

Approved April 19, 2016

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting
Cornwall Town Hall
March 29, 2016

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Holly Noordsy, Rodney Cadoret, Sally Cadoret, Jen Kravitz, Gabe Hamilton

- Meeting was called to order at 7 pm
- Quorum - established
- Agenda - John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- General Fund and Highway Orders - signed

MINUTES

- **March 15, 2016** - John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve minutes as distributed. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.
- **March 24, 2016** – Special Meeting - Brian K. MOVED Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Notice of Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) online training
- Letter from Middlebury Land Trust asking for sponsors (donors) to support the TAM Trek – the board asked Sue J. to pass along to the Conservation Commission
- VLCT news
- Addison County Regional Planning Commission has provided Cornwall with the new Addison County Regional Plan. Ben M. recommended that members review this Plan to see how it dovetails with Cornwall's Town Plan. Holly Noordsy added that Addison County Regional Plan is relevant to the work of the Planning Commission and planning commissioners will be reviewing it as well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Sue J. will publish a public service announcement about the importance of carbon monoxide detectors in the home. The recent tragic deaths of a

couple in Chittenden County may have been prevented if they had an operational carbon monoxide detector in their home.

- Sue J. will put out the annual request for bids for mowing
- Homeward bound contract is up for renewal – Sue recommends the \$550 annual fee option as the best one for Cornwall (same as last year). The board agreed this is the best option.
- Krista Bolton and Sue Johnson will head up Green Up Day, May 7, 2016
- Sue J. reminded the board about the dates of her vacation - April 15-28.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – no report

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Wooster Road update***– John R. reported that the Vermont Land Trust is issuing a cease and desist order to the business on Wooster Road in Shoreham based on violation of conditions of the conservation easement on the property. Shoreham's legal counsel is involved, as well as legal counsel representing the Land Trust. John R. suggested that resolution of the matter is likely to be a prolonged process. Magna D. asked – what could be done about traffic on Wooster Road in Cornwall in the meantime? It was suggested that the Town could request additional law enforcement presence. Speeding on Wooster Road has been one of the complaints of the neighbors. John R. completed the final draft of the letter of concerns from the Cornwall Select Board to the Shoreham Select Board. Brian K. MOVED /Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve said letter and send as soon as possible. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- ***Development Review Board (DRB) update***
 - Five members and two alternates were appointed on March 24.
 - Organizational meeting will be held on Monday, April 11.
 - Holly said that the Addison County Regional Planning Commission does not offer training for DRBs, as the Town had hoped. Town Attorney, Jim Carroll will be able to train the DRB in their responsibilities by Statute.
 - The new DRB will set their meeting schedule at the first meeting. Information about the meeting schedule is needed for recruitment of the DRB Clerk.
 - Select Board Clerk Sharon Tierra said that she would check her schedule and might be able to take the April 11 minutes. She will confirm with Ben M.
 - Board discussion of transition issues. Ben M. will ask Jim Carroll if consideration of applications can be transferred from one body to another.
 - Holly N. asked if the chair of the new DRB would contact Holly and Dave to receive information on procedures. Magna D. suggested to Holly that the Planning Commission make relevant information available to the DRB at their first meeting.

- **Capital Committee – Update on Status of Plans and Solar/Roof Project** – Ben M. said that solar project incentives are much greater now than they will be after January 1, 2017. Ben M. will attend the April 7 meeting of the Capital Committee to address this issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Proposed Wind Turbine at the Cornwall School on Town Land** – Jen Kravitz, Cornwall School Principal, provided information to the Select Board about a proposal to install a wind turbine on Town land adjacent to the school. A Cornwall resident would like to donate a residential wind turbine (value if new \$60,000) to the school and pay the full cost of moving and installation (\$8,000-9,000) to a new site. The best location for this wind turbine would be on Town land adjacent to the school. Ms. Kravitz is asking permission to use Town land for this purpose.

Ms. Kravitz provided information about school power usage, the turbine's technical specifications, life span, maintenance, estimated cost savings, connectivity to the current utility system at the school, installation, lightening protection, noise issues, effect on animals, and the educational benefits for the students. Other Vermont public schools with wind turbines include Danville, Mount Holly, Addison, Ferrisburgh and Dover.

Ben M. said it would involve an easement on Town land, as well as process with the Planning Commission (DRB after May 1). Gabe Hamilton, School Board Chair, spoke in favor of the project. Sue cautioned that this might limit what the Town might want to do with the property in the future. It was suggested that language could be added to the easement to avoid limiting future uses.

John R. expressed his support of the project. Ben M. inquired if other schools with wind turbines had to change insurance. Jenn K. will find out and get back to the Select Board with answers to any outstanding questions.

- **Presentation of the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEOP)** – Sue Johnson, member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, presented the Plan. Ben M. explained that Katie Gieges is stepping down from her role as Emergency Manager for Cornwall. Sue J. said that Katie G. will continue in her role of assigning E911 house numbers for new construction. John R. MOVED /Magna D. SECONDED a motion to adopt the LEOP. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vermont Public Service Awards - Every five years, the Vermont Public Service Award program honors individuals who have served as elected or appointed local

officials, or as a fire and rescue workers, for 20 or more years. Jim Condos, Vermont Secretary of State, will be presenting Public Service Awards on April 5. 19 Cornwall citizens will be among the honorees.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board