Town of Corinth Selectboard
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Unapproved Combined Minutes of Selectboard and Financial Meeting
Monday March 9, 2026

Attending for the Board: Holly Groschner, chair; and Carl Demrow. Stephen Devoto was absent. Anne Rosten, Selectboard Clerk. Lee Porter, Road Commissioner; Joe Blodgett, Road Foreman; Kelly Ann Donahue, Interim Assistant Treasurer and Head Lister; Susan and Bob Fortunati, Renee Salomaa, Proprietor of ECGS; Jennifer Locke, Jim Guyer, and Brian Kirkpatrick. Via Zoom:. State Rep Mike Tagliavia, Town Meeting Moderator Gary Apfel, and SB Financial Clerk Shirley Montagne.

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

Welcome and Agenda Approval

Groschner wished to add two more items to the agenda: an intent to proceed agreement with Breadloaf Construction and the E911 address for Moonlight Auto. Demrow made a motion to approve the agenda with the two additional items. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Selectboard Minutes from The February 3rd SB and February 9th, 2026 SBF Meetings

Demrow made a motion to approve the SB and SBF minutes from February 3rd and 9th, 2026. Groschner seconded and the motion passed.

Public Concerns

Renee Salomaa brought a complaint before the board stating that Jon Ruggles, an alternate on the Planning Commission, made disparaging comments to her and about her on his Facebook Account. She stated he threatened that unless she complied with his views about the By-Law changes she would be denied a permit to subdivide her property. Salomaa submitted written evidence to the board and asked that it be investigated. The board will look into the matter. Groschner noted the good works Salomaa has done for the town.

Groschner received an email from Delinquent Tax Collector Raymond Moulton about the fact that his report for the Town Report was incomplete. He said he expected others to complete the report.

Approval of Committee Appointments

Demrow said there were not many changes made from 2025. One seat is open on the Conservation Committee; also Service Officer and Energy Coordinator seats are vacant. Tyler Mousley requested to be appointed to be Tree Warden. Demrow made a motion to approve the slate of appointments. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Susan Fortunati asked how Planning Commission members are appointed. Groschner replied that the board makes the appointments.

Highway Dept Report

Road Commissioner Porter stated that it has been pretty quiet with only one or two calls from residents. He reported that Casella has installed an active camera at the Transfer Station due to break ins. Road Foreman Blodgett asked the board to authorize him to post the dirt road weight limits. Demrow made a motion to authorize Blodgett to post the dirt road weight limits effective from March 9th to May 15th. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Blodgett then asked the board to sign The Grant and Aid Participation Form and The Codes and Standards Compliance Form which they did.

Groschner asked Blodgett if he's heard anything about the Insurance Claims. Blodgett said he has reached out but has not heard back.

Fy 2024 and 2025 Audits

Groschner stated that she is revising the management letter that Batchelder Associates sent to make it more user friendly before signing. Batchelder Associates will start the Fy 2025 Audit this month and have it completed by June. Groschner received the Engagement Letter from Batchelder for FY2025 which does not include the fee. Susan Fortunati asked the board to send her the FY2024 Audit. The Audits from FY 22 and FY 23 are on the town website.
Demrow made a motion to accept the Engagement Letter from Batchelder Associates to complete the FY2025 Audit. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Bread Loaf Authorization Letter

Groschner received a letter from the Grants Management Specialist (GMS) of the VT Dept of Housing and Community Development. The grant is currently in the "Grant Agreement Offer Pending" status where the Municipal Authorizing Official (MAO) will sign it. The board will sign a "Notice to Proceed/Letter of Intent with the Bread Loaf Corp who was awarded the construction contract through the RFP process. Once the grant is in "Grant Awarded" status the town will requisition the CDBG funds.

E911 process for Moonlight Auto

The Perry family of Moonlight Auto on Rte 25 in East Corinth had requested to keep the original address of 7250 due to historical significance and be grandfathered in. Groschner looked into it but statutorily it is not allowed unless it meets three specified conditions which it does not. The Perrys graciously accepted the new address of 7135 Rte 25 and thanked the board for trying.
Devoto made a motion to approve the SB minutes of November 4, 2025. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

February Dashboard and Balance Sheet

It was noted that there is $564,994 in uncollected taxes which is unusually high. Fortunati noted that there have been no tax sales since 2024. She said the process has become complicated due to the legislature and there are few attorneys who want to take part in any tax sales. Fortunati, the board, and Financial Clerk Montagne discussed the Balance Sheet and Health Insurance costs.

Warrant

Interim Assistant Treasurer Donahue said Payroll Clerk John Sutton got one late invoice on Saturday from the ACO; too late to list in the warrant. The total warrant amount is for $644,781.18. Demrow asked that the amount due to Hazen Hill be split into two checks; one for each invoice. The second check for $8500 will be paid when the work is completed and payment is approved by Norm. . Demrow made a motion to approve the warrant for $644,781.18. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Payroll

Demrow made a motion to approve the payroll. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Accounts Payable

The board noted that the road crew are happy with the new uniforms and the costs are down for the service. Some questions arose about payment to Oxbow Vet for reimbursement. Demrow made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Town Meeting Modifications

No modifications made.

America 250 Committee
Jennifer Locke reported that Jon Saken will apply for any funding available for the town's celebrations.

Other Business
ECGS had three license applications. Demrow made a motion to approve the licenses:one for tobacco #LP-015792, another for tobacco substitutes #LP-015793, and the third for class two liquor #LP-015791. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Crossmolina Farm had two license applications Demrow made a motion to approve two licenses for Crossmolina Farm: one for second class liquor license LP-022369 and one for Commercial Catering LP-030123. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence
The board received a past due invoice from VLCT.

Adjournment
Demrow made a motion to adjourn. Groschner seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 7:55 PM.