Town of Corinth Selectboard
PO Box 461 Corinth, VT 05039

Approved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday November 4, 2025

Attending for the board: Chair Holly Groschner, Carl Demrow. Stephen Devoto, Anne Rosten Selectboard Clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Kelly Ann Donahue, Head Lister and Interim Treasurer; Jon Ruggles, Bob Fortunati, Jennifer Locke, Dina DuBois, and Dan Wing, Attending via Zoom: Norm Collette, Gary Apfel, and Matt Nola.

Board Chair Holly Groschner called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Welcome and Agenda Approval
Chair Groschner welcomed all attendees and asked for any changes to the agenda. She stated the need to discuss the ACO appointment. Demrow made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from 10/7//25 SB Meeting and Special SB Meetings of 4/1, 4/18/ and 7/31.
Demrow made a motion to approve the SB minutes of October 7, 2025 as well as the Special SB meeting minutes from 4/1/25, 4/18/25, and 7/31/25. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns
None

Road Commissioner's Report / Highway Dept
Road Commissioner Porter said the town clerk had received a couple of calls from a Topsham resident asking to dispose of tires at the Corinth Transfer Station. Porter told Town Clerk Brough that Topsham does not charge for tire disposal.

Groschner said that Fire Chief Pospisil told her he was concerned about the deterioration of the wooden side rails on the Hutton Hill Bridge. Road Foreman Blodgett stated that those wood beams are more solid than steel ones and he's inspected them recently. Blodget reported that he is winding up the FEMA paperwork and all the FEMA work is done. Blodgett then said that the town does not have a contract with Unifirst and is going ahead with pursuing a contract with the new uniform company which will save the town about $20 per week. Demrow asked Blodgett about the Town Garage progress. Blodgett said that the heat pumps are going in and the new doors installed. He will give a more detailed report on the project with the actual budget numbers at the December SB meeting. He told the board that the cost of road salt has risen significantly.

Town Hall Project Grants and Contracts
Demrow said the Town Hall Building Committee has received a number of bids that they need to review before Monday night's financial meeting. The committee is working on a bid package for the back wall and porch of the town hall. Dan Wing and Norm Collette are working on separate RFPs for carpentry, insulation, and more. They have an estimate for the new heating system. Groschner stated that the town needs to be more public with the RFPs and suggested the committee put one ad in either the LRN or newspaper. The building committee will meet Thursday night the 6th.

Emergency Management and Water
The good news is that the drought has receded, though Corinth is still in the "Severe" category. The state has asked for a report from the EMC listing names of those in need of water and those who are willing to share water resources. Donahue needs to be appointed "Director" of the EMC which will authorize her to attend regional meetings, receive training, and have a budget. Demrow made a motion to appoint Kelly Ann Donahue as Director of the Emergency Management Committee. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Donahue said that the state has signed off on Matt Nola's appointment to the regional EMC.
Donahue advised that the LHMP report needs to be sent to the state. Groschner asked Donahue to keep all the jobs she does separated; not to blend or overlap them.

Other Business; Appointments; Regional Planning; Correspondence

Devoto reported that the Planning Commission has voted on the amended by-laws and sent them to the SB. The SB has 120 days to review them and hold a public meeting with a warning date of 15 days. January 31,2026 is the deadline. The SB can make changes to the Planning Commission's changes. This will be discussed at the December SB meeting.

Groschner stated the need to authorize the Animal Control Officer (ACO) to acquire a ticket book from the VT Superior Court to issue tickets to dog owners when there are numerous violations to the town dog ordinance. Groschner made a motion to authorize the Animal Control Officer Matt Hayes to receive a Corinth ticket book from the Superior Court for administering tickets to delinquent dog owners. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The SB received a permit request from Washington Electric Company (WEC) to install one pole and for an overhead line to go through a right of way on Bob Sandberg's property to the new pole which is to be installed on Mary Perry's property on Abe Jacobs Road. Demrow made a motion to approve the permit request by WEC for work on highway right of way through Sandberg's property. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The permit was signed by all 3 SB members.

Budget Committee Update

The first meeting was last Thursday. There will be some absences by Raymond Moulton and the meeting dates were approved. Donahue reported that requests are still coming in for appropriations.

Calendar

The board approved confirmation of the next SB meeting dates: 11/10/25 SBF meeting and 12/2/25 regular SB meeting.

Dina DuBois, who was not here during Public Concerns, asked to re-visit the speeding issue in Cookeville. She reminded the board that she offered a few years ago to purchase herself for the town a "Speed Reader". She has done some research as to the price and she and Groschner will continue together to work on this. Groschner will check with the State Police and Road Foreman Blodgett.

Executive Session

Demrow made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 VSA 313(a)(3). Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. No actions were taken.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.