

Approved March 21, 2017

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

February 21, 2017

Location: Cornwall Fire Station, Route 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Roberts, Magna Dodge, Ben Woods, Brian Kemp

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Sunderland

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum – established.

AGENDA

Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed

Report on Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed

MINUTES – February 7, 2017

Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda with the following change: Change two references to “special meeting” to “regular meeting.” Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Certificate of Highway Mileage to be signed by the Select Board
- VLCT News
- Notice regarding Health Officer Reappointment – see New Business for action on this item. William Johnson
- Email from a resident with a question about cost of highway maintenance. John R. will respond to him.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Sue reported that things went well in her absence.
- **Town Meeting** – Finishing touches have been made to the Town Report, sent to the printer who is turning it around with great speed, expected to arrive tomorrow. The Town Report will be in the hands of the voters before the deadline of 10 days before Town Meeting.
- **Voting** – Voting will take place at the school in the library, as the Town Hall is not ready. Sue said she needs 2 people to go to Middlebury after the polls close, to count ballots. She is still looking for people to sit at the polls. There are no contested positions.
- **Budget Supplus** – Surplus of \$204,000 can be used to lower taxes in the coming year.

- **Town Hall Renovation** is behind schedule but otherwise going well. Sue expects work to continue for another month.
- There will be **no Select Board meeting on March 7**, voting day.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – *Michael Sunderland, Road Foreman*

Michael S. thanked Brian Kemp, who helped with plowing during the recent large storm. Michael S. believes the Town has enough sand for the season. He plans on doing some grading and spot grading tomorrow, weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Swamp Road Bridge and Status of State Temp Bridge Agreement –** Brian Kemp reported that Salisbury has elected to use Jim Carroll for their part of the State Temporary Bridge Agreement. Negotiations on the Agreement have resulted in a document that is closer to something the Town can sign.

Bridge Construction Cost Comparison –

Ben W. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to allocate \$1,500 to have a general study done by Dubois and King, as a comparison of approximate cost of a single span, 154-foot covered bridge vs a concrete/steel structure. The idea is to have more information to provide to the voters at Town Meeting. Brian K. said that Salisbury has approved \$1,500 for their half of the study. Insurance is not expected to cover this type of cost. During discussion, Magna D. expressed strong doubts of the benefit of such a study at this time. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 1 opposed.

- **Town Appraiser Services/Scope and consideration of proposals –** Magna MOVED/ Ben W. SECONDED a motion to table this item. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Re-appointment of Health Officer**
Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to reappoint William Johnson as Health officer for term of 3 years. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ben W. will call Peter Conlon to see if he is coming to Town Meeting.

Magna D. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board