TOWN OF CORINTH, MAINE
SELECTPERSONS’ MEETING OF
April 11, 2019

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Carl Dow

Selectpersons present: Carl Dow, Stanley Bean, Terri Jane Casavant & Charlene Chesley. David Dunfee was not present.

Others present: Travis Gould, Town Manager; Carolyn Chambers, Secretary; Scott Bragdon, Fire Chief; Cindy & Elwell Hicks, William Molloy, Marcia Lancaster, Dianne Hodgkins, Steve Chambers, Jeff & Lisa Tilton, Irving & Louise Caverly, Sonny Buswell, Lynn Alexander, Lexie Lowell, Rosanne Young & Jan Bryan

Minutes: Stanley Bean made a motion to table the March 28, 2019 minutes for corrections as statements made by David Dunfee were not facts. Motion died as there was no second.
Terri Jane Casavant made a motion to accept the March 28, 2019 Selectpersons Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Carl Dow. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Other Business:
1. Carl Dow asked the Town Manager about the bids for the winter Salt. Town Manager will provide the information at the next Selectpersons Meeting.

2. Carl Dow asked the Town Manager about the purchase of a computer for the office and hiring of the new CEO. Mr. Dow asked that information concerning hiring employees and making computer purchases could be shared with the board prior to taking place.

3. Lynn Alexander addressed the Board with her concerns about the tree cutting by the town that is scheduled to take place on her property at 143 Black Road. She had met with the Board and Town Manager in 2018 and was told it would only be brush cutting and limb trimming. Now a lot of her trees are marked and the Town Manager has told her that inmates from the Charleston Correctional Facility will be clear-cutting her property.

Ms. Alexander has retained a lawyer and he has sent a letter to the Town Manager.
He is requesting the Town to refrain from taking any immediate action against any trees on or bordering Ms. Alexander’s property until several issues have been addressed and cleared up.
Copies of the letter were provided to each Board Member and one is on file at the office.

Carl Dow and Stanley Bean will meet with Ms. Alexander sometime next week to go over her property and also talk with her Lawyer to see if she and the town can come to an agreement about cutting some trees.

Stanley Bean reminded everyone that the town roads are 4-rod roads.

Carl Dow made a motion to table the tree removal for a later date. Motion was seconded by Charlene Chesley and was passed 4 – 0.

Comments:
1. Irving Caverly asked when are the meeting minutes made available to the public. He was told that after they are approved by the board, they would be available the following day at the office and also on the Town website. www.townofcorinth.com
New Business:

A. Stan Bean made a motion to open the polls for the State Primary Election on June 11, 2019 from 8 am to 8 pm. Motion was seconded by Carl Dow and was passed 4-0.

B. Selectpersons reviewed and signed the Ratio Declaration & Reimbursement application. Town Manager told the Selectpersons that there are 877 Homesteads in Corinth and he is hoping to certify the 2019 taxes at 100%. He will provide how many Veterans are receiving the Veterans Exemption at the next meeting.

C. Selectpersons reviewed and signed a Quit Claim Deed for Dennis C Ryder Jr & Teresa M. Ryder, RE Acct #944

Other Business:

4. Charlene Chesley asked the Town Manager about Abatements 2019-3 & 2019-4 that had been signed at the March 14th Selectpersons Meeting for Jeanne & William Davis, RE Acct 396, and if they were going to receive the money that the Abatements were for. Travis Gould explained to her that it was a correction on his part as he had used an incorrect exemption amount earlier determining their earlier abatements, the Davis’s were paid the correct amount and these abatements were corrections for the Town records.

5. The use of the town pick-up truck was discussed with the Town Manager. The Board will put a written policy in place for the use of the truck

6. Carl Dow asked the Town Manager if the plowing at the Fire Department was part of the winter plow contract with B.L Grant & Son. Travis Gould explained to him that it was not as it is not feasible with the contractors plowing equipment. Currently Thomas Farms Trucking is plowing the Fire Station.

7. Stanley Bean asked why does the town have to pay for the plowing of the school driveway to the former Morison School property. It was explained that it had been a deal made a long time ago with the school and that the school does reimburse the town for the plowing of that driveway.

8. Charlene Chesley asked the Town Manger about the person that is being paid to shovel the walk-ways at the town office. She would like to know how they are being paid, on payroll or accounts payable and if they are covered by the town’s worker’s comp insurance.

9. Charlene Chesley asked Travis Gould if he has completed the tax assessing as it is after April 1st. Travis Gould said he is not done and will be working on the assessing until June.

10. Carl Dow asked the Assessor’s Agent, Travis Gould, how the assessing is done. Travis said that he reviews everywhere. Carl said that he has had conversations with different residents and Carl is requesting that the Assessor’s Agent is to respect people’s property & privacy. If an inspection is needed, he should try and make contact with the homeowner before doing so.

11. Carl Dow asked Travis about the taxing of heat pumps and what formula he is using to determine the assessment. Travis said he is only assessing the heat pumps for the air conditioning and it is based on the square footage of the home. Travis will have the assessing information on heat pumps at the next meeting.
12. Irving Caverly asked why these questions were being asked at this time and Charlene Chesley explained that these questions were being asked at the board meeting and not at the office so all members of the board are made aware and the answers can be recorded and made public.

13. Travis Gould stated that these questions should have been put on the agenda. So, for the next Selectpersons Meeting on April 25, 2019 the following items will be added to the agenda: Heat pumps, cutting of trees & road-side brush, Lynn Alexander, a Policy for the town pick-up truck usage, a policy for clerks taking meeting minutes and a policy for clerks that also work the elections.

14. Scott Bragdon said the plaque for the Trust Funds that will be hung on the fire station should be ordered so it is available for the contractors to attach when they return to finish the work at the fire station.
Charlene Chesley made a motion to order the plaque and it was seconded by Stanley Bean. Motion passed 4 – 0. Charlene will call and order the plaque.

Warrants: Terri Jane Casavant made a motion to accept Warrant #s 16 & 17. Stanley Bean seconded the motion and it passed 4 – 0.

Adjournment: Terri Jane Casavant made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 pm. Carl Dow seconded the motion and it passed 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Chambers
Secretary