Town of Corinth Selectboard
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Unapproved Minutes of Board of Health Meeting
Tuesday September 3, 2024
Chair Groschner called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Attending for the board: Holly Groschner, chair; Carl Demrow, and Stephen Devoto. Anne Rosten, Selectboard clerk. Brad Wheeler, Town Health Officer, and Paula Lavallee.

625 Young Rd Residence Health Hazard

Health Officer Wheeler explained that the trash at 625 Young Rd has been accumulating for years and now presents a health hazard as there are rats living there and appear to be spreading onto neighbors' properties. Wheeler received a call from Alton Young on June 25th of this year complaining that the rats are now on his property. Kenneth and Chastity Baker are the 625 Young Rd residents. Wheeler has had many conversations with Ken Baker who stated the family does not have the means to clean up the trash and has asked to have help. They claim they are about to lose the property though no foreclosure notice has been served. Wheeler stated that the VT Dept of Health Manual authorizes the health officer to intervene when there has been a complaint that qualifies as a public health hazard. He contacted the VDH for advice and received no help. Jeff Spiegel from the Corinth Community Coalition (CCC) contacted Casella asking for help and received none. Ben Machin, a neighbor, told Wheeler that he had cleaned up the property for them ten years ago.
Chair Groschner asked Wheeler if there were infants or elderly living there. He surmised but is uncertain that there are two teenagers, maybe a toddler, and no elderly. Groschner was advised by VLCT that the town can take action by paying for the cleanup (cost of sizable dumpster, earth moving equipment, and tipping fees) to dispose of the trash and to consult legal counsel to file a lien to collect the expended funds. Groschner indicated that she had called legal counsel for the company that filed the foreclosure notice on the property and was told that the inhabitants have not yet been evicted. The board asked Groschner to contact the town lawyer. Wheeler will talk with Bill Ricker about the proper size dumpster needed for a cleanup at the site. Both Wheeler and the selectboard will bring their findings to the October SB meeting.

Jewell Lane Fuel Spill

Paula Lavallee reported that George DeNagy parks a logging truck on Jewell Lane which has been leaking diesel fuel. She spotted a bucket that had been placed under the truck to catch the leak. Lavallee also noted that ruts in the road had standing water mixed with oil. She is also concerned about mosquitoes breeding there in trash that has been left on the DeNagy premises. She said that DeNagy's truck is now parked across from the East Corinth General Store and is leaking there also. Health Officer Wheeler will check into it. The Jewell Lane issue will be discussed more at October's selectboard meeting.

Other Business

Wheeler mentioned that he had a couple of other issues to bring up at the October board meeting. One is Mary Coffrin's sewage overflow on her property on Village Rd in East Corinth. He spoke with Raymond Moulton of East Corinth about having his sewage system checked. Moulton declined.

Stephen Devoto moved to adjourn and continue the Board of Health meeting to 7pm on October 1, 2024 for further discussion. Brad Wheeler seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.