

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, April 3, 2012**

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

Guest: Barney Hodges III

Meeting called to order - 7:00pm

General fund and highway orders – *signed*

March bank statement – *reviewed*

The board welcomed Abby Sessions as a new Selectboard member. Sue Johnson oriented Abby to the general orders and highway orders review and approval process.

MINUTES

March 20 Meeting – Ben MOVED / Judy SECONDED a motion to approve as presented. *Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- VCLT Newsletter
- Two emails from Dave Anderson – one concerning paint chips, and one concerning an inquiry from a realtor about the ongoing salt contamination in the water at the Town Garage.
- Bruce's report on his conversation with the Town attorney about a property tax appeal – there are no new developments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Barney Hodges shared some more thoughts about the Lavalley building.
- Habitat for Humanity – representative who asked to be on the agenda is not here. Judy will ask Habitat to come in to address questions /concerns regarding oversight of the project that have been expressed by some citizens.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Town newsletter** – will be coming out middle of the week of April 9. The board reviewed Bruce Hiland's draft of the *Selectboard News* article. The Selectboard will encourage folks to call them directly with any concerns. Board members' phone numbers will be published in the newsletter.
- **ACSU study committee** – Sue attended organizational meetings and will inform the public about the purpose of this ad hoc committee in the town newsletter. Kick off for the study committee will be May 6, followed by other meetings in May and a report done by June. Sue said that the more

people who can be there to express diverse opinions about the future of education in Cornwall, the better.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – no report tonight

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on Lavalley building** - Beth Carnes has turned over the files. Judy will follow up to see if an inventory of items from the store has been written down. If not, it is important to make a list as a historical record.
- **Annual emergency planning update** – Sue will contact Emergency Director Katie Gieges to schedule a time to meet with the board.
- **Appointments to open positions** – Sue reported that the following will serve for the coming year:
 - Barb Laframboise - Town Service Officer
 - Stu Johnson - Tree Warden
 - Michael Hennessey - Solid Waste District
 - Benj Depmann – Town Agent
 - Ginnie Hiland - Library Trustee.

The board divided up the list of remaining vacant positions, will contact potential candidates and report back at the next meeting.

- **Town Hall update** -
 - **Handicap accessibility** – Adam Lougee will provide some information on block grants for design of the project. Once we have a design, we can decide whether to employ an architect and then make decisions on whether to proceed and how to fund.
 - **Town Hall outside lighting** – Ben has a map of parking lot, showing what is needed: two poles with 100Watt LED lights . It would be good to have one with a light sensor, and one on a timer.
 - **Hot water sulfur smell** – conclusion: water at Town Hall reacts with new water heater to produce a sulfur smell.
 - **Basement** - no progress yet on getting pro bono services that have been promised.
- **BCA training** – 6 people attending, 5 that can't.
- **Update on tax sale** – none available at this time. Dave Sears will contact the delinquent tax collector for more information.

NEW BUSINESS

- **#5 Schoolhouse preservation** - roof was damaged over the winter, Stu said. There are no specifically designated funds in the budget for repair. Ben will follow up to get quotes.
- **150th anniversary of the Civil War 2011-2015** - Organizational meeting scheduled: May 23. The group will plan an ongoing commemoration of the American civil war.
- Judy will Skype in to the May meetings.
- Robin Conway, substitute Clerk of the Selectboard, will take the minutes of the next two meetings April 17 and May 1.

OTHER BUSINESS

Road Trip - Dave and Judy rode with Representative Diane Lanpher; Senator Harold Giard; Dave Blackmore, DTA for District #5; and Kevin Marshia, Program Manager from AOT, to check out State roads. Dave and Judy reported that it was an eye opening experience to get the big picture – not only of State roads in Addison County but also of the entire State, and to learn of how the AOT sets priorities and clusters work in order to maximize limited resources. Judy passed out a map of road conditions in Addison County and a statewide chart of road conditions by county. A high percentage of State roads in Addison County have been classified “very poor” by the State, but that does not mean they will be fixed soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard