

Approved February 7, 2012

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2012**

Present: Bruce Hiland, Dave Sears, Judy Watts (by Skype), Ben Wood
Sue Johnson, Nancy Kemp

Guests: Rodney Cadoret, Delinquent Tax Collector; Katie Gieges, Emergency
Management Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Agenda – approved.

General fund and highway orders – signed.

MINUTES – December 20 Minutes—Ben MOVED, Judy SECONDED, to accept as
presented. *Motion passed.*

DELINQUENT TAX REPORT -Collector of Delinquent Taxes Rodney Cadoret reviewed
the list of delinquent taxes with the board, including those properties that will be
proceeding to tax sale. Mr. Cadoret will meet with the Town Attorney as the next step.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- **Dave Anderson's letter** regarding closure on report of alleged septic discharge
pipes on Route 30
- **November salt mitigation report** – looks good
- **VTrans** - reminder of statutory obligations of reporting special weight limits for
highways and bridges – 16,000 pound limit on any bridge with a wood floor
- **Communication from Shoreham Selectboard** of approval of plans for Cornwall
– Shoreham joint purchase of an excavator.
- **Letter from Cornwall auditors** – questioning whether two auditors who have
other roles in the Town, might have incompatible offices. Katie Gieges is here to
discuss with the board. Conclusion: There is no conflict of interest in the dual role
of auditor and emergency management director nor in the dual role of auditor
and highway department truck driver. The board does not have problem with
either person being an auditor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Town Class II road grant: \$ 115, 288.68** - paperwork submitted
- **Citizen requests** - Town Clerk received two requests from town citizens seeking
help from their neighbors who might be willing to offer some practical assistance
with specific needs. Sue will post on website and put something in the
newsletter.
- **Newsletter and Town Report** - Sue has been working on these, will be in touch
as she needs things from the board, and will circulate the warning for board
review.

- ***VLCT on the question about voting on the Lavalley Store issue*** - advised Cornwall that it is currently a floor voting town, so all public questions need to be voted on from the floor. No one can petition to put one issue on the ballot while it is a floor voting town. Cornwall could be changed from a floor voting town by the voters at a future date, following due process of Town Meeting procedures.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – none

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Selectboard Report for the Town Report*** – approved
- ***Lavalley Store Article*** – approved wording of the article as drafted by Judy. Sue will talk with Cy Tall in terms of her role as moderator during discussion of the Article. Judy will draft something for the newsletter. Newsletter good format to review the history, add survey responses. People will be encouraged to talk with their neighbors and to come to Town Meeting to discuss the issue and vote on the article.
- ***Continued budget development*** – working session on budget for 2012-13
 - Ben MOVED / Nancy SECONDED a motion to approved the **highway budget at \$ 361,635**. The motion passed.
 - Nancy MOVED / Dave SECONDED a motion to approve the **general fund budget at \$353,228**. Motion passed.

Next meeting – January 17 - Nancy will chair the meeting in the absence of Bruce and Judy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard