

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 6, 2010**

PRESENT: Bruce Hiland, Judy Watts, Nancy Kemp, Mike Quesnel

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed. The reconciled June bank statement was reviewed.

MINUTES

It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010 meeting as distributed. The motion carried on voice vote, with 3 in favor, 1 abstaining

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Stream Crossing Handbook from VT Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- Route 30 By-way map
- Notification from Dept of Taxes regarding changes in the non-residential and homestead tax rates
- Ballot to vote for trustee of VMERS
- Note from Jim Carroll regarding the status of the Burton tax appeal
- John Montagne's resignation as Lister

It was moved/seconded to accept with appreciation and regret the resignation of John Montagne as Lister. The motion carried on voice vote.

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- The most recent water test at the Town Garage on June 10 came back with good results.
- Sue J. said she will be prepared to talk about the tax rate at the next meeting on the 20th.
- The Town will end the year with a surplus.
- The primary election in Vermont will be held on August 24, 2010.

OLD BUSINESS

Emergency Generators

Mike Quesnel met with Peter Olney, State Electrical Inspector, Bill Statts, and Katie Gieges. The group discussed the criteria needed for a permit and determined that a permit is not needed to install emergency generators at the Town Garage and Town Hall. Peter Olney said that generator placement could be inside or outside the Town Hall. Katie Gieges will be back to the Selectboard with a recommendation on placement of the generator at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Habitat for Humanity seeking land donation

Bruce Hiland received a letter from Bruce Byers, board member of Addison County Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is looking for a site in Addison County for another affordable housing project. Bruce inquired as to whether the Town of Cornwall has title to any lot or lots suitable for an affordable home that the Town would be interested in donating to Habitat. After a short discussion, it was agreed that Cornwall does not have any suitable lots for a Habitat project. Bruce H will contact Bruce B.

Barking dog

Judy Watts has letter from a Cornwall resident complaining about barking dogs in her neighborhood. The resident has not been able to resolve the issue to her satisfaction after dealing directly with the owner of the dogs. The Animal Control Officer has responded, the dog owner has taken action, but the issue is unresolved, according to the complaining resident. The Cornwall dog ordinance does make reference to "excessive barking," but does not specifically define it. This is basically a neighbor-to -neighbor issue that appears to fall within the gray area of the ordinance. Judy W. will follow up with the resident.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard