

Approved September 1, 2015

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting
Cornwall Town Hall
August 4, 2015

Members present: Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Ben Marks, John Roberts

Also present: Bruce Cram, Michael Quesnel, Katie Gieges, Bobbie Carnwath, Abigail Quesnel

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.
Quorum – established.

Agenda approval - Ben M. MOVED/ Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of one item under New Business - New Road Name. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders – signed.
Report on Reconciled Bank Statement – not ready to review.

Minutes – July 7, 2015 John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Correspondence Review

- Notice of upcoming VLCT education program in Killington
- Map of State Roads in Cornwall from VTrans
- Letter from Vermont Land Trust, regarding a conservation easement on West Street. For purposes of transparency, John disclosed that he is a board member of Vermont Land Trust. The board is in agreement to approve said conservation easement in principle.

Public Comments - none

Town Clerk / Town Treasurer's Report – Sue Johnson

- Sue J. presented and explained the basis for the proposed 2015-16 General Fund Tax Rate, Highway Tax Rate and Local Agreement Tax Rate for approval by the Select Board.

John R. MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED a motion to approve the 2015-16 General Fund Tax Rate of 0.2944, the Highway Tax Rate of 0.1713 and the Local Agreement Tax Rate of 0.0002 for a total Municipal Tax Rate of 0.4659. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- Sue J. explained that the board only approves the Municipal Tax Rate, as the Homestead Rate and Non Residential Rate are set by the State.

- Sue J. informed the board of her vacation next week.

Road Commissioner's Report - none

Old Business:

- ***Animal Control Officer***

Bruce Cram is willing to be appointed as Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer serves the Town as an independent contractor. Mr. Cram will be paid \$100 per month as his retainer for services. He will receive \$20 per call for transportation expenses and \$15.50 per hour for service. The position of Animal Control Officer is a one-year term, with yearly appointment/reappointment at Town Meeting in March.

John R. MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED a motion to approve the appointment of Bruce Cram as Animal Control Officer. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

New Business:

- ***Dog Problems – Ridge Road***

The Select Board has received verbal complaints that 2 loose dogs from a residence on Ridge Road attacked 2 dogs on leashes walking with their owner on that road. Ben M. will draft a letter to the owner of the dogs, with copies to Animal Control Officer Bruce Cram and Vermont State Police, as the first step toward resolution.

- ***New Private Road Name***

The board discussed options for the name of the planned extension of Samson Road with affected property owners Michael Quesnel, Abigail Quesnel and Emergency Manager Katie Giegies.

John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion that the planned extension of Samson Road past #148 is named Samson Road Extension and that addressing begins at zero from that point. The motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- ***Preliminary Solar Siting/Screening Ordinance***

Act 56 allows towns to set reasonable screening requirements for solar installations. Select Board can proceed more quickly on an ordinance that has a sunset clause. The Planning Commission has drafted, and the Select Board will further develop an ordinance, by means that are in compliance with public meeting laws.

- ***Development Review Board Implementation***

The board discussed the process of implementing a Development Review Board in Cornwall, and will continue the discussion at next meeting. First step is to find members.

- ***Discussion of Special Meeting***
A special meeting on proposed community solar project on West Street has been set for August 11. The board discussed the agenda, content, and audio – visual needs of the meeting. Ben M. will contact RJ from Sun Commons tomorrow about what the board would like him to include in his presentation. Ben W. will contact the media.
- ***Recognition for David Sears***
The board talked about ways to recognize and honor David Sears for his longstanding service for the Town and in the Town. Ben M. will contact members of the Fire Department to coordinate.
- ***Open Select Board Seat***
Three people have expressed interest. The board will invite them all to the next meeting.

John R. MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board