

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 16, 2017
Cornwall Town Office, Route 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Marks, John Roberts, Ben Wood, Magna Dodge
ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Mike Sunderland, Rich Isenburg, Mary Dodge, Katherine Branch, Bill Kernon, Sean Stearns

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

Quorum – established.

General Fund and Highway Orders – signed.

Report on Reconciled Bank Statement – reviewed

AGENDA

Ben M noted that Ron Barlow would not be attending this meeting to discuss the conveyance of the Anna Sunderland Bingham Memorial School and grounds as planned. Instead Ben M. moved to to make a revision to the Agenda considering the school property conveyance under New Business without Attorney Barlow's involvement. John MOVED/Magna SECONDED to approve the agenda as revised. **Motion passed** – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES – May 2, 2017

John MOVED/Ben W SECONDED to approve the minutes as amended by correcting typos.

Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed .

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Wedding on Swamp Road
- Al Calzini, Letter regarding plans for Douglas Pond
- Katherine Branch, Letter regarding dog complaint

PUBLIC COMMENTS – *None*

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Library—Shelving is being installed, books being placed thereon

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Mike Sunderland

- Grants applied for have been awarded, final paperwork pending
- Still hauling gravel and white stone—gravel for culverts, white stone for shoulders post paving
- Grading continues between showers
- Trucks are all healthy and behaving well

OLD BUSINESS

- **Development Review Board (DRB) Alternate**—The DRB has decided that it would like to have three Alternates rather than two. This will add depth to the Board and will—hopefully—provide candidates for open positions on the DRB as they become available. There are presently two candidates looking for the opportunity to serve as an Alternate—Cheryl Cesario and Shari Johnson. Ben W MOVED/Magna SECONDED, that the Select

Board change the structure of the DRB to five members and three Alternates, appointing Cheryl Cesario and Shari Johnson to fill the two vacant Alternate seats. **Motion passed**—4 in favor/0 opposed.

- **Addison County Sold Waste District**—*Bill Kernon* introduced himself to the Board and explained his interest in being Cornwall's ACSWD representative. Ben W MOVED/John SECONDED, that the Board appoint Bill Kernon to the position of Cornwall's ACSWD representative and Andrea Landsberg as Alternate. **Motion passed**—4 in favor/0 opposed.
- **Douglas Pond (Hiking Trails) Planning Grant**—[*Rich, Katherine*] Review of the grant process to date, and discussion about letters received from the pond's surrounding property owners. Letter from the Calzinis had particular concerns with issues of increased traffic, and the types of behavior and activities that often occur at parking access pull-offs. The Board expressed their feeling that the whole process has been too rushed and they question how deep the support for the project is, and how many Cornwall residents are actually aware of the plan at all, as there appears to have been little outreach involved. They favor slowing down the process in order to pursue more community involvement. Ben M MOVED, John SECONDED, that a letter indicating the Select Board's support of technical assistance with the a planning study of the Douglas Pond area be written and that the planning process ensure that the needs and concerns of all Cornwall residents—Douglas Pond abutters as well as those living elsewhere in Town—be fully addressed. **Motion passed**—4 in favor, 0 opposed.
- **Mowing Bids**—Six bids received for mowing seven areas within the Town.
 - Lawn Cuts for Less—\$3,960.00 (18 mowings)
 - VT's Finest Lawn Care—Estimates for each area separately, no indication of how many mowings were anticipated nor a total for the season
 - Matt's Lawn Care—\$2,250.00 (15 mowings)
 - S&J Stearns—\$4,200.00 (mowings every 5+ days; estimate covers all, no matter how many needed)
 - Deppman LLC—\$7,280.00— (26 mowings)
 - Brian's _____—\$4,200.00

John MOVED, Ben W SECONDED, to award the contract for 2017 town land mowing to S&J Stearns (\$4,200.00). **Motion passed**—4 in favor/0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Wedding Liquor License**—John MOVED/Ben W SECONDED to approve the requested license from Fire & Ice , caterer, for the wedding on Swamp Road, June 3. And directing the Town Clerk to sign the application. **Motion passed**—4 in favor/0 opposed.
- **School Lot**—The Town Attorney has reviewed and suggested changes regarding both documents presented to the Board by Attorney Ren Barlow on behalf of the Addison Central School District (*Resolution Regarding Conveyance of School Property to Addison Central School District* and *Notice of Proposed Conveyance of Real Estate Under 24 VSA 1061*). The *Notice*, along with pertinent information, to be published in the local newspaper.
 - John MOVED/Ben W SECONDED, that the Select Board adopt the *Resolution Regarding Conveyance of School Property to Addison Central School District*. **Motion passed**—4 in favor/0 opposed.
 - John MOVED/Magna SECONDED, that the Selectboard execute the *Notice of Proposed Conveyance of Real Estate Under 24 VSA 1061*. **Motion passed**—4 in favor/0 opposed.

- **Listers**—Magna MOVED/John SECONDED that the Chair of the Select Board draft a letter to the State requesting a two-week extension on the filing of the Grand List.
Motion passed—4 in favor/0 opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS—*None*

John MOVED/Magna SECONDED to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.
Submitted by Robin Conway, Substitute Minute-Taker