

Approved July 5, 2016

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
June 7, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Marks, Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, John Roberts, Brian Kemp*

ALSO PRESENT: Stu Johnson, Sue Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
Quorum - established

AGENDA – Magna D. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed
Report on Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed

MINUTES – May 17, 2016 – John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes, with one typo corrected. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Letter from Efficiency Vermont regarding the Municipal Street Light Program and installation of LED lights. Sue J. commented that the Town Hall has LED lights but the Town Garage does not yet have them.
- Marketing letter from Griffith Energy
- Letter from Forest, Parks & Recreation Department regarding reappointment of Cornwall's Fire Warden
- Copy of letter sent to Public Service Board (PSB) from neighbor of Cynthia Heany objecting to proposed new location wind turbine on her property.
- Copy of net-metering application to PSB for school wind turbine
- Legislative wrap up summary from Vermont League of Cities and Towns

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Overdue Dog licenses** - Sue J. passed out a list of dog owners who have not renewed their dog's licenses by the deadline and a copy of the 2nd letter to be sent to them. It is a State law that all dogs be licensed in their town of residence and by State statute, each Town is required to survey the dogs within Town boundaries. This is a public health issue because a dog license verifies that rabies shots are up to date, The last door-to-door

dog survey was done 10-15 years ago. Sue J. will write an article on dog licensing for the newsletter.

- **The Town Service Officer** position and a fund that this officer could access to assist local residents on an emergency basis, have been eliminated by the Legislature. Sue J. asked the board to consider whether Cornwall wants to have its own emergency fund for residents and whether to keep the position of Town Service Officer in Cornwall, or not. (Agenda item for the next meeting)
- **New Laws for Sick Leave** - Sue J. attended a human resources workshop on paid and unpaid leave. State Legislature recently passed a sick leave bill – with new rules that (for municipalities) pertain to non-elected employees. Ben M. directed Sue J. to see our one non-elected employee meets the threshold for this year, and then tell him about the new law. Sue will report back at the next meeting.
- **Building renovation** – Sue J. said that the Capital Committee will meet this Thursday. A dumpster and a storage unit will be utilized during the renovation. Sue J. has the paperwork from National Bank of Middlbury for the commercial term note. Rate is 2.09% for the life of the loan. Sue J. will report on further progress at the next meeting.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- Cornwall hosted a workshop today on introduction to highway department supervision.
- Next Wednesday will be a roundtable discussion on rollers and discers.
- Paving this year will focus on West Street – first step is to replace 11 culverts.
- Route 74 paving – Bidding opens on June 21 and paving must be finished by September 24.
- North wall of the Town Shed is in poor repair. Board asked Stu to get some estimates.

OLD BUSINESS

- **School Wind Turbine Update** – Planning Commission has met with school principal Jen Kravitz and the wind turbine installer. Application has been submitted to the PSB. Comment period: May 27 – June 27.
- **Wooster Road Update** – expected to be an ongoing situation for some time. It was reported that the Shoreham Zoning Board of Adjustment has approved the Tata Harper application to use the property for light manufacturing. No confirmation document has been received by Cornwall of this decision. John R. discussed the concerns of Cornwall with Jeff Green, District 9 Coordinator for Act 250 in Addison County. Ben M. will call Adam Lougee and Jim Carroll for advice on the Act 250 process. The conservation easement on the property in question is held by 3 entities (all three must approve any change to the easement) - Vermont Land Trust, Department of Agriculture, and the Housing Conservation Board. John will write email to the Vermont Land Trust board, expressing the concerns of

Cornwall.

NEW BUSINESS

- District Fire Supervisor (5 year term) – also know as the Fire Warden. Larry Clark is current Fire Warden in Cornwall, term is ending. Agency of Natural Resources, Forest, Parks and Recreation Department seeks recommendation from Cornwall for Fire Warden and/or Deputy for the coming term. The Select Board would like the Fire Department to recommend a deputy from within the department, to assist the Fire Warden, as Larry Clark would like to continue as Warden. Ben M. will write an article for the newsletter about how to apply for a burn permit, which must be signed by the applicant. Ben W. MOVED /Magna D. SECONDED a motion to recommend to the ANR, Larry Clark as Fire Warden, and also to recommend the designed fire department member as Deputy Fire Warden. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John R. MOVED /Magna D. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board

* Brian Kemp arrived at the meeting just prior to the discussion about Wooster Road.