

Approved June 5, 2012

**TOWN OF CORNWALL  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Cornwall Town Office  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012**

**Present:** Bruce Hiland, Ben Wood, Dave Sears, Abi Sessions - and Judy Watts  
by Skype

Meeting called to order - 6:59 pm

General fund and highway orders – *signed*

**MINUTES**

**May 1 Meeting** – Judy MOVED /Dave SECONDED a motion to approve as presented. *Motion passed.*

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- Legal opinion from Town Attorney Jim Carroll regarding Burton's request to be reimbursed for \$250 filing fee for appeal, resulting in his appraisal being reduced more than 20%. Carroll advises that the filing fee is paid by the State and the Town just needs to agree with this. Selectboard concurs.
- Legal opinion from Jim Carroll regarding land transfer to Cornwall Fire Department. Bruce Hiland received the opinion after 4 pm today. Because the Selectboard and Fire Department need time to review, the issue will be put on the agenda for the June 5 meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sue Johnson is not here tonight. Bruce H. presented information she provided.

- **List of dog owners** who have not registered their dogs and letter that is to go to them – signed by Selectboard
- **Coffee services** – Sue J. is starting to research. Ben Wood mentioned a coffee service that provides the equipment at no cost with a minimum coffee order. Bruce H. will ask Sue J. to follow up with Ben W.
- **List of delinquent taxpayers** for Selectboard review. Tax collector is taking action on cases that meet the criteria.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER'S** - none

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **CVFD property transfer** – legal opinion not received in time to discuss tonight, issue moved to agenda for the next meeting.

- **#5 School roof** – Some people think this is the historic building the Town should be focusing on now. The roof will need to be replaced eventually. Stu Johnson suggested a 20-year single over the existing roof. Mike Ringey suggested a metal shed roof. Another option might be using the slate saved removed from the Town Hall roof. The Town has not decided what to do with this building. Geoff Demong thinks the structure of the building is good. Dave Sears will investigate the history of the building. Ben W. will ask Geoff D. to look at the building. Bruce H. will ask another citizen who has expressed interest to be involved on a # 5 School ad hoc committee.
- **Joint meetings schedule**  
  - July 3 – Listers.
  - June meeting – Conservation Commission has been asked - no answer yet
- **Board of Civil Authority training session** – those who attended said this VLCT training was excellent. Jim Barlow, the presenter, is available for anyone with questions. Bruce H. suggested having a BCA organizing meeting for a core group: the Selectboard, Treasurer, and some JPs.
- Vermont Municipal Highway Association event was very informative for those who attended, and who also observed how our Road Commissioner is respected as a statewide leader among his peers.
- **Appointments to open positions** – all positions have been filled except two ACRPC positions
- **Accessibility update** Ben W. reported that step one is to define purpose, and then to work on a design and to apply for grant money from different sources (depending on the purpose and the functions of activities in the building). Funding an accessibility project will involve the capital plan and budget. Ben W. will continue to do research to determine direction, purpose.
- **Boundary adjustment** J Parker property - news in CPC minutes

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Sheriff's Department dispatcher service** - Dave reported that the Fire Department was advised by US Marshalls service, that the 15-year contract they had to house federal criminals has expired and will not be renewed. Because there is no money coming in to supervise the federal criminals, beginning May 23, the Sheriffs Department will not be able to receive phone calls for 5 of the area fire departments, as it has been doing as a no-cost service. Dave S. has spoken with VEM about options. The only option at this time is for the Fire Department to use Shelburne Dispatch, at a cost of \$30 per call. Dave said that he is concerned about the number of calls that Shelburne gets, potentially having a negative impact on the quality of the service.
- **Sheriff's patrol** – looking to get all the towns up to paying \$22/hour. Many of the contracts are very old. We get 4 hours a week of routine patrol. Has new contract for us to sign. Effective immediately.

- ***Dog problem*** – reoccurring complaints about 2 dogs running around in the village – seems to have been resolved.
- ***Request to cater malt and wine beverages*** at the McKenna rehearsal dinner Aug 9. Abi MOVED / Judy SECONDED a motion to approve.  
*Motion passed.*
- ***Lister opening*** – it was suggested to put a full description of the Lister position in the next newsletter and solicit interested persons.

The meeting was adourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard