

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
January 9, 2017
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Carolina Diaz, Board Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approvals of the Minutes

Drury moved to approve the minutes of the Selectboard Meeting on December 12, 2016. Long seconds. Motion passed. Drury moved to approve the SB Financial Meeting minutes on January 3, 2017. Long seconds. Motion passed.

Public Concerns: None

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns

Porter informed the selectboard the fuel delivery issue with Irving has been resolved.

Porter noticed residents coming over the fence at the transfer station on Christmas Eve, the Saturday the transfer station was closed. They were dropping off recycling even though the gates were closed. Porter believes this situation will be resolved if the transfer station is relocated to the old dump site. He said they plan to install gates that would keep people from entering the area.

Groschner is concerned about the sand mountain going down sooner than expected, but Porter assures the town has enough sand for the season.

Town Charter

There is a scheduled public hearing on January 23, a second meeting is scheduled for February 27. Groschner will ask Fortunati to help create a job description of the Town Treasurer. Long made recommendations about the makeup of the hiring committee. Groschner spoke with town attorney, Rick Cawley, if the position should be an "At-will" employee or having the position to be a "term" position. Groschner also feels Cawley should attend the scheduled meetings. The board looked at the current description and will make necessary changes.

Warning for Town Meeting

Long sent a draft of the Town Meeting warning to Groschner and Drury. The board went over it and made several changes. Warning for Town Meeting is due by January 26th.

The board discussed the interest rate charge for late payments and delinquent payments. Long and Drury believe they are high, even though they are within the maximum allowed by the statutes. The board will decide whether to include this on the warning.

Long questions if the First and Second Constable needs to be on the ballot. Groschner checked with VLCT and they informed him that legally they need to list the First Constable position but not the second. Groschner also suggested the board should write a letter to the editor informing people of the reduced authority of the Constable. Porter said that the new governmental administration may have a more favorable view of the value of the local constables.

The board discussed Article 8 to see if voters will vote to exempt Sugar Maple Pre-School from property taxes. Long confirmed that all of the currently exempt properties are exempt from municipal taxes only, not the school tax. Long changed the Article to read "exempt from the municipal portion of property tax."

Drury will be out of town at the time the Warning for Town Meeting needs to be signed, so he will send his signature electronically.

Fire Station

Drury informed the board that payment was sent for the comprehensive plans from Morton Builders.

Dilapidated Building

Porter and Blodgett have not been able to go and speak with the owner at 657 Village Road, East Corinth regarding the unregistered truck in front of the property. Porter said they would make it a priority to do so.

Committees: None

Correspondence

Pamphlets from League Cities and Towns.

Long received an email from Anne McKinsey in regards to the NEK Waste Management. Because of the changes to its charter, we no longer need to include its budget. That will shorten the Annual Report by around 5 pages.

Certificate of Highway Mileage was given to Porter to review.

The board received the lowest quote to print the Annual Town Report from Repro Printers, Winooski, VT. Groschner makes a motion to accept REPRO quote to print this year's town report. Drury seconds. Motion passed.

Other Business: None

Groschner moves to enter executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. Drury seconds. Motion passed. Executive session ended at 8:45, no decisions were made.

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 8:50 pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
February 13, 2017
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chairman; Steve Long; Hal Drury
Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Patricia Rizzo, 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 January 9, 2017. Drury seconds. Motion passed.
Long moved to approve the SB Financial Meeting minutes on February 7, 2017. Drury seconds. Motion passed.

Public Concerns: None

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns

Porter has received 5 complaints about vehicles parked across from the corner of the town hall building. With vehicles in that spot, the snow plows can't clean properly and the school bus has difficulty squeezing through the space. Porter approached Karen Galayda, who parks there and asked her to park somewhere else. Galayda wrote back with an explanation for her choice of parking spots. Porter asked the board to decide how to handle the situation. Groschner asked about placing a "No Parking" sign on the turn of the town hall and after the 2nd handicap sign.

Porter visited the building on 657 Village Road, East Corinth. Porter visited the property to speak with the owner/renters about the truck parked on the highway right of way and couldn't find anyone there. He noticed no footprints going in or out at several times during the day.

Also, Porter contacted Irving Fuel Co. because the road crew ran out of fuel. Porter explained the town is scheduled for two deliveries a week and requested they update their records.

Porter and Blodgett have reviewed three driveway permits.

Preparation for Town Meeting

Gary Apfel is the new Town moderator. He read over the Town Warning and discussed with the board some of the items on the warning. Long suggested he contact Burton Cooper, the previous moderator, and see if there are other things he may help to prepare for town meeting.

Appointment to TRORC and to Planning Commission

Groschner has spoken with Tim O'Dell about the position as town representative to TRORC and feels he is qualified to represent the town. Groschner moves to appoint Tim O'Dell as TRORC Town Representative. Long seconds. Motion passed.

Patricia Rizzo has volunteered to serve on the Planning Commission. Groschner asked Rizzo if she had experience that would be helpful in this role. Rizzo explained she has been on a Condominium Committee, as an officer, for over 10 years. Long moves to appoint Patricia Rizzo to the Planning Commission to a three year term ending in 2020. Groschner seconds. Motion passed.

Town Hall attic window repairs

The board reviewed a quote to repair the attic windows submitted by Michael Laundry. Drury asked if we need to request additional quotes, Long suggested that due to the cost, it is not necessary. Groschner moves to accept Michael Laundry's bid to repair and reglaze the town hall attic windows. Drury seconds. Motion passed.

