

Approved February 6, 2018

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
January 16, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Kemp, Magna Dodge, Ben Wood, Ben Marks, John Roberts

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Sunderland, Sue Johnson, Jennifer Kravitz , Peter Conlon, Raph Worrick

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm
Quorum - established
General Fund and Highway Orders – signed
Report on Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed

AGENDA

John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted, with agenda order varied to accommodate members of the public.

MINUTES – January 2, 2018

John R. MOVED/Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 0 opposed (of those who were present at that meeting).

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Ben M. read correspondence related to updated information regarding the proposed Fire Department radio tower.
- Letter from Auditors regarding deadline for article from the Select Board for the Town Report. Sue J. reminded the Board that many people do read and rely on the annual board, department, and committee reports in the Town Report. Ben M. will circulate a draft of the Select Board report tomorrow.
- Notice from Addison County Regional Planning Commission regarding adoption of the regional plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jenn Kravitz, Principal of Cornwall School, expressed her concern that the delay in the transfer of Cornwall School to the Addison Central School District may have a negative impact on Cornwall School and budget. See Old Business for more on this issue.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURE'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Town Report is in process.

- Meeting with Salisbury and a representative from Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) has been proposed for end of February. VLCT representative would like to discuss the status of bridge replacement and when the two towns will be able to move forward on the process.
- Act 200 Fund has \$16,843.79 that can be used for municipal planning.

ROAD COMMISSIONER / ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – Mike Sunderland

- Plowing and vehicle maintenance are the current tasks. A few trees came down with the wind.
- Unknown drivers with trucks and sanders have been taking salt from the salt shed.

The Board discussed the need for surveillance and signs at the Town Garage. The Board suggested that Mike get some prices on a simple 2-camera system and some signage, and report back at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion of Town and Highway Budgets** – ongoing discussion to finalize budgets. Special Meeting will be held on January 23 to approve for publication in the Town Warning.
- **Discussion of School Transfer Issues** – the Board discussed school transfer issues with Jenn Kravitz, Principal, and Peter Conlon, School Board Member of Addison Central School District. The Cornwall School is different from other schools in the new district, because the money for the Cornwall school was donated by Cornwall residents with the express intention that their gifts be used to construct a school. Peter Conlon, in his role as Cornwall's UD-3 representative, expressed his concerns about timing of the school transfer. He advocated for prompt resolution of outstanding issues.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Consider Petition regarding Non-Binding Resolution Support for 90% Renewables by 2050 - For Town Meeting Warning** - Bobbi Carnwath said she has been circulating a petition in Cornwall for a resolution at Town Meeting. She read the petition and explained why it is important to her and others as a topic of discussion at Town Meeting. Bobbi asked the Board to place this non-binding resolution on the Town Warning. Because she has more than the required signatures for the resolution to be placed on the warning, the Board agreed to table Bobbi's request for a vote from the Board, and allow the petition to be warned.
- **Consider Article For Fire Station Repair and Painting for Town Meeting Warning**
Raph Worrick spoke of the need for \$15,000 to replace the asphalt roof and stain siding of the addition on Fire Station #1. He asked the Board to warn an Article for Town Meeting separately from the Fire Department's ordinary budget appropriation. Discussion included the strong suggestion that in the

future, Fire Department expenses of this nature should be discussed as part the capital plan and budget. John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the request to add an Article. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 1 abstained (Ben M.)

- **Discussion of Planning Commission Mapping Funds** – The Planning Commission (CPC) is requesting an additional \$1,000 in the CPC 2018-2019 budget appropriation for updating 11 maps in the town plan, bringing total CPC budget for 2018-19 to \$2,000. After discussion, the Board directed the Town Clerk to add \$1,000 to the proposed CPC budget for 2018-19.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John R. MOVED/Magna D. SECONDED a motion that premature disclosure of discussions of Town employee salaries would not advantage the Town. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Magna D. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to enter into executive session to discuss 2018-2019 Town employee salaries. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:21 pm.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:44 pm.

John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board.