Town of Corinth Selectboard
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Approved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday July 7, 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; Kelly Ann Donahue, Head Lister and Interim Assistant Town Treasurer; Jennifer Locke, Jon Ruggles., State Representative Mike Tagliavia, Jim Guyer, Patrick Martin, Katie Kramer, Cathy Chapman, Amy Peberdy, Cemetery Commissioner Norm Collette, and Steve Long. Via Zoon: JO Editor Alex Nuti-de Biasi, Michael Miller, Town Meeting Moderator Gariy Apfel, and Chris Groschner.
Board Chair Groschner called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Welcome and approval of the Agenda
Groschner welcomed all and asked the board to approve the agenda with two amendments: Nominations to the VCRD and discussion about the East Corinth Village Sidewalk Proposal. Demrow made a motion to approve the agenda with the two amendments. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of SB minutes of 6/2/2026
Demrow made a motion to approve the SB meeting minutes from 6/2//2026. Devoto seconded and the motion passed with Groschner abstaining due to absence on 6/2/26.

Highway Dept Report
Road Foreman Joe Blodgett reported that there is a delay in obtaining the Paving Grant. Blodgett is waiting to hear from the state for the holdup. Scheduled are projects on Limlaw Rd, Claflin Rd, and Pike Hill Rd.

Discussion about Posting Speed Limits for Town Roads
Demrow was contacted by Mr. Crowley who lives at the end of Chelsea Rd. near Rte 25 about drivers speeding past his residence which is a day-care facility. Currently there is a speed limit of 50 mph on all town roads unless otherwise posted. Speeding has also been noted in Cookeville Village and other areas in town. Blodgett explained that to change the speed limits and put up signage is costly and requires a study and a count beforehand. Enforcement is another issue.

Public Concerns
Jon Ruggles asked about the status of the burnt house in the village. Groschner said it is time to ask Dilapidated Building Officer Catherine Lea to initiate an inspection of the property. Devoto said he's tried to contact the owner numerous times and gets no reply. Devoto will contact Catherine Lea about the matter.
Patrick Martin of Taplin Hill asked about the timing of the roadside mowing. He is concerned about cutting the cherville before it goes to seed.
Blodgett said the road crew is trying to keep up with it but the tractor broke down which delayed it. Taplin Hill roadsides were mowed earlier but now needs it again.

Planning Commission Discussion of Construction Notice
Patrick Martin, member of the Planning Commission, noted his concern about wording for any new construction in town. He reiterated that the commission wants "notification" of new construction and that there is no "permitting" process. Martin says the commission is hopeful that the "honor system" will capture all new construction. The board asked Martin to have the Planning Commission work with the listers after the current reappraisal has concluded. Groschner informed Martin that contacting VLCT would be helpful as they provide free counsel.

Groschner asked for thoughts about Data Centers. Martin said that there is no infrastructure in town to support data centers as they require copious amounts of electricity and water and the town's topography would not support such a complex structure as that.
Mike Tagliavia explained that as the data centers require so much water that due to last year's drought the water table has not recovered enough for its current needs.

Meadow Meeting House Request for Funding
Groschner recited the history of the Meadow Meeting House from the 1840s on up. She recognized the current group: Friends of the Meadow Meeting House (FoMMH) and who the trustees were in the past as well as various other entities. The Meadow Meeting House Cemetery is a private cemetery and not owned by the town. Amy Peberdy, who represents the FoMMH, put in a request to the SB for $10,000 over five years to cover maintenance of the cemetery. Peberdy can provide minutes from many years past of the different Meadow Meeting House meetings.
Cemetery Commissioner Norm Collette pointed out that he and the late Jeff Hoots, and Raymond Moulton, who was also on the commission, gained access and sorted through all the cemetery accounts and investments for all town cemeteries. The MMH account is the only account under town care which has not had its Cemetery's Perpetual Care Funds & Bequests "physically separated" from its general fund monies as is required by law. After much discussion it was agreed by the board that the MMH cemetery can have access to some of the cemetery funds. Demrow made a motion to approve $10,000 over five years drawn from Fidelity Acct Z42-692301 on the condition that the FoMMH give an annual accounting on July 1st each year. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously/

East Corinth Village Store Status
Devoto stated he provided all the documents the lawyer needs to file a lien in criminal court on the ECVS property but has not heard back from the lawyer for two weeks. Devoto suggested hiring a new lawyer at this point.

All Access
The board needs to contact ALL ACCESS for two more Microsoft Business Standards which brings the standard total to ten. It will require another $300 annually. Groschner made a motion to approve the additional expense of $300 to bring up the total to ten standards. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business that comes before the board
The board received notification that Brenda Salomaa is going to Small Claims Court to sue the EPA about her house foundation damage.

Dina DuBois asked about accepting her offer to buy an electronic sign to slow down speeders in Cookeville. DuBois and Groschner will talk further about this.

The board received an invitation from the VT Council on Rural Development to send a qualified town resident to their sixth annual Leadership Summit. Demrow will nominate Patrick Martin if he is interested. Groschner asked Martin to look over the details and let the board know if interested.

East Corinth Village Sidewalk Proposal
Jon Ruggles presented the master plan of the East Corinth Village Sidewalk proposal to the board. Devoto asked if the property owners are willing to give permission to go ahead. Devoto also noted that a sidewalk would be in the town right of way. Demrow said it would have to meet state standards and he would talk to Joe Blodgett about it. Ruggles said that if the town would donate the material for five yards of gravel for $125 then volunteers would do the work.

Executive Session - Personnel Matters 1 VSA 313 {a}{6)
Devoto made a motion to go into Executive Session. Demrow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.