Town of Corinth Selectboard
PO Box 461 Corinth, VT 05039

Unapproved Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday October 6, 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, Norm Collette, Town Hall Facilities Manager; Brian Kilpatrick, Kelly Ann Donahue, Head Lister and Assistant Treasurer, Ray Coffin, ALL ACCESS Representative; Jacob Held, Candidate for Orange County Sheriff, and Dan Carter. Via Zoom: Matt Nola and Chris Groschner.

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

Welcome and Agenda Approval
Groschner welcomed all attendees and asked for any changes to the agenda. It was noted that the board will discuss the ATV Ordinance during Other Business and Dan Carter's Salvage Yard as number nine replacing the Treasury Dept Job Description. Demrow made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from 9/1/26
Demrow made a motion to approve the SB minutes from 9/1/26. Devoto seconded and the motion passed. unanimously.

Highway Dept Report
Road Commissioner Porter and Road Foreman Blodgett said all the major seasonal work has been completed and the roads are in good shape; normal maintenance going forward. The road crew and equipment are ready for the Winter season with all right of ways clear.

Road Foreman Blodgett presented a paving grant agreement for $200,000 for reimbursement for the board to sign and the town match is $76,000 which the town budgeted from the Highway Fund. Blodgett also asked Chair Groschner to sign the VT Grants and Aids program for work done on Limlaw Road.

Public Comments
None

Introduction of Candidate for Sheriff
Orange County Deputy Jacob Held presented his case for why he wants to run for Orange County Sheriff. He said he has a passion for Law Enforcement, went to school to acquire a degree in that field, plus two years for a Business degree. Held stated the plans for having Starlink for the cruisers and body cameras for officers. He also emphasized having a task force to work with state agencies such as Safeline. Groschner explained that the town is on a tight budget and how would the Dept get the needed funding to accomplish all Held wants to do. Candidate Held acknowledged the issue and stated that he's discussed with the county's Side Judges how the County can help with that. Demrow informed Held that Corinth has no law enforcement presence at this time and asked how that could change. Held hoped that there could be a Mutual Aid Contract and increase hours though it would be limited now but could increase with time. Matt Nola asked how to fund a plan to get each Orange County town on board. Held said that the pros and cons need to be explained to each town to get them on board. Held said he would like the town and him to work together toward these goals and he thanked the board for their time.

Groschner asked the board to change the order of the agenda to accommodate Mr. Coffin from ALL ACCESS. Ageed.

ALL ACCESS - status of Computer/Internet?Phone Installation
Chair Groschner asked Ray Coffin from ALL ACCESS when he could attend a training session for Sharepoint with the board and office staff. They agreed on the date of Tuesday October 13th to meet.

Selectboard Policy : Delinquent Taxes and Email

Demrow made a motion to approve the policy to enforce delinquent taxes. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Salvage Yard: Dan Carter

Carter was before the board two years ago for a state permit for his salvage yard. Since then he has sold or disposed of most of the junk cars but has a few left. Carter is working on getting a dumpster to dispose of most of the junk but asked for the board to approve another state permit. Demrow made a motion to approve a state permit for Carter to take two years to dispose of the rest of the junk cars. Devoto seconded. Passed with one abstention.

Generator Estimates

Norm Collette said he received two quotes on a new generator: $33,905 from KAZTECH plus $10,000 from Batten Electric to wire up and $36,000 from Brookfield. KAZTECH includes all the add ons but Brookfield does not. Colette said that the town can raise taxes for the $44,000 without help from MERP. If the town acts now they have $15,000 from MERP. The board then discussed the new propane tank and where to install. The existing boiler in the town hall is still functioning and has value so can be sold. The new propane boiler will heat the Town Hall Offices and the big hall with heat pumps. The proposed new generator will cover the whole town hall building. Town Hall Facilities Manager Norm Collette said that Efficiency VT can partner with MERP with hopes they will pay $15,000 to the town. Colette said that replacing all the lighting with LEDs is in progress. Demrow made a motion to approve the bid for $33,905 for the 30KW Generac generator from KAZTECH to be signed by Demrow. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Demrow then made a motion to approve the $10,000 for Batten Electric to install. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Groschner said that the wait time is five weeks and for the town to not cut a check until invoiced.

Town Budget Meeting

Groschner explained that to change the interest rate the town must have a special public meeting. Groschner will write the warning tor the meeting. Demrow made a motion to hold a special town meeting on Sunday 11/22 at 4:00 PM to discuss changes to the delinquent tax rate and town finances. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

East Corinth Village Store

Devoto said there are two options provided by counsel to proceed. To be discussed later.

Other Business

Discussion to allow ATVs on class four roads: All three board members oppose any changes to the ordinance.

Executive Session

Demrow made a motion to go into Executive Session 1 VSA 313 (a)(6) (as necessary) and to invite Kelly Ann Donahue to discuss personnel matters. Devoto seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Date: 8/4/26
Select Board Meeting.
Letter of complaint to the Town of Corinth Select Board.

I have been forced to come and publicly complain of the way in which this select board is handling the issue of the Meadow Cemetery Account entrusted to the town for care of the Old Second Will Baptist Church Meadow Cemetery, and how said select board are trying to strong arm the responsibly for this unusual trust away from town cemetery commission oversight. The very commission who are elected by the town taxpayers to oversee cemetery business in this town, and who unlike the select board, know & understand cemetery business.

This issue has come about solely because I noted that there was $4,650.00 misappropriated from the cemetery account to cut trees from around the church a few years ago, with not a stick cut at the cemetery, and because invoices were presented in advance of mowing by one person and not any other trustee from the newly formed Friends of The Meadow Meeting House. These are two subjects no one wants to discuss and seem content with ignoring.

Instead of offering to mediate this situation, you ignore this misappropriation and pay in advance invoice and are attempting to strong arm the responsibility of overseeing this account away from the town's cemetery commission, who are best suited for and elected to oversee town cemetery business.

And last, you then you tabled agenda item #9 and did not even note it in the minutes of the July 13th SB financial meeting minutes after approving the agenda in line item #2, so that after 10 minutes or so of important conversation about this issue, there are now no minutes reflecting that conversation or the fact that it was tabled.

I ask that this statement be recorded in the minutes of this meeting as written.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norm Collette
Corinth Cemetery Commission Chairman