Town of Corinth Selectboard
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Approved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday February 3, 2026

Attending for the Board: Chair Holly Groschner, Carl Demrow, and Stephen Devoto. Anne Rosten, Selectboard Clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner: Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Jon Ruggles, Mike Tagliavia State Representative, Brian Kirkpatrick, Andrew Alexander, Jim Guyer, Mike Pittman, Fire Dept Rep; Jennifer Locke, Gary Apfel, Town Meeting Moderator; Brenda Salomaa, Tim Jarvis, Patrick Taylor, Russ Pazdro, and Bob and Susan Fortunati.

Board Chair Groschner called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Groschner welcomed all and asked the board to approve the agenda. Demrow made a motion to approve the agenda. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of SB minutes of 1/7/2026

Groschner asked to make a correction in the 1/7/26 minutes regarding some wording in the Public Concerns before approving. Demrow made a motion to approve the SB meeting minutes from 1/7/2026 as amended with corrected language. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of Warrant, Budget, and SB Report

Groschner made a motion to approve ratifying the budget as posted in the Town Report. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Demrow made a motion for the board to ratify the warrant for the Town Report. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Concerns

Brenda Salomaa who lives on Richardson Rd reiterated the history of her complaint about her damaged house foundation due to heavy equipment running up and down the road preparing for the Pike Hill Coppermine cleanup by the EPA. She requested the EPA pay for the damage which came to $3500 which they denied. Salomaa has since brought it before the selectboard and requested the town attorney to get involved. Demrow explained that the town attorney is used for legal issues for the town, not private residents. She would like help from the selectboard in making an appeal. Demrow offered to help her and provide a list of project managers for the EPA that she remembers being in attendance at a past informational meeting. Russ Pazdro, who also lives on Richardson Rd recalled a discussion at one of EPA's early public meetings where surveying cellars was discussed but that did not happen until after the damage to Brenda's foundation. Anne Rosten asked when there would be a meeting scheduled for planning for the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Groschner replied for Rosten to contact the Town Clerk and Bob Fortunati to set up a date.

Road Commissioner/Road Foreman Report

Road Foreman Blodgett reported that there is little salt left and he is not using it unless necessary. He is pleased with the manufactured sand which is working well on the roads. Blodgett also is happy with the flexible plow blades which do a great job clearing the roads. The board and Blodgett discussed the house fire in East Corinth Village on Thursday January 22. There was an accident between the Town road equipment and two vehicles for two insurance claims that were approved by the board. Blodgett stated the need for used motor oil to heat the town garage. Corinth residents are encouraged to contact Joe if they have any used motor oil.

Openings for Town Committees for FY27

Demrow contacted most of the town appointees whose terms are up to see if any had an interest in continuing. He's waiting for replies.

EPA MOA

The EPA sent the town a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) consisting of guidelines for all the work at the Copper Mines. Chair Groschner asked for a motion authorizing her to sign it. Demrow moved authorization, Devoto second. Unanimous.

Planning Grant

Devoto stated that the contract with TRORC to hire them with the state planning grant for $14,688 with a $1632 match from the Planning Commission reserve fund is waiting for approval. Demrow made a motion to sign the contract with TRORC for the town plan update. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Other Business

Demrow gave an update on the Community Development Block Grant and is waiting for the signed agreement from the state.

The board changed the Bid Award Meeting regarding the Town Hall Renovation from Monday the 16th to Wednesday the 18th of February at 4:00 PM.

WEC notified the listers that the residents of 7250 VT Rte 25 want to keep that number as their address instead of changing it to 7105 VT Rte 25 suggested by the 911 Commission.
Demrow made a motion for the board to authorize the chair to sign and approve the 7250 VT Rte 25 change if the 911 Commission and the Fire Dept is OK with it. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The tax bill came from the county for $39,832.99 which is due July 7, 2026.

ACO Matt Hayes submitted a bill from Oxbow Veterinary for $465.67 for surgery on a dog. The town will authorize payment of the bill at the Financial Meeting. The dog owner is obligated by the ordinance to reimburse the town.

The Board received communication from the State confirming that the approved Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) made the town eligible for future FEMA funds.

Calendar Confirmations for meeting dates

The SB financial meeting is on Monday 2/9/26 at 6:30 PM, the Special SB 2/18/26 at 4:00 PM, Public Meeting for Subdivision Amendment tonight 2/3/26 at 7:00 PM, and the Regular SB and SB financial meetings are combined on Monday 3/9/26 at 6:30 due to the Town Meeting on 3/3/26.

Adjournment

Devoto made a motion to adjourn. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:00 PM.