

Approved September 3, 2013

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Present: Bruce Hiland, Ben Wood, Dave Sears, Abi Sessions, Stu Johnson

Guests: Ben Marks, Mary Martin, Randy Martin, Bobbie Carnwath, Jack Carter

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

General Fund and Highway Orders - *signed*

Reconciled July Bank Statement – *reviewed*

MINUTES

July 2 – Ben MOVED / Bruce SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of July 2 as distributed. Vote tabled until a quorum of those present on July 2 meeting is present to approve the minutes.

July 23 – Ben MOVED / Abi SECONDED a motion to approve the July 23 minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW – none

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none other than pertaining to the proposed pipeline project – see agenda item below.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

Stu reported that the HRRR safety evaluation of the Route 30 - Parkhill Road intersection will also be looking at the intersection of South Bingham and Parkhill Road and all of Parkhill Road. Abi said that she will volunteer to join Stu for the evaluation. Also, regarding the road trip scheduled for August 13, Bruce will contact Judy to ask if she can participate along with Stu.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on VT Gas Pipeline Proposal** – Bruce said that the Town has heard nothing from VT Gas since the Cornwall public forum. Legislators will be meeting with the Governor on August 7 to convey Cornwall's views on the proposed project. The board discussed communication issues – what to say to Vermont Gas to keep channels of communication open and what to say to the citizens, the Governor, the press and legislators. Ben Marks will draft a response to Don Gilbert's media statement that people in Cornwall support "it" when "it" is no more specific than a wide corridor through town.

Mary Martin asked the board to ask Adam Lougee of ACRPC to consider Phase One and Phase Two as separate in terms of their support. Mary has contacted Adam Lougee but not heard back from him yet.

Ben Marks said that when the 5 day notice of the filing of Phase Two goes out, the plan does not have to be fully engineered plan, with all details. However, Cornwall as an interested party will get a “cliff notes” version and a map.

- Mary Martin asked about Class 4 roads. Who actually does own them? If the Town owns, will the Town allow VT Gas on those roads?

NEW BUSINESS

- **Accept AOT Road Maintenance Agreement** – state is returning a portion of Town Highway #33 located within the Vermont Route 125 right of way. This portion of the road was taken over by the State during Route 125 major re-construction The Town will own and maintain this section of road once again. The board authorized Bruce Hiland to sign the agreement.
- **Discuss Policy to Allow Temporary Road Closures** – would give road commissioner the right to close a road for up to 3 hours without board approval. It was agreed that such a policy is needed. Bruce will draft.
- **Dog issue** - A dog off leash ran into Cornwall citizen on bike, with resulting serious injury. Dave Sears will investigate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard