

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 16, 2010**

PRESENT: Joe Severy, Mike Quesnel, Judy Watts, Nancy Kemp

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Beth Keefe, Jim Duclos

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the Clerk of Town of Cornwall

REORGANIZATION OF SELECTBOARD/ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- It was moved/seconded to nominate Bruce Hiland as Chair. No other nominations were heard. Nominations were closed. Bruce Hiland was elected unanimously by voice vote.
- It was moved/seconded to nominate Joe Severy as Vice Chair. No other nominations were heard. Nominations were closed. Joe Severy was elected as Vice Chair by voice vote with one abstention.

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair conducted the meeting. The board welcomed Judy Watts, newly elected Selectboard member.

The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed. The reconciled February bank statement was reviewed.

MINUTES

- It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010 meeting as written. The motion carried on voice vote.
- It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of Town Meeting as written. The motion carried on voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Notification from Vermont Land Trust concerning the acquisition of development rights at Laframboise Farm
- Information about educational workshops for selectboards from VLCT

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Stu Johnson

Stu J. reported that two trees on the green (Norway maple, an invasive species) need to come down as they now present a safety hazard. One other tree on the green was recently removed for the same reason. Another tree was removed two years ago. He would like to replace these four trees with a single oak tree. Removal of the two trees would require professional tree removal services. Stu J. will get estimates.

Stu J. passed out a draft of the Town of Cornwall Integrated Vegetation Management Plan. This is a policy that the Vermont Department of Agriculture requires towns to have as part of the permit process. It is not an ordinance and

no action is required by the board to put it in place. Judy Watts suggested that it would be good to educate people about the right of way statute and this policy through the newsletter. Stu J. said he would also be sending out a letter to inform people.

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

- Sue J. presented 3 permits from CHA Companies for the reconfiguration of three (3) Route 30 intersections, along with reconfiguration design plans from AOT – Route 30 and Route 74, Route 30 and Douglas Road, Route 30 and Sperry Road. The board discussed and signed (approved) the permits.
- Sue J. passed out a list of election results, including remaining vacancies for positions both elected and appointed. The board made a plan for recruiting town citizens to appoint to vacant positions.
- The Town and the School have submitted general liability claims, following an injury on school grounds.
- A town citizen has requested that the Sheriff be a presence during the preparation for the paving project to increase safety. Mike Quesnel will stop in talk with him about his concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

- Joe Severy presented an update to the Burton appeal

NEW BUSINESS

Farm Stand at Old Store Shed

Beth Keefe was present to request the use of the old store shed for the running of a farm stand this year, approximately from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The farm stand was popular last year and people appreciated being able to buy milk there too. She has put out a request for proposals for the running of the farm stand. The operator would need to provide their own insurance and to pay for the electricity they use from the Town Hall account. Sue J. expressed concerns about farm stand traffic pulling in and out of an already dangerous intersection with poor visibility. The sandwich board also created some sight problems. If customers were prevented from parking right in front of the stand, that would help. The Selectboard agreed that use of the old store shed as a farm stand would be of benefit to the community. Beth K. also updated the board on the progress in plans to renovate the old store to become a store and community center.

Zoning Administrator (ZA)/ Assistant Zoning Administrator

It was moved/seconded to appoint Jim Duclos as the ZA and Mike Brinkman as the Assistant ZA. The motion carried unanimously on voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard