

Approved February 18, 2014

TOWN OF CORNWALL  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Cornwall Town Office  
Tuesday, February 4, 2014

**Present:** Abi Sessions, Ben Wood, Dave Sears, Judy Watts, Sue Johnson

**Guests:** Bobbie Carnwath, Jack Carter

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

General Fund and Highway Orders - *signed*

January Bank Statement – *reviewed, not yet reconciled*

#### **MINUTES**

- **January 7, 2014** – tabled due to lack of quorum of members tonight who were present on January 7.
- **January 21, 2014** – Ben MOVED / Abi SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- Letter from Janet and Bill Warren send letter approving of SB actions on pipeline
- Letter from Town Attorney informing the board that he will be recovering during the month of March from a medical procedure in early March and will not be available for legal work during that time.
- Notice from Town of Salisbury regarding a DRB hearing on February 19 on a Salisbury property that abuts Cornwall.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

#### **TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson**

- **Informal Poll on Pipeline** – the Town received 295 responses out of 485 cards sent out – a 61% rate of return. Results: 212 opposed to the pipeline, 71 in favor of the pipeline, 12 cards with comments that do not indicate being for or against the pipeline.
- **Article 2** on the Town Warning will give registered voters an opportunity to weigh in about the pipeline. Any voter and 7 others who agree can ask for a paper ballot on an Article. It will be important to have the numbers.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** – Sue Johnson for Stu Johnson

- **Yankee Ingenuity** - Stu J., Steve Billings and Ken have collected pieces and parts to make a multi angled plow to put on the front of the loader that gives more flexibility for moving snow. Cost under \$2,000.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Dog ordinance** – After a short discussion about information gathered in the past 2 months, the main concern is that currently Vermont towns without municipal police departments have no way to enforce ordinances.. Judy will talk with Bruce and then with Jim Carroll about the issue.
- **Mowing** - Sue sent the board a spreadsheet with information about mowing in previous years. Mowing contracts will be put out to bid this year. The bidding process will be advertised through notices in the Town newsletter, an announcement at town meeting, information on the website, and by speaking privately to current mowers. Abi will draft the request for bids for mowing of all Town properties.
- **Pipeline update** – Ben Marks  
The prehearing conference on January 22 was reasonably well attended, including a group of Cornwall landowners. Motion to dismiss was filed by VPIRG and Cornwall landowners. Legally, FERG still has jurisdiction over Phase 2, not the PSB, because Phase 2 is an interstate pipeline. Vermont Gas plans to file for exemption to FERG jurisdiction. When the hearing schedule comes out, Ben M. will alert board by email.
- **Outreach from DPS on February 18** - Louise Porter from Vermont Department of Public Service is scheduled to meet with the board at the next regular meeting on February 18, as the DPS is required to do as part of the 248 process.

The meeting was adjourned 8:40pm.

Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard