

Approved July 2, 2013

TOWN OF CORNWALL  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Cornwall Town Office  
Tuesday, June 4, 2013

**Present:** Bruce Hiland, Judy Watts, Ben Wood, Dave Sears, Abi Sessions, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

**Guests:** Ben Marks, Holly Noordsy, Randy Martin

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.  
General Fund and Highway Orders - *signed*  
Reconciled May Bank Statement - *reviewed*

**MINUTES**

*May 21:* Dave MOVED / Judy SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

*May 29 –* Judy MOVED/ Ben SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- **Application for Special Event Permit** from Lincoln Peak Vineyard for United Way reception June 24, 5-9 pm. Abi MOVED/ Judy SECONDED a motion to approve the application. Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

**TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT** – Sue Johnson

- Balance due on Fire Department utility truck has been paid in full from capital account.
- Copies of the new Town Plan have arrived from the publisher. Next step is a hearing to present the Plan to Cornwall citizens.
- Sue plans to attend the statewide VLCT dog control meeting June 13. Four known dog owners have still not registered their dogs. Violations of the Vermont law requiring registration of dogs (which includes providing proof of rabies vaccination) and the attitudes of violators are problematic for town clerks statewide.
- Sue has been gathering information for options for health insurance for Town employees (currently just Stu and herself) in the new health insurance marketplace, Vermont Health Connect. The marketplace will be open in the fall of 2013. By 2014, it will be the only place where individuals and small businesses can purchase health insurance.
- Accounting software will be installed on the new computer soon.

## **ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson**

- Stu attended a regional highway safety forum in Brandon on May 29 sponsored by the VT Highway Safety Alliance and the Governor's Safety Program. Some of the initiatives presented at the forum, may benefit Parkhill Road.
- Stu has had a problem getting chloride again this year, but the Town has a good supply.
- Stu met with paving contractor Pike. He plans to pave Cross Street and odd sections around town this year. Since the company who was chosen to pave the parking lot (grant funded project) went out of business, Stu has asked Pike to bid for the project, based on the amount bid by the other company.
- The container came yesterday, will be setting that up for storage at the Town Garage.
- Guardrails were sprayed today with herbicide.
- Stu and Abi attended VMHA Fair and Field Days
- In response to a question from Ben Marks, Stu said that in the Evergreen Cemetery area of Route 74 (where condition of road is poor) the speed of 85% of vehicles was 46 miles an hour, as recorded by speed monitors.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### ***VT Gas Proposal Update***

- ***June 19 special meeting*** - A special meeting of the Selectboard has been scheduled for June 19, 7-9 at the Cornwall School with a public forum on the pipeline project and proposed route through Cornwall as the agenda. Bruce Hiland reported that the Commissioner of Public Service Department, Chris Recchia, has offered to attend. To publicize the meeting, a letter and a postcard will be sent to all tax payers and signs will be put up. Dave S. and Judy W. offered to assist Sue J.
- ***Landowner concerns*** – Randy Martin said that he spoke to two landowners on the proposed route. One is opposed and the other is concerned about losing his organic farming certification.
- ***Legislative Breakfast*** - Holly said she attended the Addison County legislative breakfast in Bridport on June 3 where the pipeline project was discussed. She learned that the legislators are trustees of the lake and the land under the lake. She felt that it was a fruitful discussion with legislators and encourages others to attend future legislative breakfasts.
- ***Negotiations*** - Ben Marks advised the board that natural moments for negotiation with Vermont Gas are 30 days before they file Phase Two and then about 9 months later when the process is about 75% complete. The Town needs to be ready for these times with it's position and a short list of what the Town wants.
- ***Proposal compliance with Town Plan*** - Holly commented that the VT Gas proposal has not played out far enough to know if it fully complies with the Town Plan.

***Town Building Assessment RFP*** - VIA and Phelps will be coming back to the board with a joint proposal at the July meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

***Fire Department News*** – Dave Sears reported that the new vehicle, Utility #1, is now at the Fire Station. Anyone can contact the Fire Department to arrange to see it. The annual Fire Department chicken BBQ is scheduled for June 23 at noon. Rides in Utility #1 will be offered during the BBQ.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard