Town of Corinth Selectboard
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Approved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday July 1, 2025

Attending for the Board: Holly Groschner, Carl Demrow, and Stephen Devoto. Anne Rosten, Selectboard Clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner: Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; KellyAnn Donahue, Head Lister and Interim Assistant Treasurer, Jon Ruggles, Mike Tagliavia, and Tim Jarvis. Attending via Zoom:, Gary Apfel, Town Meeting Moderator.

Board Chair Groschner called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Groschner welcomed all and asked the board to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing salary changes for the new fiscal year. Demrow made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of SB minutes of 6/3/25 and Special SB meeting of 6/19/25
Demrow made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special SB meeting of 6/19/25. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
Demrow made a motion to approve the SB meeting from 6/3/25 with corrections. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns
Rosten brought up her concern about the condition of the Class 4 section of Coppermine Rd as another motorcycle had to be pulled out Monday evening. Road Foreman Blodgett said he would put barriers up until the road crew could fix it later in the Summer.

Road Commissioner's Report/Highway Dept Concerns
Road Commissioner Lee Porter asked if anyone noticed the young man with the motorbike who has been spending hours on the Town Hall porch. He stated that the motorbike is unregistered and its use on public roads is illegal.
Groschner asked about the trash and articles left at the end of South America Rd and Abe Jacobs Rd. Foreman Blodgett said debris is also left at the end of Richardson Rd. Demrow volunteered to call the Environmental District Officer and order "NO DUMPING" signs. Blodgett stated that the crew has done needed work on the right of way on Turkey Hill and will meet with the property owner to follow up if the owner is available. The selectboard encouraged Blodgett to proceed if the owner was unavailable.. Blodgett then discussed the washout problems on Ryder Rd that have been fixed i.e. putting in a bigger culvert and cutting out some overgrowth in the right of way. He said there are three large trees in the town right of way that need to be taken out to let in more sun on the roadbed which would help dry out the road after rain and Spring thaw. The property owner concurred with the tree removal, but the current resident does not want the trees cut. Porter will ask the Tree Warden, Ginny Barlow, to be involved in a conversation with the resident.. Groschner reminded Blodgett that a form of contract for bids over $3500 needs to be signed to accept bids.

Correspondence and Other Business
No correspondence.
Interim Assistant Treasurer Donahue informed the board that the information regarding school tax assessments has not come in yet from the State to set the tax rate. She stated that after the grievance meetings are done in late August the town tax rate can be calculated.

Updates: Grants, Other
Groschner is preparing the documents for the law firm to initiate an enforcement claim against the old East Corinth Village Store owner concerning the accruing fines due to the Dilapidated Building Ordinance violations.
Demrow said the town has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant for $150,000 for a new accessible porch to replace the uncovered ramp on the south side of Town Hall. He is waiting on the grant acceptance paperwork from the state which he expects in the middle of July.
Demrow also said two MERP RFPs for town hall have been sent to the Vermont Preservation Trust for review. Bids open on August 11th.

Payroll Changes
Groschner will meet with Payroll Officer John Sutton and Interim Assistant Treasurer Kelly Ann Donahue tomorrow 7/2 to work on new salary structures to reflect the FY2026 budget.
The board discussed percent increases over budget for salaried and hourly paid position differences. More discussion and research needed for clarity.
Demrow made a motion to change the all Town employee pay to bi-weekly. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Calendar: next SBF and SB meetings
The next SB financial meeting is on Monday 7/14/25 and regular SB meeting 8/5/25

Demrow made a motion to adjourn. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:30 PM.