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

Attending for the Board: Holly Groschner, chair; and Carl Demrow. Stephen Devoto attended via Zoom. Anne Rosten, Selectboard Clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Andrew Alexander, Jim Guyer, and Tim Jarvis. Via Zoom:. Ken Arkind.

Board Chair Holly Groschner called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Welcome and Agenda Approval
This agenda item took place later than scheduled. Groschner proposed adding two small amendments to the agenda: The approval for a citizen to place a decorated Christmas tree on the Town Hall porch and to spend up to $100 for VLTC Town Moderator training. Olivia Tillman offered to donate a lighted Christmas tree for the Town Hall porch which Jon Ruggles will set up and the town to pay the electric bill for the LED lights. Devoto made a motion to approve spending up to $100 for Town Meeting Moderator VLCT training for Gary Apfel. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Selectboard Minutes from November 4, 2025
Devoto made a motion to approve the SB minutes of November 4, 2025. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns
Jim Guyer expressed his concern about the proposed amendments to the Subdivision by-laws dictating who can build and where and that the several addendums will bring more restrictions on landowners. Groschner duly noted his concern. Ken Arkind said he did not see how the amended by-laws would restrict anyone. Arkind felt that the forest blocks and wildlife habitats are important to the town and the amended by-laws are" damn good.". Groschner explained that the by-law process is to be discussed within the selectboard members and there will be a time for public debate at a later date. Demrow said that after a public hearing there will be a vote by Australian Ballot possibly at the March Town Meeting. Devoto further explained that after a scheduled public hearing then the board can choose to modify and then vote to accept it or have the town vote by Australian Ballot. Demrow stated that, in his opinion, he would rather have the town vote on it.

Road Commissioner's Report / Highway Dept.
Road Commissioner Lee Porter said that not much is going on except for plowing snow. Porter has been driving around town checking on the right of ways that need clearing. Groschner received notice that there were 30 or so tires dumped on the road to Washington. Porter said there are more around the town roads and sometimes they disappear to be used by people needing tires.
Porter reported that the new furnace in the Town Garage Addition is up and running and the radiant heat is almost ready. Groschner noted that $250,000 has been spent on the new garage addition and it was budgeted for $200,000. Porter said that other grants had been applied for as well as the sale of the F450. Demrow has all the MERP invoices in order. The town excavator needs a repair for $8900.

Corinth 250 Anniversary for the Declaration of Independence.
Groschner will set up a meeting in January and send out invitations to all town organizations to attend and set up a committee.

Subdivision Amendments/Planning Commission
Groschner had questions about the amended by-laws that were sent to the board for review. Some of the wording is unclear as to the meaning such as "variance" vs "waiver" and some other subjective wording. . Devoto said that TRORC did review it. The selectboard must make it understandable to the public. Groschner will call Peter Gregory from TRORC and ask what level of legal review was done. The board discussed how best to proceed as there are deadlines for warning the public meeting and scheduling a town vote. Devoto's concern is for the bigger picture as it impacts the town residents. More explanations were sought for terms such as cutlines, etc. Devoto suggested encouraging members of the Planning Commission to attend the public hearing. Groschner asked if Porter and Blodgett had been asked about the road frontage aspect. Groschner then said she appreciated how far the Planning Commission has come over the past year and a half streamlining the draft. Demrow agreed.

SB Meeting Calendar
The SB Financial meeting will take place Monday December 8, 2025 at 6:30 and the next regular SB meeting is on January 6, 2026. Groschner stated that M&T Bank updates and Audit information will be discussed at Monday's financial meeting.

Executive Session and Adjournment
Demrow made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 VSA 313(a)(3) and to adjourn. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The board went into executive session at 7:42 PM.

Adjournment