Dilapidated Buildings

Drury is concerned about the property on Cookeville Road, The oil tank is exposed in the front left corner in the basement. If there is a leak in the tank and the snow or water gets into it, it will leak fuel out and contaminate the area. Long believes the property will go out on Tax Sale because the taxes are delinquent.

The property at 657 Village Road, East Corinth, is a human safety hazard as the fire department will not enter the building in case there is a fire. It's a fire hazard not only to the building but to the neighbors. Long agrees. Groschner explained that we have tried to work with owner to make the building safer, but they have not taken those steps. The board will schedule an inspection. Following the procedures in the Dilapidated Building ordinance, Drury will send a letter letting them know the Board will inspect the premises. The board also noted that the military vehicle with a flat tire continues to be in the highway right of way.

Committees:

Long expected that the Planning Commission would present the board with the draft of the revised Subdivision Bylaws. They did not receive an email from Dick Kelley. Long requested for Diaz to email a copy of the Subdivision Bylaws. Diaz sent email to the Selectboard. The board will review.

Correspondence:

None

Other Business:

Groschner moved to enter executive session at 8:20 pm to discuss a personnel problem. Long seconds. Motion passed. Executive session ended at 8:28 pm, no decisions were made.

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Drury moved to adjourn. Long second.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
March 13, 2017
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Steve Long; Hal Drury

Others attending: Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Ed Pospisil, Fire Chief; 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 February 13, 2017. Drury seconds. Motion passed. Long moved to approve the SB Financial Meeting minutes on March 2, 2017. Drury abstained because of his absence from the meeting.

Public Concerns:

Pospisil informed the board he visited Sugar Maple preschool to check on their fire safety. Pospisil plans a return visit for a fire training session for the staff.

Appointments and meeting schedule:

Drury moves to maintain the same schedule as before for Selectboard meetings. The financial meeting will be on the first Tuesday of every month, at 5:00 pm, and the regular Selectboard meeting will be on the second Monday of every month, 7:00pm. Long seconds. Motion passed

Long moves to make all the appointments and reappointments listed below. Drury seconds. Motion passed.

Budget Committee Members (one year)

Irene Mann
Raymond Moulton
Amy Peberdy
Lee Porter
Mike Pittman
Linda Weiss

Revolving loan fund (three years)

Raymond Moulton

E911 Coordinator (one year)

Joe Blodgett

Board of Adjustment (one year)

Russ Pazdro
Maxine Slack
Kevin Eaton

Administrative Officer (three years)

Karen Galayda

Conservation Commission (4 years):

Marian Cawley
Brad Wheeler

Emergency Management Coordinator (one year)

Joe Truss

Upper Valley Ambulance Rep. (one year)

Joe Truss

Energy Coordinator (one year)

Tim O'Dell -

Representative to TRORC (one year)

Tim O'Dell

Fence Viewer (one year)

Gary Bicknell

Robert Fortunati

Mike Danforth

NEK Board of Supervisors (one year)

Marian Cawley

NEK Board of Supervisors Alt. (one year)

Bob Sandberg

Planning Commission (three years)

Dick Kelley

Surveyor of Wood and Timber (one year)

Ginny Barlow

Tree Warden (one year)

Ginny Barlow

Service Officer (one year)

Jen Brooks-Wooding

Road Commissioner (three years)

Lee Porter

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns

Blodgett reported on an accident with one of the town trucks. Nelson was plowing and his plow blade caught in a depression in the road. It caused serious damage to the truck, but insurance will cover the damage.

Blodgett informed the board that despite having the one truck out of commission, the road crew is ready for the coming storm with the other trucks available.

Blodgett requested the board to sign a grant application to cover work in two locations. Long, as acting chair of the selectboard, signed the application.

Blodgett told the SB of a potential issue with a landowner on Center Road. Fifteen or so years ago, the owner built his driveway right where a culvert crosses Center Road and drains water into his property. The foreman and commissioner at the time told him this was a bad idea, and recommended that he should move his driveway farther down. The landowner has been diverting the water from the culvert all these years, but he now wants the town to do something about the situation. Blodgett said there is no fix to the situation that is not very expensive.

The board received a complaint from a property owner on Turkey Hill. Porter and Blodgett responded to the complaint, and they feel that the situation is resolved.

Blodgett requested that the road crew be given the Dual Band radio. Drury emailed former constables Joe Hill and Chris Diaz, asking for the return of the radio and any equipment that the town has purchased for the Constable.

Porter asked the board if they were ready to authorize moving the transfer station to the site of the old dump on Brook Road. Porter will check with Casella and the state to make sure the town would be permitted to use the old

dump site as the transfer station. Long expressed concern about the sight lines. Porter said he thought they were adequate, and he explained the location will have a separate entrance and exit. Long suggested the board do a field trip together with Porter and Blodgett to check the location. In April the board will set a date to visit the site.

Committees:

None

Correspondence:

Drury reported that he had mailed a request to Morton construction for a progress update on planning for the fire station.

Annual report from NEK Management

TRORC sent notice of a public hearing on its amended plan. The board will forward it to Tim O'Dell, the town's representative to TRORC.

Test emergency lighting and fire extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Drury moved to adjourn. Long seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm

Town of Corinth Select Board Unapproved Minutes

April 10, 2017

Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

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

Other attending: Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman

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

Approval of the Minutes

- Drury moved to approve the minutes from the financial meeting held on April 4, 2017 and the minutes from the regular meeting on March 13, 2017. Long seconded. Unanimously passed.

Public Concerns:

- Drury suggested speed checks and or signs to be placed in specific locations to remind people to slow down. Blodgett going to check with Bradford to see where they got their speed signs and the cost.

Board Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns:

- Blodgett presented to the Board the "Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory". The Board signed the Compliance Standards for the Town Road.
- Blodgett reported on the damaged 2012 International truck. Insurance will pay for \$42,000.00 in repairs but asked if the board would consider the purchase of a new truck rather than fix the old one. A dealer has offered a \$20,000.00 trade in for the International in its present condition. Blodgett reminded the board that we have had a lot of maintenance issues with that truck and we might be further ahead to not spend a lot of money on repairs. A new Western Star would cost \$192,000.00. Board agreed to consider that option in conjunction with the town treasurer.
- Blodgett asked when the Board wanted to discuss the moving of the Town Dump. Casella Waste Management has offered to provide a plan for a new transfer station at the old dump site on Brook Road. The board will meet with Blodgett on May 8, 2017 to survey the site.

Subdivision Bylaws Revisions

- Long read over and has several revisions for the Planning Commission Bylaw Revisions. He encouraged other members of the Board to take a look at the revisions. Board in agreement to hold hearing at 8:00 pm on May 8, 2017. Ask Dick Kelley, Planning Commission Chair, to attend the hearing.

Dilapidated Buildings

- Groschner said Eastman Property on Cookeville Rd, has been sold and red tape has been put around the property. The new owner plans to clean up the site when the weather breaks. Groschner asked the Building Safety Officer to monitor the progress as the cleanup moves forward.

Fire Station

- Drury already in touch with Morton Builders, and asked them to let the Board know when they send in the plans to the town. No date was provided at this moment in time, as to when the plans will be sent.

Committee Reports: NONE

Correspondence:

- *Casella*-waste hauling contract expiration June 30, 2017. Groschner going to take the notice home, and try to set up a time to meet with them.
- *Department of Census*- paperwork reduction act of burden statement. Groschner has already responded to this.

Other Business: NONE

Test Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers:

The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Drury moved to adjourn meeting. Long seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes

May 8, 2017

Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

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

Other attending: Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Jon Skates General Manager Casella; Paul Tomasi, NEKWMD; Lee Porter Road Commissioner; Stuart Coburn

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

Approval of the Minutes Long moved to approve the minutes from the Financial Meeting on May 2, 2017 and Regular Meeting on April 10, 2017. Drury Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Public Concerns: Stuart Coburn attended the meeting tonight to share his concerns about the property that was recently sold on Cookville Rd. It had been listed in the tax sale and then it wasn't for sale that day. He was told that the owner had paid the taxes and the property had been sold. Coburn complained that the purchaser (delinquent tax collector Susan Fortunati and her husband) had knowledge about the owner that other people didn't have access to. Groschner said there isn't anything that says a property can't be sold before a tax sale. He also said that various people had contacted the owner and tried to purchase the property over the last two years. And he made clear that all the information about the property was available to the public. He asked what Coburn wanted the board to do and Coburn said he would like the board to do an investigation. Groschner said he would talk to the town lawyer and he will contact Coburn after he has done so.

Waste Management/Transfer Station

Casella Contract-Jon Skates, from Casella, attended the meeting tonight as the Town's contract with Casella will expire at the end of June. Skates has put together a proposal for a new contract with the new site in mind. Groschner said, due to costs, the board is not entirely sure about moving the transfer station.

Porter asked if Casella would help absorb some of the cost, Skates said yes and they are looking to keep costs low. Skates proposed for the Board to look into 40 yard compactor that would help eliminate the amount of recycling containers at the site. Long asked if the compactor could be placed on the current site and Skates said the site needs 3 phase power to run the compactor but they could make it work by putting an engine on site to help start the compactor. Groschner asked if the compactor unit would be provided by Casella, or if the town would have to pay for it. Skates said Casella would absorb the cost.

A concern for the Board is the immediate steep rise in cost of a trash bag in the proposal. Groschner said we need to focus on and get the price to arrive at a more reasonable rate. Goal is to try to stage the bag fee increases to null some of the initial increase. Skates said he would be try to adjust the schedule of the pricing increases. Groschner asked Skates to send us a new contract to review and send to the town lawyer. Blodgett said that if the road crew has to plow snow on Saturdays, it's very dangerous to be operating the loader at the transfer station. In addition, he said that kids sometimes climb on the equipment and they could hurt themselves. Groschner wants to know what it would cost the town to make the change.

Subdivision Bylaw Revisions: The board is going to hold a Public Hearing on June 6, 2017 at 7:00.

Board Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns- Porter received a few calls regarding gravel on lawns after the plowing from the last storm. He has already addressed and resolved the problem. Blodgett said they are going to be working on paving jobs this summer. Pike and Black Top provided quotes, but Blodgett needs to confirm details of each bid. Blodgett is asking the board to sign off on the prices before the next meeting, to lock them in, as the price of asphalt is rising. Blodgett wants to purchase more culverts, which means overspending the culvert budget by roughly \$7,500, and looking to stone ditches on Jewell Hill for \$3,000. Given that the Department is considerably under budget on diesel fuel, the board agreed with the plan.

