

**TOWN OF CORINTH, MAINE**  
**SELECTPERSON'S MEETING MINUTES**

July 2, 2020

**I. Roll Call**

Selectpersons Present: Carl Dow, R. Stanley Bean, Charlene Chesley, Elwell Hicks, and Jennifer Mitchell

Others Present: Scott Bragdon, Bill Molloy, Kevin Varnum, Carolyn Chambers, and Rosanne Young

**Call to Order:** Carl Dow called to order the regular meeting of the Corinth Selectperson's Meeting at 6:01 pm on July 2, 2020, at the Corinth Town Office.

**II. Reading of Minutes**

Motion by Elwell Hicks to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 18, 2020, with corrections.

Second by Charlene Chesley

Vote 5-0

**III. Announcements**

- Primary/Special State Referendum Election is July 14, 2020, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.
  - The Town Office will be closed to regular business and will only be open for voter registration.
- New Town Office hours have been posted and went into effect June 23, 2020.
- 2020 Annual Town Meeting was held Monday, June 29, 2020.
- The Summer Rec program will start July 7<sup>th</sup> and run thru August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder- The Town Office will be closed Friday, July 3, 2020.

**IV. Comments**

- The State of Maine has 1.3 million dollars for Maine Towns to use for COVID 19 issues. The Town of Corinth has not been offered any of this money.
- Fire Chief, Scott Bragdon, stated that he completed a COVID survey in March and as a result the Fire Department will receive money to use for specified expenses related to COVID-19 costs. The amount of money is based on a formula comprised by the State of Maine.
- Consider saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of Selectperson's Meetings.

**V. 219 Rabbit Path – New Business**

Kevin Varnum brought the deed before the Selectperson which states Corinth EMS/Fire Department is not responsible to provide services to the property.

Mr. Varnum requested a letter from the Town of Corinth stating if the road is deemed in good passible conditions then Corinth EMS/Fire Department would provide services.

Motion by Jennifer Mitchell to give the letter stating if the road is deemed in good passible conditions then EMS/Fire services could be provided, and the road would be deemed by the Fire Chief as good passible conditions.

Second by Carl Dow

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**VI. Old Business**

A. Town Manager Search

Will reach out to MMA to see if the process can be started now that the State of Maine is now allowing people from some other Northeast states to enter Maine without COVID-19 quarantine.

B. Tax Acquired Property

Carl Dow went a couple of times to discuss options with residents but the residents were not home.

Carolyn Chambers will send a letter stating the options by certified and regular mail.

C. Town Pick-up

Charlene Chesley spoke with Rick Cormier who will pick up the purchased truck body from Corinna and do the necessary work to it. Once the truck body is ready then the town pick-up will be delivered for repair and inspection.

D. Two Tax Bills

- A bill would be mailed once a year but would have two due dates
- This would allow for a more constant money flow to be coming to the town.
- Would need to consider Escrow Accounts
- Calendar year vs. Fiscal Year
- Will get information from other towns that have two tax bill process.

**VII. New Business**

A. Salt Bids

New England Salt at \$51.90 per ton

B. Road Paving Bids

- Gathering information prior to sending out for bids.
- Carl Dow and Jason Grant inspected the roads.
- Roads considered for this year for summer repair.
  - McCard Road
  - Beans Mills Road
  - Beach Grove Road
- Contact Eaton Paving regarding the West Corinth Road repairs.
- Contact the State regarding the repair to the large West Corinth Road Bridge.

C. Road-side mowing/ bush-hogging/Grant Road landfill

Charlene Chesley will contact Rick Faloon to get a break down of what was done last year.

D. Town Fee Schedule

The state mandated changes were made to the schedule and non-resident notary fee of \$5 per signature was added to the schedule.

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Motion by Charlene Chesley to accept the new rates to the Town Fee Schedule plus the notary fee for non-residents.

Second by Jennifer Mitchell

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E. Maine Savings FCU completed the process to have Carolyn Chambers as the authorized signature for the Line of Credit with Maine Savings FCU.

F. There was discussion about the rental storage area at Corinth Plumbing building.

G. Review and discuss the Excise Tax Revenue & State Revenue Share for the month of June 2020. - **Tabled**

H. Warrant #s 28 & 29

Motion by Charlene Chesley to accept Warrants #s 28 & 29

Second by Elwell Hicks

Vote 5-0

**VIII. Other Business**

A. When will the Corinth Town Office open to non-residents for big truck Registration? -**Tabled**

B. Lights for Crosswalk on Main Street

Waiting to hear back from the State DOT representative regarding who is responsible for painting the crosswalk. The crosswalk area appears to be ADA compliant.

A request was made to inquire about the repainting the crosswalk in front of the town office.

C. The Animal Control Officer, Dustin Sirabella, requested for a pay increase so, it would equal the going rate of other Animal Control Officers in other towns. Motion by Carl Dow that the Animal Control Officer be granted the pay increase of \$25.00 a week going forward.

Second by Jennifer Mitchell

Vote 5-0

D. Received Lisa Tilton's letter of resignation from the RSU 64 Schoolboard. MMA will be contacted to see if it is possible to add the open schoolboard position to the November elections instead of March.

E. Town Policies

When making a motion regarding an item that should be town policy a motion needs to include that the item will be made a policy. The policy will then be added to the Corinth town policy book.

F. Culvert Policy - **Tabled**

G. Carl Dow will request that the Health Officer, Chad Crooker, send a letter to the landowner of 551 Ledge Hill Road regarding the rat situation.

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**IX. Fire Chiefs Report**

Fire Chief, Scott Bragdon, was contacted by the Town of Bradford regarding their town fire department situation. Currently the Fire Department is without leadership. Corinth Fire Department will provide mutual aid.

Motion by Chair Carl Dow to go into Executive Session for Personnel Issues 1

M.R.S.A 405 at 8:57 pm

Second by Charlene Chesley

Vote 5-0

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The Board reviewed the applications for the part time Clerk position.

We discussed the CEO vacancy.

Carl Dow made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 10:26 pm. Stanley Bean supported it. 5-0

Carl Dow made a motion to set up an Executive Meeting to interview all applicants for the part time Clerk position. Stanley Bean supported it. 5-0

At 10:45 pm, Jennifer Mitchell made a motion to adjourn. Charlene Chesley supported it. 5-0

Recorded by Charlene Chesley

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**Tabled Items:**

- Review and discuss the Excise Tax Revenue & State Revenue Share for the month of June 2020.
- When will the Corinth Town Office open to non-residents for big truck registration?
- Culvert Policy

Submitted by,



Rosanne Young, Minute Recorder