

Corinth Community Coalition
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
5:00 PM

Present: KellyAnn Donahue, Alice Mower, Sandy Spiegel, Jessie Schmidt, Jeff Spiegel
Not attending: Carole Freeman, Dean Packard, Cathi Haley

1. The Land acknowledgement statement was amended and read as follows:

“We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of indigenous people, and pay our respect to their elders both past and present.”

2. A quorum was determined
3. Approved May 2023 meeting minutes
4. Approved June 2023 Treasurer’s report
5. Corinth Quarterly Newsletter update

Jeff spoke with Rick Cawley about funding the quarterly newsletter. Rick thought there was money in the town clerk’s budget for that. He said he would discuss the issue with Carl and Nick.

Jeff is not sure that happened before Rick retired from the select board. He sent an email to Carl and Nick and has not heard back.

Jeff spoke to Nancy Ertle. She was willing to produce a new quarterly newsletter if we had the funds for postage, printing, envelopes. She didn’t think it would take more than 3 hours to put the newsletter together.

Jeff will wait to hear from the select board and report at the July meeting.

6. Jessie Schmidt, Director, Orange County Restorative Justice (RJ), discussed the numerous pre and post conviction programs they provide. They collaborate with court diversion and receive grants from the Attorney Generals office and the Department of Corrections. They coordinate a Youth Substance and Awareness Program which would be appropriate for the Waits River Middle School.

RJ is focusing on Transformative Justice aimed at encouraging communities to create their own supportive programs. The Thetford select board is in the process of developing a volunteer-based Transformative Justice program.

Given the number of programs and issues RJ addresses, it was agreed that our Coalition needed time to process that information and discuss our perspectives at our July meeting.

Jeff felt it was extremely important and will contact Cathy Haley, our town Service Officer, for her to have a conversation with Jessie Schmidt to be come more aware

of the services RJ provides.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 5PM