The board discussed a situation where someone delivered approximately 100 tires to the transfer station just before Greenup Day. The Board is going to ask the Conservation Commission to address the situation. Long said he will get in contact with the Commission.

Dilapidated Buildings- The owner of the East Corinth property has addressed one of the main concerns of the Board, the security of the building. The property now has plywood around the ground floor and a lockable door. The new owner of the Eastman property has begun to clean the site up.

Fire Station: Drury said the latest he heard from Morton Builders is they are talking late June, early July for the full markup of the plans. Groschner quoted from an email, "The town will be handling all the engineering regarding the site preparation and work scope beyond the site perimeter." He isn't sure if the budget number they have been working with encompasses the above work quotes. Long thinks we should respond to Morton in a very clear letter, expressing our concern that they are so slow in providing plans and a cost estimate for the Fire Station. Drury will write to Morton. Drury wants to make sure the plan allows for competitive bidding, he doesn't want to go with just one vendor for any of the building trades. Groschner said we should end up with more than one set of plans to provide too many vendors to get their estimates.

Committees: NONE

Correspondence: NONE

Other Business: NONE

Test Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers: The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn the meeting. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
June 12, 2017
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chair; Hal Drury

Other Attending: Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman, Susan Fortunati, John Skates, Casella Waste Management, Dina Dubois, Dan Wing

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

Approval of the Minutes- Drury moved to approve the minutes Financial Meeting on June 6, 2017 minutes. Groschner Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED (minutes from May 8, 2017 meeting will not be able to be approved until July meeting, as Drury had to abstain, he was not present for the May 8 meeting.)

Changes to Agenda- Groschner made a motion to add meeting with the John Skates from Casella Waste Management next on the list after the approval of the meeting minutes. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Waste Management/Transfer Station- John Skates attended the meeting tonight to present a new contract with Casella Waste Management. Groschner told Skates they the board is concerned because the current contract runs out at the end of June. He suggested that it would be a help to the Board if the contract could be extended by 60-90 days, in its present form, so the board could look at a new contract in reasonable time frame. Skates said he would gladly work on getting an extension. Skates presented a draft of a contract to the board. He also presented to the board a proposed agreement on pricing which The Board will now review. Skates also presented some plans that Casella Waste Engineers had proposed for a new transfer station site. Porter rejected the plans and suggested that the road commissioner and Forman would work out a proposal, including pricing. Dubois spoke to Skates concerning her interest in compost bins.

Public Concerns: Dan Wing stated that he had old plans for a Town Hall improvement after an earlier energy audit was performed. These plans suggest that changes to The Town Hall could save fuel consumption by 40%. He also suggested that a new energy audit might provide very different results. Wing suggested that a new energy auditor could be found through Efficiency Vermont which keeps an active list of current auditors.

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns: Groschner expressed to Porter that The Town needs to repaint the stop sign at the corner of Brook Rd and Cookeville Rd. Blodgett said that The Town plans on doing the job themselves. Dubois was curious as to what the benefit would be for The Town to move the transfer station. Blodgett commented that it was a public safety issue. Sometimes kids get on the sand pile and play on the equipment that is on site on at the Town Garage. Blodgett presented a State Pilot Program which would offer Corinth \$18,960 to help fix road structures. The State would pick the sites. The only foreseeable expense to the town would be the stone. Most of the work would be performed by the Corinth Road Crew. Blodgett asked The Board to sign a Pilot Program agreement. Porter said that because this is a pilot program, there could be more money coming to us if other towns decide not to participate. The Board signed the agreement. Blodgett stated that the town of Groton is interested in purchasing the Bail Mulcher which Corinth acquired in 2013. He stated that the State is trying to move away from this form of mulching. If the Bail Mulcher were sold, Blodgett said it would be replaced by a hydro seeder, which would be a much healthier process for those in the road crew with breathing difficulties. Groschner said The Board would approve the purchase of a new mulcher but until the old machine has sold. That would not be done until next year.

Fire Station: Drury said he received a site plan from Morton Builders. It is detailed and will enable The Board to request bids for site preparation. Drury has a PDF file of constructions plans but because of its large size he will need to go to Wells River to have it printed so it can be reviewed. Porter asked if Morton Builders would try to use as many local builders as possible. Groschner said he thinks the Fire Department has contacted local contractors and they appeared to be willing to participate. Dubois asked what color the building and the doors will be, and Drury told her it was too early in the process to know. She said she sent an email to the Chief with some pictures and ideas. She asked if she could send Drury photos of structures she had photographed to show the difference colored doors might make. Drury provided his email address.

Committees: Dina Dubois is here tonight representing the Conservation Commission. She would like to know if The Town would be willing to pay the cost of Green-Up Day trash removal. When the board discussed the matter a few years ago, they decided the Conservation Commission could pay those costs. Fortunati reported that the town did not give the CC any more this year because they did not ask and they it seemed that they had a \$10,000 surplus. Groschner said if the Conservation Commission wants to make a different arrangement with The Town that can be done at the Budget Meetings held in November. Groschner asked Dubois to give the Conservation Commission the information regarding the participation in The Budget Meeting. She said she will do so at their next meeting.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter from Rick Cawley concerning a citizen complaint made at the May 8 regular Selectboard meeting regarding the Wood property, which was sold to Robert and Susan Fortunati. Fortunati asked that two specific quotes from this letter to be documented in the minutes: 1. "more importantly here, Susan Fortunati was acting as a private citizen in the purchase of this property with her husband. The property has been advertised as being subject to a tax sale for three weeks in the Journal Opinion and the information relative to that property, its tax status and its ownership were all matters of public record. Susan was not privy to any information not available to the general public" 2. "I see nothing here that is not entirely legal and the purchase here is no different than the purchase of the same property by a third party."

Groschner said he would write to the citizen who made the complaint and include a copy of Cawley's letter. Letter from the Natural Resources Board, the term of the Fire Warden is expiring. Drury said that he would accept the reappointment of Joe Trust as Warden for a term of 5 years. The Board signed off on this. There is also an agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's department to provide services for a total sum that shall not exceed \$10,000 which was provided in the fiscal 2017-2018 budget. The Board signed the agreement. Maintenance agreement to service the standby generator which had been discussed at the financial meeting was signed by Groschner.

Groschner made a motion to direct the Treasure to pay the Yankee Generator Inc. \$400 dollars to cover the cost of this maintenance. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Brad Caswell submitted a letter regarding how close Richardson Rd has become to his property and the run off from the road into his pond. He has included 4 photos for The Board to help better their understanding. Porter said the best thing to do would be for him to go out and review the site. The Board asked him to speak with Mr. Caswell if he was available. Sullivan and Powers Co. Scope of Services letter was reviewed. Groschner asked Fortunati whether she know if there had been any communication with them about the price of the audit, for said the amount was budgeted and Sullivan and Powers are very good about honoring the budgeted price. The Board signed off on this.

Other Business: NONE

Test Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers: The board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner motioned to adjourn the meeting. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes

July 10, 2017

Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

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

Other attending: Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Town Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Approval of the Minutes Long moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2017. Groschner seconded. Groschner moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 12, 2017. Drury seconded. MOTIONS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Public Concerns: NONE

Road Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns: Groschner asked Blodgett for a report on the damage from the July 1 rain storm. Blodgett said that damage in Corinth was minimal compared to other towns with an estimate of damages in the range of \$15,000. If FEMA decides to issue a disaster declaration we are ready to make a claim. He said FEMA is coming to several other towns Wednesday. Porter said that if it wasn't for the road crew and the way they had built the roads, it would have washed out a lot worse than what it did. Blodgett expressed his appreciation for the help of Bill Ricker and Lee Porter in dealing with the storm.

Porter reported that he met with Brad Caswell's wife about the road and the Caswells' yard. Porter and Blodgett have come up with a solution to fix the problem, and Blodgett will be working on it at the end of next month.

Porter presented proposed plans that he has drawn up for the new transfer station. Blodgett presented to the Board the estimated cost of the site preparation, approximately \$22, 600. The board said it is not inclined to make the decision on its own, and would prefer to have the voters decide at Town Meeting. Blodgett suggested to rent a bulldozer and rough the site out, so the Board can get a better idea of what it will look like, and wait until next spring to see if it gets muddy. The Board said that the money should come out of the Highway Fund and if the vote passes to move the transfer station, the Town will reimburse the Highway Fund. But if the new site is voted down, the road crew will still be using the site. The Board gave Blodgett the approval to rent the dozer if he was willing to spend the \$3,000 out of the Hwy Budget.

Fire Station: Drury got an email from Morton Builders saying they have completed their plans, and he plans on sending a letter asking if Morton Builders will be willing to meet at the Town Hall to discuss moving forward. Long asked what the timing would be, including a bond vote. Drury said right now the timing is looking like next year, that nothing can be done until the bond vote. Groschner said he will go speak to Rick Cawley about The Town receiving complete control of the property.

Committees: None

Correspondence: Drury mentioned that this is the first reappraisal that the Listers have not mailed out the informational books regarding the change of appraisal. Drury said the books are available at the Town Hall, for those who would like a copy. Groschner is going to speak with the Listers and see if the books can be sent out.

Connie Lanell sent a letter about conditions at "The Beehive." She drives through East Corinth, but is not a resident. Groschner said the situation is improving and the owner has evicted the person who was creating the issue. ElanCity speed limit sign information, Groschner said that The Board needs to give this information to Fortunati so she can bring it up at the budget meeting. Legislative Wrap-Up, Drury is taking this document to read.

Other Business: None

Test Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers: The board checked and found all to be working properly. Drury moved to adjourn the meeting. Groschner seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes

August 14, 2017

Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Chair; Steve Long; Hal Drury; **Others attending:** Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Susan Fortunati, Town Treasurer; Chris Christman; Roger Tofflina; Christopher Preston; Neysa Russo; Paula Lavalle; Karen Galayda, Town Lister; Gary Apfel, Town Moderator; Rick Cawley, Town Lawyer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of the Minutes Long moved to approve the minutes from the July 10 regular meeting, the July 19 emergency meeting and the July 1 financial meeting. Drury seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Public Concerns: Chris Christman attended the meeting tonight to discuss the dilapidated garage across from his house, and the amount of dust that is kicked up while driving on back roads. Groschner stated that the next step to address the garage will be the Board sending a letter to the owner of the property. Blodgett said that he would spray calcium chloride in front of Mr. Christman's house. The Town also received letters from Ira M. Turner, Johnathan Strong and Bill Fisher.

