

Approved March 29, 2016

## **CORNWALL SELECT BOARD**

Regular Meeting  
Cornwall Town Hall  
MARCH 15, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Wood, Ben Marks, Brian Kemp, John Roberts

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

### **FIRST MEETING ORGANIZATION**

- Call to Order - Sue Johnson, Town Clerk, called the meeting to order at 7 pm
- Quorum - established
- Agenda –John R MOVED/ Ben M. SECONDED a motion to add approval of Town meeting minutes to the agenda. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Elect Chair – Brian K. MOVED /John R. SECONDED a motion to nominate Ben Wood. Ben W. declined the nomination. John R. MOVED/ Ben W. SECONDED a motion to nominate Ben Marks. Ben M. accepted the nomination. No further nominations were put forth. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 1 abstention (Ben M.).
- Elect Vice-Chair – Ben W. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to nominate John Roberts as Vice-Chair. John accepted the nomination. No further nominations were put forth. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 1 abstention (John R.)
- Appoint Clerk – John R. MOVED /Ben W. SECONDED a motion to appoint Sharon Tierra as Clerk of the Select Board. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Set Regular Meeting Schedule. John R. MOVED/ Ben W. SECONDED a motion that regular meetings of the Cornwall Select Board will be held in the Town Hall at 7 pm, on the first and third Tuesday of each month, except during the months June, July and August, when meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Appointments – John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to appoint the following slate of candidates to designated Town positions. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.
  - Addison County Regional Planning Commission
    - Jim Duclos - delegate
    - Stan Grzyb – alternate
    - Colin Kriwox – alternate
  - Addison Solid Waste District
    - Michael Hennessey – representative
    - Greg Dennis – alternate
  - Conservation Commission

- Mary Dodge
- Brian Howlett
- Marc Lapin
- Michael Sheriden
- Bethany Barry Menkart
- Rene Langis
- Marc Cesario
- Emergency Management Coordinator
  - Katie Gieges
- Energy Coordinator
  - Gary Barnett
- Fence Viewers
  - Chuck Burdick
  - Greg Dennis
  - Mickey Heinecken
- Grand Juror
  - Greg Dennis
- Inspector of Lumber
  - Leo Gorton Jr.
- Tree Warden
  - Sue Johnson
- Weigher of Coal  
Jo Isham

List of Officials to be appointed shows remaining vacant positions for one ACRPC delegate, the Town Service Officer, one Lister, and one Planning Commissioner.

- Roberts Rules – John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to operate meetings under Roberts Rules. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.
- John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to designate the Addison Independent as Cornwall's newspaper of record. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed

Report on Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed

## **MINUTES**

- February 16, 2016 - John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
- Town Meeting minutes of February 29, 2016 - Ben M. MOVED/ John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed. The board expressed appreciation to Sue

Johnson for the excellent job she does in recording and composing the Town Meeting minutes.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) news
- Letter from Green Mountain Power regarding rate integration as result of the merger with CVPS. Cornwall will have a small decrease in the electric bill as a result.
- VLCT upcoming workshops for Select Board members and auditors

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - none**

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

- Election turnout was high, over 50% of registered voters voted in presidential primaries and the local election.
- Next election will be the State primary on August 9.
- Dog licenses due on April 1
- Sue J. starts vacation on April 15, returns April 28. Joan B. will be covering the office for all the regular work days.
- The second half of property taxes are due May 1

### **ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson**

- Town roads are in good shape.
- Large pothole on Route 74 at the end of Clarke Road was filled quickly by VTrans, after Stu J. alerted VTrans to the problem.
- Have 2/3 of sand in the shed left, after relatively easy winter.
- Stu J. met with VTrans to hear good news of plans to do major work on Route 74 in Cornwall sometime after July 1, 2016.
- Road department will be paving on West Street this year, installing multiple culverts. Stu J. would like to start before July 1. Sue J. will look into the budget logistics to make an early start possible.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Wooster Road business - update – John Roberts has drafted a letter to the Shoreham Select Board, expressing Cornwall's concerns. Board members will each sign the letter. Stu J. has requested a traffic count on Wooster. John R. will contact the Land Trust, which is also a stakeholder, because of conservation easement on the property. Buildings are not exempt from easement.
- Development Review Board (DRB)– meeting of interested candidates is scheduled for March 16. Next steps – appoint 5 members and 2 alternates at next Select Board meeting, VLCT training, attending meetings of operating DRBs, and training from Jim Carroll. The DRB needs a Secretary.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ben M. stated that he will recuse himself in any discussions/decisions regarding retaining Jim Carroll as Town Attorney, due to a conflict of interest.
- Ben M. said that the Solar Ordinance may need to be tweaked to address issue of meeting the standard as it pertains to the view from inside the house, if the person in the house refuses entry.
- Ben M. recommended that the board look at Bill 230 introduced by Chris Bray on solar siting.

Ben W MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board