July 3, 2019

I make a motion that Selectperson, David Dunfee, reimburse the Town of Corinth $266.00 (Two hundred sixty-six dollars) for services incurred from the Town Attorney for David’s own personal actions with a copy of an election ballot in February 2019.

Selectperson, David Dunfee, received a copy of an official election ballot from Town Clerk/Town Manager, Travis Gould, and used the ballot as a tool for their benefit just prior to the local elections. If any other Board member had acted in this manner, he/she would not have been able to contact the Town Attorney for his advice at the cost of the Town. I feel that because David was the chair of the Board, he abused his authority in that he was the only Board member who could contact the Town Attorney.

I received a copy of the full ballot with names of all who were running for Selectperson, School Board and Cemetery Trustee on February 12, 2019. Interesting that David received an email from Edmond J. Bearor on February 14, 2019, just prior to our Board Meeting in regards to this subject. So, it looks like David contacted the Town Attorney after he had made his decision to take action with an official ballot and share it. At the February 14 meeting of the Selectpersons, David mentioned several times that this action was done as an individual of the Town of Corinth and not as an official. With this being said, David Dunfee needs to be responsible for the cost of $266.00 and not the Town. This action taken by David Dunfee was not in the best interest of the Select Board or the Town.

Charlene E. Chesley
7-3-19