

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Present: Bruce Hiland, Abi Sessions, Ben Wood, Dave Sears, Sue Johnson

Guests: Spencer Putnam, Adam Lougee, David Dodge, Holly Noordsy, Randy Martin,
T Tall, Liam English, Lew Castle

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

GENERAL FUND and HIGHWAY ORDERS—signed.

RECONCILED BANK STATEMENT—reviewed.

MINUTES

- Minutes **April 16** meeting, and the **April 30 Hearing & SB Meeting**—Ben MOVED, Dave SECONDED, to approve the Minutes of both Selectboard and Town Plan Update Hearing, with typo correction. *Motion passed.*

PRESENTATION—[David Dodge] David discussed changes and ongoing programs of the Lemon Fair Insect Control District. The State, previously, had operated on a simpler funding plan, now is requiring formal, signed contracts.

- Contracts require \$1million liability insurance carried by the District (\$9,000/yr); contract term changed from calendar year to April through June of succeeding year, to be in synch with State's fiscal year; larvacide protocol requires State approval, but decision on application now lies with District, State to be informed; State will split the \$9,000 cost of the AgNav GPS system which controls spray more precisely; State will reimburse up to 75% of the \$10.50/acre cost of larvacide and application, remaining 25% from District via money or in-kind; State imposes two caps: a dollar-cap, for the contract term, of \$140,000 for larvacide and application cost reimbursement , and a \$3,000/acre cost cap on a calendar year basis (some flexibility regarding caps when circumstances require)
- All District costs are up; '73 Cessna remains usable, though aging; costs for various insurances are \$25,000/yr; LFICD has contracted with Weybridge to manage control (\$10,000/yr) and is available to apply larvacide for Brandon if requested.
- District responsibilities and reporting have increased as well.
- Focus remains on nuisance mosquitoes as opposed to the EEE/West Nile vectors which are quite different in larvacide behaviors and control treatments.
- District is in need of Dippers, pays \$15/hr with liability and Workmen's Comp coverage; contact David Dodge, 462-3898.
- LFICD will be reviewing plans and costs to see where most cost-effective path lies. No Selectboard action being requested.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Barton Appeal—No action for some time, will be pursued again

PUBLIC COMMENT—None

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT—Sue Johnson;

- Delinquent Dog Registration List—Abi MOVED, Ben SECONDED that Sue be requested to send out SB’s Delinquent Dog Owner Letter to those dog owners who have yet to registered their dog(s), *Motion passed*.
- Delinquent Property Taxes— Sue will be sending warrants to Delinquent Tax Collector tomorrow (Wednesday).
- Mowing—Contractors have begun mowing under last year’s contracts. The #5 School, West, South, and Lemon Fair cemeteries under one contractor, charged hourly; the Green, DAR, and Village area under a second contractor, charged monthly regardless of times mowed. Sue will put contracts in a “tickler” file for Board to review in March, annually.

ROAD COMMISSIONER’S REPORT—via Sue

- **New loader** has been delivered, payment is due July 3; old loader has been sold to Fair Haven

OLD BUSINESS

- **Pipeline Update:** [Bruce] Meeting with Don Gilbert (VGS) and Dean George (Middlebury SB)—VGS indicated they had done little or no research on the “southern” routes, no Cornwall route chosen yet. VGS to return to review of exactly what it is they wish to communicate and how better to do so. Next letter they send to residents prior to any meeting should have more FAQ-type info and more specific route information. Bruce’s communications with Montpelier seem to indicate that encouragement from that quarter was greater from VGS’ point of view, than as perceived by Montpelier. That misperception, in conjunction with the much warmer welcome from Franklin and Chittenden counties, contributed to the lack of a true perspective on Addison’s position on the pipeline.
- [Abi] Last VGS work group meeting in Middlebury mainly focused on bringing Leicester and Salisbury attendees up-to-date. Next meeting not until May 17.
- **ACRPC Plan Summary**—[Dave] deferred to Adam’s presentation
- **ACRPC Delegate Appointment**—Abi MOVED, Ben SECONDED to appoint Jim Duclos as Cornwall’s representative to the RPC. *Motion passed*.
- **Discussion of RFP Re-draft for Building Assessment**—SB has a simple matrix developed by Bruce to use for laying out building priorities and budgeting considerations which will be helpful to bidders in their bidding process. The two bidders have given presentations which differed in format and issues addressed, making it difficult to compare. Board aims to get all on same page so proposals are easier to review and better reflect Board’s goals.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **ACRPC**—[Adam] Review of new *Town Plan* has been completed. Adam spoke to what the RPC does and what resources it can provide to towns. Most contact tends to be with Planning Commissions, ZBAs, Zoning Administrators. Rather

than with Selectboards, although there has been significant contact with Cornwall SB through the *Plan* revision process.

- Much planning-related info is available via the Vermont Planning Info Center (www.vpic.info); Selectboards as well as Planners may find useful information there.
- Training—The RPC can provide workshops and trainings on various town issues; For example, Kevin Behm does a presentation on use of Internet resources which many officials find very helpful. RPC also collaborates with Vermont League of Cities and Towns on trainings.
- In response to a question from Bruce, Adam indicated he would look into the possibility of having MTV video workshops so they could be accessed online.
- In addition to workshops/training, RPC is instrumental in helping towns finding and applying for grants for a number of municipal projects: town plans, recreational facilities, mitigation studies, etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Front Porch Forum***—[Spencer] A new economic group program has negotiated a lower set-up cost for Addison towns; Weybridge very interested, donations (\$500) from residents already received toward set-up costs, Selectboard has promised another \$300; Cornwall is needed to make up the critical mass for set-up that Weybridge lacks on its own. Once the set-up cost is paid (\$1,150/town), the maintenance is paid for by advertising. Spencer has identified a group of Cornwall residents who are ready to donate, thinks it is best if SB also pays in.
- Numerous selling points made regarding how Lincoln, Bristol, and Middlebury are fairing with their FPFs.
- Several Cornwall residents spoke to the use for such a 'voice' when issues such as the pipeline arise, and the need for a community gathering spot which was lost when the general store was lost. Offers made to donate toward the start-up cost.
- It was noted that many in Cornwall do not have Internet, so this will be of no benefit to them. Also questions about how it would differ from the various forms of social media already in use by town and residents (website, email newsletter, other social media forums). Concerns that it might become a soapbox stand for transient issues like the pipeline.
- Board agreed to allow Spencer to proceed with pursuit of Cornwall donors for funding the set-up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway, Minutetaker