the board to appoint him First Constable and appoint someone for Second Constable. The Board will check if they can appoint Diaz as First Constable or if he has to be elected into the position. The Board is also wondering if two constables are needed because the Board noticed that Hill was inactive for several years. Diaz explained how it is necessary to have two constables. Diaz and Hill handled the traffic during Halloween and the 4th of July Parade. Diaz also explained how two constables are needed for any special events done in the town.

Correspondence – none

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers

The board checked and found all to be in working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Drury second.

Meeting adjourn at 8:00 pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
September 12, 2016
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Christopher Diaz, Second Constable; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman. Visitors: Christopher Diaz, Theodore Rogers and Linda Moore; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on August 8th and the SB Financial Meeting minutes on September 6th. Drury second. Motion passed.

Public Concerns

Theodore Rogers, full time resident for 4 years, live on 350 Limlaw Road. Mr. Rogers explained the Town road crew has dug up the ditches next to his driveway, they are over 6 feet deep and about 3 feet wide and the ditch goes in to his property about 14 feet. The water flow now goes into his property. Mr. Rogers has spoken with the Road Foreman, who explained the town had the right of way. Mr. Rogers said he was not notified of the changes done to the road. Mr. Rogers is concerned about liability if a car loses control and goes into the ditch that has been created. Groschner had visited the location with the Road Commissioner and Road Foreman. He showed pictures of the entrance of the driveway and the culvert that became visible after the ditches were cleaned out. Groschner also looked at the driveway permit. The Road Commissioner and Road Foreman confirmed and the drainage ditch has to be there as a condition of the driveway permit. He said he understands Mr. Rogers's concern now that the ditch is more open, someone can make an early turn into your driveway and end in the ditch. Groschner placed reflectors to mark the edge of the driveway, so someone would have much less opportunity to make a wrong turn. The reflectors were purchased by Groschner.

Porter explained the Driveway Permit signed has to have the water off of town road to avoid road erosion. Prior to clearing the ditch, only about an inch of the 18" culvert was showing, so consequently no water could run thru there. The culvert is there to move the water under the driveway rather than over the road and in front of the drive. Porter provided a copy of the driveway permit to Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers reiterated his concern about someone driving into the ditch. Constable Diaz said during his patrolling, he has never had an issue during winter with Limlaw Road. Blodgett explained it is Mr. Rogers responsibility to maintain his culvert driveway, as stated on the Driveway Permit. Blodgett suggested to contact the fire department and have the culvert flushed.

Constable

Groschner explained in order for the board to appoint Diaz to First Constable, he will have to resign as Second Constable and the Board would appoint him as First constable until the next election. Diaz is willing to accept being appointed as First Constable, but he would like the board to assign a Second Constable. Diaz explained he needs help during the Halloween festivities at East Corinth village. Blodgett said Joe Hill, who recently moved out of town, would help during Halloween and when needed. Groschner said there was no one that has asked to be Second Constable. Christopher M. Diaz (son of Constable Diaz) said he would be interested in being appointed and will be running for Second Constable in March elections. Groschner asked for his experience CM Diaz explained he has been in several ride alongs with police officers, is well knowledgeable in the town laws and has been in ride alongs with the Constable Hill and Constable Diaz. Long feels he should be elected as a Second Constable by the people, rather than appointed to the post. Constable Diaz said he will need help during the Halloween festivities. Porter said he has no problem with CM Diaz being a Second Constable but also agrees he should be elected into the position, he also said the town allocates a budget for police services from the Orange County Sheriff. He recommended asking them to help Constable Diaz. Groschner agreed that we should use Orange County Sheriff for help on Halloween.

Long suggested that Diaz write a resignation letter and submit it to the Board. Diaz submitted a letter of resignation as Second Constable, Groschner moves to accept the letter of resignation. Long second, motion passed. Groschner moves to assign Diaz as First Constable. Long second. Motion passed.

Fire Station

Drury said a contract had arrived from Morton Builders and he has forwarded it to town attorney Cawley and to the other members of the selectboard. Long will provide to the Town Clerk the warning to hold a town vote on spending \$32,000 to receive a comprehensive contract from Morton Builders.

Dilapidated Building

Drury, the Corinth Safety Officer submitted his inspection report on the 1102 Cookeville Road. The Board reviewed the Safety Officer Report and Long moves to accept the report and have the Safety Office write a Building Safety order and send it to the owner, Groschner second. Motion passed.

Road Commissioner's report /Hwy. Concerns

Blodgett suggested to move up the Road Commissioner's report in the Agenda for future meetings. Long said he will move it right after Public Concerns.

Blodgett is done paving. Has been working on culverts around town. They are currently working on Pike Hill Road near Rollie Day Road and Pond Lane to avoid the mud that happens every year. Then they will work on the Coppermine Road culvert right after Diaz driveway and by the Kennedy's. Eagle Hollow Road will be worked on this week to finish the chip seal project. Blodgett would like to purchase a set of new forks for the loader. The cost is \$4500. He will use the money from the budget and trade the old ones. The Board agrees to have Blodgett purchase the new forks.

Blodgett says they are making baby steps to fix Limlaw Road and the triangle corner for better entrance onto Rt 25.

Committees:

The Board will ask if anyone from the Planning Commission would consider representing the Town of Corinth on the board of Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission. Groschner will contact D.Kelley and attend the Planning Commission Special meeting on 9/15/2016.

Town Report, the board needs to start working on the Town Report. Need to remind the committees to submit all their report by 11/1/16. Anne McKinsey will layout the report and arrange for printing. Long is willing to help with editing. Drury would volunteer if more help is needed.

Other business: None

Correspondence

The Town Treasurer is looking to approve first half of the School payment of \$844,716.00. The board approved and signed the payment. Form was left at the Town Treasurer's desk.

VLCT Annual meeting, Wed Oct 5th. is inviting a representative of the town to attend as a voting member.

Letter from the people who run Sugar Maple Preschool. Asking Tax Exempt because they are non profit organization. The selectboard cannot grant this request, it needs to be added for town meeting to be voted on.

Clean Water advisory committee from Two River asked Corinth to send a delegate. It would make sense to have someone from the Conservation Committee. Long delivered letter to the CCC.

Norumbega Trail Ride annual chair recreational trail ride. They reminded the Board of the Annual Motorcycle ride.

Other business: None

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be in working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long second.
Meeting adjourn at 9:02 pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
October 10, 2016
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Christopher Diaz, First Constable; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Groschner moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on September 12th Long seconds. Motion passed. Long moved to approve the SB Financial Meeting minutes on October 4th. Drury second. Motion passed.

Public Concerns

None

Road Commissioners Report/Hwy. Concerns

Drury has a concern regarding the stop sign from Brooke and Cookeville. Drury believes there are blind spots. Also at the same intersection, Groschner had asked Blodgett to repaint the road.

It will be discussed in the next meeting.

Constable

Diaz contacted Orange County to come and help at the Halloween festivities

Diaz is hoping the board would appoint Diaz Jr. as a second constable. The board would rather have Diaz Jr. run for the position and be elected in March 2017 than be appointed by the Board. Drury ask how long those it take for Orange County Police to respond to any possible calls. Diaz explained it varies, and can take a long time.

Fire Station

Informational meeting is on 11/1/16. Drury will ask the fire department to ask Mike Pittman to present the case. Pittman is both the treasurer for the fire department and a member of the town budget committee. Groschner drafted a letter to the editor to be sent to Journal-Opinion before the meeting.

Dilapidated Building

Groschner has been trying to contact Dan Mathews, State of Vermont Compliance Officer regarding the septic situation at the East Corinth building. For months, Mathews has not returned any of Groschner's calls.

Drury will contact Katie Southworth, following up on the safety concerns needed to be addressed at the 657 Village Rd. East Corinth Village.

Building Safety order was sent by Certified Letter to the owner of the 1102 Cookeville Rd. building, but no response yet.

Committees: none

Correspondence

Elan City letter wanting to sell us a radar speed sign.

Groschner asked Constable Diaz to contact Orange County PO to park the radar trailer in the Village Road in East Corinth.

Letter from Two River about Local Operation Plan and additional information. Groschner attended the Planning Commission Meeting on 9/15/16 requesting to appoint a Town Representative at the Two River meetings. The Planning Commission has not appointed anyone.

Letter from NEK Waste Management requesting charter change.

Other business:

Groschner delivers to Drury and Long a memo regarding an issue dealt with in September to the Health Board.

Groschner is receiving reports of dry wells. He is not sure if the Board has any responsibility. Drury informed the board the Blake Library has an artesian well and the public can fill their tanks if need be.

Long has noticed the tables in the Town Hall are in a dilapidated condition and heavy to transport. He believes at least two tables should be replaced. The town hall currently has 8 – 8ft tables. Groschner will find out if there is a budget to replace the tables.

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be in working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long second.

Meeting adjourn at 7:55 pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
November 14, 2016
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Treasurer; Rick Cawley, Town Attorney;
Christopher Diaz, First Constable; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on October 10th. Drury seconds. Motion passed.
Long moved to approve the SB Financial Meeting minutes on November 1. Drury second. Motion passed.

Public Concerns: None

Road Commissioners Report/Hwy. Concerns

Porter has several people out on vacation. Sand pile is looking well. Blodgett has been working in the transfer station. Groschner asked Porter to check the budget to repaint the lines at the Brooke Rd./Cookeville Rd. stop sign. Porter will look into clearing a blind spot on the right side, coming from Cookeville Road. Drury agrees there is a blind spot.

Drury is concerned with a vehicle in the town right-of-way that may affect the snow plowing at 657 Village Road, East Corinth Village. Porter will contact the state police and see what can be done.

Town Charter

In consultation with Susan Fortunati, the current treasurer, Groschner would like to get the Treasurer position changed to a hired position instead of an elected position. This will require a change to the town charter. Board will contact attorney Paul Gillies for guidance on the procedure to change the charter regarding the Treasurer's position. The Board will need a position description and a Search Committee.

Fire Station

Drury will ask the Morton Builders to provide a contract that both parties can sign before sending Morton the \$32,000.

Dilapidated Building

Groschner finally spoke with Dan Mathews, State of Vermont Compliance Officer regarding the septic situation at the East Corinth building. Mathews visited the property at 657 Village Road, East Corinth Village and there was no one available.

Drury received confirmation the owner from the 1102 Cookeville Road property received the Certified Letter that was mailed out last month.

Committees: None

Correspondence

Registered letter from Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District on December 13th in Lyndonville. This is an informational meeting on the proposed budget of 2017.

Other Business:

Groschner moves to enter executive session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Long seconds. Motion passed. Executive session ended at 9:07 and no decisions were made.

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be in working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long second.
Meeting adjourn at 9:07 pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
December 12, 2016
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Christopher Diaz, First Constable; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk
Also attending; Sheriff Bill Bohnyak; Officer Kenneth Schaffer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Long moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on November 14, 2016. Drury seconds. Motion passed. Drury moved to approve the SB Financial Meeting minutes on December 6, 2016. Long seconds. Motion passed.

Public Concerns: None

Orange County Sheriff

The SB asked to receive a general report from the Orange County Sheriff and discuss the relationship with the Constable. Sheriff Bohnyak explained throughout Orange County, including Corinth, there is a drug problem. The state is looking to close the St Johnsbury work camp, but he recommends to the Governor Elect to keep it open and keep the offenders there and help them with the drug addiction. Bohnyak has also requested funds to fight the drug problems in the entire county from Senator Leahy.

Locally, the number of traffic tickets issued has been up including East Corinth on Village Road. Officer Ken Schaffer will be the Orange County Sheriff Department liaison with the Town of Corinth. Long asked about the ATV issues. Bohnyak informed there was a ticket issued for trying to elude an officer. Bohnyak asked to be contact if there are issues with ATV. The town will be able to call on Officer Schaffer for any needs the people of the town will need.

Lee Porter spoke in support of Sheriff Bohnyak and feels the budget for the OCSD should be raised, with the service they do for the town.

Bohnyak discussed the changes in the statutes regarding the role of the town constable. As of July 1st 2015, there are 7 items that a constable is allowed to do. In order for a constable to stop cars, write tickets (even municipal), and run blue lights on his vehicle, he must be a level 2 officer in Vermont. That requires extensive training at the Police Academy. Bohnyak is concerned with the town's liability with the constable running blue lights if he has not completed level 2 certification. The town and the constable could be sued. Diaz stated he had attended training at the academy but didn't complete the course. Bohnyak acknowledged the difficulty of the process of completing the requirements, and said that the consequences will be that fewer towns have constables.

Long reported on his conversations with other town constables and selectboard members in other towns. This confirmed that some long-serving constables do not wish to attend the academy to receive a Level 2 Officer designation. They are content with directing traffic, serving summonses, and serving as the "eyes and ears" for the sheriff and the state police. Bohnyak confirmed that the constable cannot write any tickets that will be sent to the Judicial Courts.

Diaz mentioned former Constable Joe Hill, who has since moved away, got him interested in becoming a constable and told him that he could run blue lights, stop and ticket drivers, discourage ATV traffic on town roads. Diaz suggested Hill might not have been aware of the new regulations, but Bohnyak disagrees because Hill was a part-time Deputy and was aware of the regulations.

After hearing Bohnyak's description of the changes to the constable position, Diaz said he wished to re-submit his resignation, previously submitted in November but put on hold by request of the selectboard. Groschner, with sadness, accepts Diaz resignation as Constable. Long thanked Diaz for his service.

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns

Porter brought an Aubuchon Hardware commercial credit application for the Board to sign. This will allow the road crew to purchase necessary equipment. Groschner will have to discuss with the Town Treasurer before signing.

Porter and Blodgett proposed that the transfer station with the recycling bins and trash truck be moved to the old dump on Brook Road. Porter and Blodgett are trying to eliminate a possible accident at the current location. Groschner's concern is to not disturb any toxic material that might still be in the old dump area. Porter said it's in a different location on the site.

Long asked about the lines of sight along Brook Rd. Groschner suggested that the town could use highway cones to alert people to slow down. Groschner suggested that the selectboard members should go to the area and look at the location. The board will review the proposal and will make a decision. Porter said there was no rush, but that they wanted to ensure the people's safety when the road crew was active during the hours the transfer station is open.

Porter received a complaint from a School Bus driver on South America Road. The person complained the road was not plowed and her bus can't drive on the snow. Porter visited the location. Blodgett has plowed and sanded her road on a regular basis, but she still is not happy.

Drury is concerned with an unregistered vehicle in front of the property of 657 Village Road, East Corinth Village. Porter and Blodgett will contact the owners and see what can be done.

Town Charter

Groschner spoke in favor of changing the Treasurer position from an elected position to a hired position. The Board will contact attorney Paul Gillies for guidance on the procedure to change the Treasurer position. The Board will need a position description and a Search Committee.

Fire Station

Drury asked the board to sign the Proposal to Develop a Project Delivery System. This is to authorize the Project Delivery Systems for the Architectural drawings for the Corinth Fire Department, only "Step 2 Deliverables."

Dilapidated Building

The board has not seen any movements to cover the bottom section at the 657 Village Road, East Corinth Village.

Committees: None

Correspondence

Vermont arts organization looking for a \$250 donation from the town. Groschner will look into it.

Vt Association Chief of Police invites for luncheon.

Orange County Courts propose budget for fiscal year. Held on 12/12/16 at 5:30 pm.

Other Business: None

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn. Long second.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm