Town of Corinth Selectboard
PO Box 461
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Approved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday March 11, 2025

Attending for the Board: Carl Demrow, Stephen Devoto, and Holly Groschner. Anne Rosten, Selectboard Clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Kelly Ann Donahue, Interim Assistant Treasurer and Head Lister; Peggy Bowen, and Jennifer Locke. Via Zoom:.Gary Apfel, Town Meeting Moderator.

Board Chair Holly Groschner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Welcome and Agenda Approval
Groschner added 1 item to the agenda: To add discussion about Desmond driveway violation with Highway Dept. Demrow made a motion to approve the agenda with change. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Selectboard and Financial Minutes: 2/10/25 & 2/11/25
Demrow made a motion to approve the SB minutes of 2/10/25 & SBF minutes of 2/11/25. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns
None

Road Commissioner's Report / Highway Dept.
Commissioner Porter reported that the roads are indeed muddy. He also noted that the green camper van is again on the right of way in front of the Center Church and will talk with the owner.
The board decided to pay $421 to WEC (Washington Electric Coop) for the blown transformer by the Transfer Station even though the cause, whether from the town or not, is unproven.

Road Foreman Blodgett reported that they have awarded the three contracts for the three FEMA bridge projects to Alliance Excavation. He requested the board to sign the document from the VT Agency of Transportation to post the town roads. Devoto made a motion to approve the posting of town roads in accordance with VT Agency of Transportation Title 19 sections 1109-1110 dated 2/3/25 effective from 3/12/25 to 5/15/25. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Blodgett also asked the Board Chair Groschner to sign a Certificate of Compliance for Roads and Bridge Standards from the VT Dept of Transport for the three FEMA projects. Blodgett has contacted most of the abutters.
Blodgett said the town has one more load of salt before going over budget.

The Desmonds from Taplin Hill Rd have put in a U-shaped driveway which is in violation. Commissioner Porter said that upon inspection there is no culvert and no ditching for water runoff. He noticed road erosion at the site. Groschner asked Lister Donahue to write up a notice of violation to send to the Desmonds certified mail. Groschner asked for a motion to accept the notice of violation and authorize the Town CLerk to record in Land Records against the title to the subject property.

11017 Rte 25 Bowen Property
A mobile home at this address is in question as to being inhabitable after an explosion that caused extensive damage to the structure. The owners, Frank and Peggy Bowen of Topsham, have sold the property to Daren LaHaye who as yet has not recorded it in the land records. Catherine Lea, Dilapidated Building Officer conducted an inspection of the property and sent the owner a notice of the results. The new owner can send the selectboard a letter stating why he disagrees with the notice. Then there will be 30 days to set up a hearing. The selectboard then has 15 days from the hearing to make a decision. The board needs to check the FloodPlain Hazard Law which has stated that for the structure to be habitable it has to be raised 7 feet. Demrow made a motion to record in the Land Records against the Title of 11017 Rte 25 property. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Lister Donahue stated that as Lister she inspected the 11017 Rte 25 property after the explosion and said the structure had moved off of the foundation.
The board discussed the town appointee positions and who resigned, who will stay on, and who volunteered for the open positions. Demrow made a motion to approve the slate of town nominees with the exception of Tom King, who Demrow has not heard from, to be appointed. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Devoto nominated Holly Groschner to be the Chair of the Selectboard for the next year. Demrow seconded and the motion passed with one abstention.

Contract Updates

Devoto will write up an agreement for the Town Animal Control Officer Matt Hayes. Demrow will meet with the Town Hall Renovation Project Architect on Monday and will have information about the Community Development Block Grant. Town Hall Facilities Manager Norm Collette met with the electrician about the Town Hall Project and Demrow will hear from the BGS on Thursday about the Town Garage Addition doors.

Planning Commission

The board has defined the need for a Planning Commission Clerk to take minutes and handle administrative functions. The acting chair is Anne Margolis. Devoto will attend the meetings as Ex Officio to take minutes and record the meetings with the OWL. Devoto and the other board members will draft a job description for the Commission's review and comment.

Revolving Loan Fund

The board appointed Carl Demrow to the Revolving Loan Fund. A mortgage was discharged today 3/11/25. The Revolving Loan Fund Committee needs to have a meeting and Financial Clerk Shirley Montagne or Lister Kelly Ann Donahue needs to attend.

Correspondence and Other Business

Two licenses have been applied for by Crossmolina Farm: a second class license for beer and wine and a 1st class licence for commercial catering. Demrow made a motion to approve both licenses. Devoto seconded and the motion passed with one abstention.

Next Meetings: **6:30PM for both** Financial 4/7/25 and Regular SB Meeting 4/1/25

Financial 4/7/25 and Regular SB Meeting 4/7/25 approved.

Executive Session

Demrow made a motion to go into Executive Session 1 VSA 313(a)(3) as required. . Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.