

Approved August 2, 2011

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

SELECTBOARD: Bruce Hiland, Judy Watts, Dave Sears, Ben Wood, Nancy Kemp

STAFF: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

GUESTS: Rick Kehne, ACRPC; Pam Thurber, VTrans Structures;
Dick Hasking, Vtrans District Project Manager; Shoreham School Board: Natasha Causton, Dee Dee Fragg; Shoreham Selectboard: Paul Saenger, Karen Shackett; Representative Will Stevens; Jason Paquette, Shoreham Road Foreman; Robin Conway, Shoreham Emergency Director; Barney Hodges, Joan Bingham

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

The General Fund and Highway Orders – signed.

Reconciled June bank statement – reviewed.

MINUTES

June 7 Minutes — Dave MOVED / Nancy SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried, with one abstention.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Received Education tax rates from the State. Will be setting the municipal tax rate at the next meeting.
- Resident of Douglas Road sent letter to ZA and to Town Clerk, complaining about a neighboring landowner. ZA responded accurately and appropriately.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **BCA hearing** - July 7th
- **June 30 end of the fiscal year** - Will have a significant surplus, including over \$14,000 in highway funds
- **South Bingham School** - Tom Morrow is interested in scraping and painting the old school to make it look better. Sue voiced her concerns about lead paint issues.
- **United Way Day of Caring** – Town can make request if we have a need for volunteers to do some work.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- **Paving bids** – will adjust for price of liquid asphalt. Stu recommends - and SB concurs - to contract with Pike Paving, if they guarantee no more than 15% of rap (recycled asphalt product.)

- **Summer projects** - Intends to rent excavator for work on 3 culverts on West Street and to improve section of Sperry Road with fabric and stone.
- **Need for back up skilled truck driver** - Stu has medical procedure scheduled for August 19. Rene Audet will help in truck during his recovery, when needed. Lessons learned in March include the need for “truck ready” crew as back up for regular operators.
- **Surplus highway funds** – Stu suggests that SB use surplus highway funds to cover the needs for extra manpower during his recovery. State Statue allows the SB to roll over this surplus from one fiscal year to the next.

Dave MOVED/ Ben SECONDED a motion use surplus highway funds to cover extra human resources cost in the highway department during recovery of Road Commissioner. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Town Hall Energy Update** – Ben Wood
Ben and Geoff Demong met with Steve Smith of SAS Architects. Steve Smith has offered to donate his time and talent to create a professional plan for the long-term health of the Town Hall. Plan should be done by September.
- **Roof on back of Town Hall** – done. Needed new layer of plywood, so cost went over estimate.
- **Joint Meetings Calendar Update** – Cemetery Commission in August. Listers and Board of Education in October.
- **Fire Station addition**– Dave Sears gave update on progress, obstacles
- **Town Plan Update** – promoted at the Strawberry Festival

NEW BUSINESS

VTrans Presentation: Rt 74 bridge repair plans - Dick Hasking and Pam Thurber

After years of deterioration, Lemon Fair Bridge on VT Route 74 in Shoreham in urgent need of replacement of deck and rails. Large hole in deck formed this past winter. VTrans vehicle fell into the hole. Emergency temporary closing of the bridge meant that Shoreham’s primary emergency services route was suddenly cut off, and school bus services were adversely affected. Hole is now covered with steel plate. Travel width now is just over 20’. The replacement will result in a 24’ travel width.

Federal funds through FHWA have been secured for the project, which will fast track the process. Time is critical in these special projects. Road will need to be closed for several weeks. Contractors will submit bids as lump sum and will specify how many days to opening the bridge to traffic. The low bidder does not necessarily get the job, since selection formula puts value on each day as inconvenience to the public. All costs will be paid with federal

and State funds. The work could start in early September, depending on which bid wins the contract.

Concerns from the public included:

- Safety of the bridge before repair for fully loaded trailers of fruit, if project does not start until after apple harvest
- Detour routes and impact on town roads
- Advance notice for schools
- Emergency management
- Sufficient signage in critical places
- Difficulty of stopping a truck coming down the hill and danger if one way traffic on bridge
- Cost of additional sheriff patrols
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Pam Thurber and Dick Hasking responded:

- No restrictions on bridge traffic with bridge in current state, as long as loads are for legal.
- By law, VTrans cannot detour traffic onto town roads, only State roads. Aware that locals will use town roads.
- Schools will have a month or more of notice. As much notice as possible will be given to everyone.
- Call VTrans if trucks start using Richville Road - VTrans will go down there to prevent.
- Contractor is rewarded for finishing early. Bridge may open first with one lane traffic, as contractor completes final details.
- Agreed to put signage at intersection of Route 22-A and Doolittle Road
- Agreed to put warning signage at top of hill for westbound traffic headed toward the bridge, during period of one-lane bridge traffic.
- Additional sheriff patrols will be responsibility of the towns. (Stu Johnson added that extra patrols will pay for themselves.)
- Invited town representative, emergency management directors to the pre-construction meeting in Colchester.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Lavalley House** – Judy responded to an email from Beth Keith by thanking her for checking in. Judy will have lunch with Beth sometime. SB may do survey on Lavalley issue in the newsletter. Geoff Demong suggested that we could offer the building for sale for \$1 on condition it be moved.
- **VTrans Advisory Committee** - Bruce H. has not yet located a person to fill the vacant position.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard