

**TOWN OF CORINTH, MAINE**  
**BOARD OF SELECT MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 3, 2022**

**Call to Order**

Carl Dow called to order the regular meeting of the Select Board at 6:03 pm at the Corinth Town Office.

**Roll Call**

Municipal Officers Present: Carl Dow, Charlene Chesley, Elwell Hicks, Jennifer Mitchell.

Absent: R. Stanley Bean.

Others Present: Stephen Fields - Town Manager, Kathleen O'Brien (BDN), Chris Maas (Maine Highlands Broadband Coalition), John Allen, Angel Sawyer, Norman Patterson, Dianne Hodgkins, George Buswell, and Rosanne Young.

**Reading of Minutes**

Motion by Charlene Chesley to accept the regular Board of Select October 20, 2022, meeting minutes. Second by Elwell Hicks, Vote 2-0.

**Announcements**

- Election Absentee Ballots are NO longer available.
- Elections will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, polls 8am-8pm.
- Town Office will be closed Tuesday, November 8, 2022, to all normal business transactions. Election only event.
- Snowmobile registrations are available.
- Time change is this weekend...fall back.
- Take a moment to thank a veteran on Veteran's Day.

**Unfinished Business**

A. Solar Development Moratorium

3 Solar farms have been approved by the planning board to proceed with development: Main St. near the Transfer Station, Ridge Road, and Main St. behind Whitney's Market.

Discussed the concern regarding decommissioning plan and funding for decommissioning when the time comes. The ordinance moratorium would allow the town time to look over how additional solar farms could impact the community. The existing Solar Fields would not be affected by the ordinance moratorium.

Motion by Carl Dow to go forward with an ordinance moratorium for Solar Fields. Second by Elwell Hicks, Vote 4-0. The Town Manager will work with the Attorney to develop an ordinance by March.

**New Business**

A. FY2023 Budget overview presentation by Budget Committee Town Manager

The Budget Committee gave a summary of their review of the budget and a recommendation for the Historical Society budget line for needed repairs. The Budget Committee was thanked by the Board for their time and services.

B. Assessor Agent Agreement 2023

The 2023 agreement was reviewed, the assessor's rate would remain the same.

Motion by Charlene Chesley to accept the Assessor Agent Agreement 2023. Second by Elwell Hicks, Vote 4-0.

C. ARPA Fund allocation requests

Reviewed potential allocation items.

D. Review Warrant # 43 & 44

Motion by Charlene Chesley to accept Warrants #43 & 44. Second by Jennifer Mitchell, Vote 4-0.

**Other Business**

A. Monthly Financials- October update

Storage Rent discontinued savings of \$100 per month. Reviewed excise, revenue, and expenses. Discussed letter from Bar Harbor Wealth Management.

B. Town Office Vault update

The vault is starting to fail. The State requirements storage of permanent records was reviewed.

C. Broadband MOU with neighbor communities

Chris Maas from Maine Highlands Broadband Coalition gave an overview of the goal of the coalition and the cost. There is an open application for a grant to help fund the project. Currently, the Coalition is asking interested communities for a Memorandum of understanding or Letter of Support.

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Motion by Carl Dow to provide a Letter of Support to the Maine Highlands Broadband Coalition. Second by Jennifer Mitchell,  
Vote 4-0.

D. Road Commissioner Information

- Corinth Street number sign update, cost of post and sign vs. sign and cross bar.
- Covered Bridge guard beam on the Grant Road end was damaged and repaired.
- 15 Beans Mill Road request for ditching for standing water, the area was inspected.
- Resent ditching projects reviewed.
- Reviewed DOT plan for stop signs at Hudson Hill Road and Puddledock Road.

E. Municipal Officer input

- Fire Truck Committee
  - 100 tons crusher dust was donated to the Corinth Cemetery and has been applied to the cemetery roads with pleasing results.
  - Staff report
- 313 absentee ballots issued and 238 returned.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Carl Dow at 8:12 pm to enter Executive Session

Request to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. 405,6(A) to discuss personnel matter.

Request to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 1 M.R.S.A. 405,6(C) to discuss real property.

Second by Charlene Chesley, Vote 4-0.

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Charlene Chesley made the motion to exit Executive Session at 10:20 pm. Jennifer Mitchell supported it. Unanimous

Motion by Charlene Chesley to adjourn at 10:24. Elwell Hicks supported it. 4-0

Recorded by Charlene Chesley

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Submitted by,



Rosanne Young, Minute Recorder