Hearing for two articles for Special Town Meeting:

Use of Surplus Funds for Assistant Treasurer Position:

Susan Fortunati said that they are trying to fill the position for Assistant Treasurer as Fortunati is retiring in March of 2018. Neysa Russo has expressed her interest and is attending the meeting tonight as well. Fortunati has composed a document regarding all her duties, which is available on the Town Website and at the Town Office. Groschner stated that the article to be voted on requests authorization to spend \$12,000 from the surplus to pay for the training of the assistant treasurer. Discussion followed. The Board will form a search committee and make necessary postings of the new position available to the public.

Revised Subdivision Bylaws:

The Board, along with others attending worked through the document, Preston pointed out inconsistencies in the way that Vermont statutes were cited. Long asked Preston to provide him with the citations and he will insert them into the document. Long said that a lot of work has gone into revisions, and that the input from the residents has made it a better document.

Board Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns: Porter stated that he had received several calls after the last storm regarding damage to class four roads. He and Blodgett have since gone and addressed these concerns and have been working on solutions.

Blodgett reported that the paving jobs have been completed, and were completed under budget.

Blodgett presented to the Board the Title for the truck they traded in for the new Western Star truck purchased. Groschner signed the title over to the buyer. Fortunati presented to the Board the paperwork for the loan on the new Western Star truck, first payment starting October 2018. The Board, along with Fortunati and Anna Brown, Board Clerk have signed off on these documents.

Blodgett presented the Board a letter of his resignation as 911 coordinator. Karen Galayda has expressed interest in taking over this position. Discussion followed. Long moved to accept the resignation of Joe Blodgett as 911 coordinator and moved to appoint Karen Galayda as replacement. Drury Seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Backway Road sign is missing again, Groschner stated that he has some ideas to help solve this problem. Blodgett is going to get Groschner a sign.

Listers Concerns: Karen Galayda presented to the board the correction of a calculation error in a reappraisal of the property of John Copoulos and Sue Ordinetz Total Real Value from \$218,300 to \$217,400. Parcel # 068-01494 Span # 159-050-10529. Long moved to accept the changes. Drury seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Dog Ordinance: Drury moved to table this discussion to another meeting. Long seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Fire Station: The Board has detailed mechanical plans, but they do not include architecture plans. Drury is going to talk to Morton Builders and ask them to provide architectural drawings.

Committees: NONE

Correspondence: Information from the Census Department, Groschner taking home to look over. Thank you letter from Two Rivers for the payment. Thumb drive from Two Rivers on its regional plan, which has been put in the Planning Commissions mail box for Dick Kelley.

Resignation letter from Christine Minery, resigning as one of Corinth's Town Listers. Groschner asked Galayda about the status of finding another Lister. Galayda has reached out to some town members. Groschner said that there needs to be postings regarding the vacancy. Long is going to assist Anna Brown, Board Clerk, in making these postings.

Groschner believes the assistant Treasurer position needs to be posted as well. Long said he would like to form a search committee to aid in the process of filling the role of assistant treasurer. Long suggested Becky Buchanan for the committee and said he would contact her. Long, Drury and Fortunati volunteered to serve on the committee. Discussion followed. Fortunati emphasized the need for quick action. Result of the discussion was to advertise the opening, request resumes be sent into the Treasurer's office by August 31, and have the search committee meet on Friday September 1, 2017 to evaluate applicants.

Other Business: NONE

Test Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers: The Board checked and found all to be working properly.

Groschner moved to adjourn the meeting. Drury seconded. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Town of Corinth Selectboard Unapproved Minutes
September 11, 2017
Town Hall, Cookeville 7:00 p.m.

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

Other attending: Anna Brown, Board Clerk; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Chris Christman

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Approval of the Minutes Drury moved to approve the minutes Financial Meeting on July 7, 2017 minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes from August 14, 2017. Long Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Public Concerns: Chris Christman is attending the meeting tonight inquiring about the dilapidated garage across from his house and if any progress has been made. Groschner informed Mr. Christman progress has been made and they will be going to inspect the site.

Christman thanked the Board for the progress made with controlling the dust on the dirt road by his house but he would like something permanent done. Blodgett and Lee advised Christman that there isn't permanent solution at the moment, but they will keep working at the road to help the dust. Groschner is going to call Bob Sandberg asking if he can get bio degradable vegetable oil for Mr. Christman to spread on the road, as it is a "home remedy" for dust that Chrisman can try.

Board Commissioner's Report/Hwy. Concerns: Porter reported a few drivers' complaints about grating back roads, he and Blodgett will be addressing them.

Groschner stated he has been looking at the dump site, and said it is much easier to see now that the site has been bulldozed. Discussion followed regarding the work that still needs to be done on the site.

Blodgett presented information/pricing on the speed limit "warning" signs that the town is looking for purchase. He is looking to purchase 3 to 4 and put several brackets around the town so the signs can be moved around. He would like to purchase the solar powered devices, as they would not need to be taken down to charge. Totaling about \$2,300 which he is willing to take out of the sign budget. Blodgett stated he had put in for a radar box that has become available through surplus. He said he should be hearing back about that next week. Long moved to approve up to \$2,300 from the sign budget to purchase a speed sign, but following the news of the trailer from the surplus. Drury Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Dog Ordinance: Groschner advised the Board that in Topsham their dog officer can issue a ticket through the Vermont Judicial Bureau, to an owner of an unregistered dog. Long stated that he is going to review Topsham's Ordinance against Corinth's Ordinance to see how they are approving this and get back to the Board.

Fire Station: Drury said they held a meeting today (9/11/17) with Morton Builders to go over the mechanical and elevation plans for the fire station. Morton has the septic plans, but did not have them at the meeting. Surveying of the land has been done by Byron Kidder. Discussion followed regarding whether the plans will be ready to be discuss at Town Meeting. Groschner thinks there is much that needs to be done, but it could be a possibility.

Committees: None

Correspondence: Boucher offering free Town Health Officer training-Groschner accesses information online and is looking into the training. Division of Health surveillance, seeking input on drug and alcohol use in towns-offering a survey to be completed.

Other Business: Groschner moved to sign the Municipal Resolution for the Municipal Planning Grant. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. Document signed.

Susan Fortunati emailed Long and asked The Board to approve the finally payment to Michael Laundry for the repaired second floor windows on the Town Hall. Long moved to approve the final payment of \$650 to Mike Laundry. Drury Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Test Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguishers: The Board checked and found all to be working properly. Groschner moved to adjourn the meeting. Drury seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
PO Box 461
Corinth, VT 05039

Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
October 9, 2017

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Hal Drury
Catherine Tudish, selectboard clerk
Also attending: Joe Blodgett, road foreman

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of select board meeting (Sept. 11) and financial meeting (Oct. 3) were approved.

Road Report

Blodgett reported that FEMA representatives are coming to inspect work done to repair washouts from July flooding on Copper Mine Road and Young Road. The Corinth road crew did all the work, using materials in stock. FEMA is expected to reimburse the town for the work completed.

Groschner met with Peter Eyes re culvert damage at the bottom of his driveway on Center Road. Blodgett informed the board that he has this project scheduled for spring and will apply for a state grant for repair.

Blodgett reported that the military truck purchased for the road crew is having a new dump body installed and will be ready for winter use.

Blodgett reported that the sand pile is nearly complete.

Dog Ordinance

Without a town constable, there is currently no person authorized to give dog owners a ticket if they violate the ordinance by failing to license and or/vaccinate their dogs. Long volunteered to write a letter to the state Judicial Bureau in White River Junction to secure authorization for the Corinth dog officer to issue a warning for a first offense and a ticket for any subsequent offense.

Fire Station

The civil plan (site layout) has been passed along to general contractor Morton Builders.

Administrative officer Karen Galayda is waiting for the completed site plan that includes the water and septic plans so that she can file the Act 250 documents.

The board expects that the plan will be completed by Town Meeting.

Committee Reports

None.

Budget Committee Meetings Schedule:

All meetings will be held at the Corinth Town Hall and will begin at 6:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

November 14, 2017:

Animal Control, Cemetery Commission, Conservation Commission, Emergency Management, Fire Warden, Fire Department, Health Office, Planning Commission, Town Hall Maintenance

November 21, 2017:

Highway

November 28, 2017:

Listers, Administrative Officer, General Fund

December 12, 2017:

Revenues and Review

December 19, 2017:

Review and wrap-up of all funds/budgets

Correspondence

The board received a letter from Chris Christman, thanking the board and road crew for help in dealing with road dust and removal of a dilapidated garage near his property in West Corinth.

Other Business

The board accepted with regret the resignation of Anna Brown and expressed their gratitude for her past service as board clerk. They welcomed new board clerk, Catherine Tudish.

Groschner moved to adjourn and Long and Drury seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
PO Box 461
Corinth, VT 05039

Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
November 13, 2017

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Hal Drury
Catherine Tudish, selectboard clerk
Others attending: Lee Porter, road commissioner; Joe Blodgett, road foreman; Karen Galayda, administrative officer; Jon Skates, representing Casella Waste Management; Dean Gregoropoulos; Jessica Gregoropoulos

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of select board meeting (Oct. 9) and financial meeting (Nov. 7) were approved.

Public Concerns

Dean and Jessica Gregoropoulos raised concerns regarding river corridor and wetlands restrictions affecting their property on Miller Road. Dean stated that he had filed wastewater and driveway permits and was not aware of other legal requirements. He hadn't been aware that he needed to fill out the Town's Development Notification Form. The issue concerns the location of a shed that Dean describes as a pole barn built to store equipment over the winter. The structure is in the river corridor and must be moved. Jessica noted that the cost of remediation will be about \$2,000 and that if the shed is not relocated by December 1, they will be susceptible to a daily fine.

Groschner stated that the issue should be resolved in a way that does not impact the complainant negatively. He suggested that the issue is in the hands of the Board of Adjustment, as there is nothing the Select Board can do.

Galayda said the Board of Adjustment has to deal with the situation. She is hoping they can permit the shed as is by applying for a conditional use permit. The laws are on the books, she added, and she is required to report any infringements to the state.

Long explained that flood hazard area bylaws have been in place for about two years. The Select Board has sent out notices of the new regulations in the town newsletter and has made other attempts to get the word out. The Development Notification Form was implemented so that the administrative officer can help landowners avoid any construction in the river corridor.

Road Report

Blodgett presented forms for the Select Board to sign to release \$175,000 coming from the state highway program for work completed by the town road crew on Chelsea Road. The forms were signed and returned to Blodgett.

Groschner brought up a concern a resident had raised regarding four loads of gravel delivered by the town road crew to a section of Wilson Road near Jerry Andrew's driveway. Blodgett reported that Andrew had paid for the gravel, which is often done by residents on

Class Four roads. Blodgett stated that the arrangement saves money for the town, while keeping roads in good repair.

Porter asked whether it was common to have a town highway with two or three different names. He pointed out that Corinth has three Highway Sixes, for example.

Groschner wondered why Chelsea Road and Goose Green Road switch names back and forth. He noted that since roads were named and signed to comply with 911 regulations, there should not be confusion about road names and locations.

Drury stated that for public safety, 911 naming should take priority.

Long agreed with Drury that public safety should take precedence; names and numbers along every road should be known.

Groschner suggested Porter call the Vermont highway agency for clarification.

New Contract with Casella Waste Management

In negotiating a new contract with Casella, Groschner stated that the town is concerned about proposed increases in bag prices and would prefer a 3-year rather than a 6-year contract.

Skates said that longer duration of contracts is better for the company. Corinth is under-priced, compared with nearby towns such as Bradford.

Long stated that the Board would be willing to sign a longer contract if bag increases were more gradual than originally proposed.

Skates noted that the company cannot charge for residential recycling. The increase in bag prices reflects greater expenses of recycling for the company. He proposed this alternative: a 6-year contract with reasonable increases or no contract and higher bag fees along the lines of Bradford's \$4.50 for a 15-gallon bag.

The board agreed to the 6-year contract, which was signed by Groschner and witnessed by Porter.

NEW FEES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018: 15-gallon bag \$2.75; 30-gallon bag \$4.25; 45-gallon bag \$6.50.

Skates stated that Casella no longer wants to be on the required state permit for the transfer station. Beginning January 1, the town will be the only signer on the permit.

Dog Ordinance

The ordinance issue was tabled, to be taken up at a later date.

Fire Station

Drury reported that John Haney has agreed to draw up the site plan for the new fire station at no cost to the town, if the work comes in under \$5,000. The town would have to pay for anything over that amount.

Committee Reports

None.

Groschner moved to adjourn after the testing of emergency lighting and fire extinguishers. Long and Drury seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Town of Corinth
Board of Selectmen
PO Box 461
Corinth, VT 05039

Unapproved Minutes of the Select Board Meeting
December 11, 2017

Attending for the Board: Chris Groschner, Steve Long, Hal Drury
Catherine Tudish, selectboard clerk
Others attending: Susan Fortunati, treasurer; Neysa Russo, assistant treasurer; Lee Porter, road commissioner; Joe Truss, emergency management officer; Clay Odell, representing Upper Valley Ambulance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of select board meeting (Nov. 13) and financial meeting (Dec. 5) were approved.

Upper Valley Ambulance

The Select Board invited Clay Odell to discuss the 16% cost increase in the town budget for ambulance service. Odell explained that Upper Valley Ambulance is a not-for-profit corporation providing service for nine area towns with a total population of 12,000. Based in Fairlee, the service operates on an annual budget of \$1 million and responds to approximately 1100 calls for medical aid per year. The cost for maintaining the service is shared among participating towns, based on population. This year's increase for Corinth represents 5% for higher cost of services, plus 11% for replacing ambulances, for a total of 16%. This increase includes a \$4 per capita temporary surcharge for a period of two years to augment the cost of replacing ambulances. A front-line ambulance is kept on the road for an average of four years, Odell explained, and while the service has begun using a less expensive, van-style ambulance, the replacement cost is \$100,000 per vehicle. The strategy is to replace one ambulance every two years.

Truss added that fuel costs are rising, but the new ambulances are more efficient.

Odell said the service has nine full-time employees, with a pay range of \$10-\$23/hour, adding that an all-volunteer ambulance service has gone by the way.

Truss said competitive wages are necessary to keep good personnel.

Porter offered several cost-saving suggestions and was invited to attend the next Upper Valley Ambulance board meeting.

Public Concerns

None.

Road Commissioner's Report

Porter reported that the town has purchased a new bulldozer for \$500.

He requested an increase in wi-fi speed for the computer Joe Blodgett uses to upload necessary documents, an upgrade that will cost an extra \$32 per month. The Board approved the expense.

Porter confirmed with the Board that a vote on moving the transfer station to Brook Road would be on the warning for Town Meeting.

Dog Ordinance

Long has spoken to the state Judicial Bureau about authorizing the Corinth dog officer to issue warnings and tickets for violations of the dog ordinance. The officer will need official tickets, and the matter is now in the town clerk's hands.

Fire Station

Drury reported that John Haney will have the site plan ready in January and that Pete Bania of Morton Builders will be able to show some construction numbers in mid-January. The Board hopes to have all the numbers ready for a bond vote at Town Meeting.

Committee Reports

None.

Correspondence

The Board received a contract for municipal planning grant services from Two Rivers Regional Commission, which was signed by Groschner. The town is contracting with them for guidance in town planning, using a state grant of \$9,000 to cover the cost.

Other Business

Long reviewed notes for the Board's town meeting report and asked for suggestions. Fortunati reported that the CD for the cemetery commission at Northfield Savings Bank had just been renewed. She requested new signature cards for the assistant treasurer. New cards will be required for all banks the town does business with. Drury noted the tattered state of the flag in front of the town offices and offered to donate a replacement.

Groschner moved to adjourn after the testing of emergency lighting and fire extinguishers. Long and Drury seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.