

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 19, 2011**

PRESENT: Bruce Hiland, Dave Sears, Nancy Kemp, Judy Watts, Ben Wood
Sue Johnson

GUESTS: CVFD Chief Denny Rheume, Asst. Chief Dave Berno, Lew Castle

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed.

MINUTES

April 5 Minutes— Judy MOVED, Ben SECONDED, to accept. *Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- **Proposal to Resolve Burton Issue**—Returned for clarification
- **Bridge Inspection Summary Report**—Town passed; Board signed notice
- **Health Officer**—Problem with improper garbage disposal continues
- **Fire Warden**—Nancy will contact current Fire Warden to see if he wishes reappointment
- **Inorganic Chemical Survey Report**—Salt up slightly, likely do to excessive rainfall.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- **Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan**—Board received copies of the Plan, which Stu is taking to Montpelier Wednesday; each is to review his/her copy before Stu leaves.
- **Habitat Hedge Issue**—Board has draft from Stu to owner of hedge obstructing traffic view., requesting it be trimmed, or removed, as it presents a hazard.

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Updated Budget**---figures regarding Town Hall perimeter fencing will be available at next meeting.
- Sue noted she and Stu will be away May 7–20. Further than West Cornwall.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Appointees**—Juliette Gerlin accepted the position of Trustee of Public Funds. Nancy MOVED, Judy SECONDED, that she be named to the position. *Motion passed.*
- **Update on Town Hall Energy Audit**—[Ben] Three bids received for Town Hall work; range was \$4,800–\$8,000 with varying options regarding removed slate. Some slate is “green slate” which has value in the marketplace as well as to the town for use in repairs to main Town Hall roof. Nancy MOVED, Judy SECONDED, that the Board accept the bid from Kevin Betourney for \$4,800 for repair of the roof. *Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

- Leo Audet has submitted a request for a 10% increase in each of his 6 mowing fee installments, an overall total of \$1650. Dave MOVED, Judy SECONDED, that his request be granted. *Motion passed.*

- **Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department**—[Denny] The CVFD presented a proposal to the Selectboard which they feel benefits both parties: The existing North Bingham Street building used by the CVFD is a town building in serious need of extensive repairs; the building is not large enough to adequately house the new fire truck, and will see even larger vehicles in the future. Rather than placing the burden on the town for repairs and expansion (est. \$75,000-\$80,000) CVFD is prepared to raise funds and arrange for financing on its own. However, they question the feasibility (and financing options) for putting such large monies into a building of uncertain life-expectancy. They propose the town turn the parcel over to the CVFD for a nominal sum, thus granting ownership of the building to the FD who would then have better control over current and future repairs/maintenance. The town benefits from reduced liability regarding the building itself, better fire fighting services, and reduced maintenance costs, while the Fire Department can ensure the safety and protection of its equipment, and the enhanced financing status of owning its quarters.

Board agreed it is a win/win solution, will consult town counsel for specifics on how to do this expediently.

- **Joint Meetings**—All tentative, pending group contact
 - **Planning Commission**—May 3
 - **Conservation Committee**—May 17
 - **Library**—June
 - **Fire Department**—September
 - **School**—October
 - **Emergency Management**—as they request
- **Buildings**—[Ben] Bids coming in for basement and retro-fitting work on Town Hall; Ben spoke with Efficiency Vermont—incentsives reviewed annually, change from year-to-year; contract signed in one year locks in those incentsives even if changed in succeeding year(s).
- **Compensation for Town Officials**—VLCT sending proposal for data analysis of the stats on municipal compenstion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway
Substitute Minute-Taker