

Approved September 4, 2012

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, August 7, 2012**

Present: Bruce Hiland, Judy Watts, Ben Wood, Dave Sears, Stu Johnson, Sue Johnson

Meeting called to order - 7:00 pm

General fund and highway orders – *signed*

July reconciled bank statement - *reviewed*

MINUTES

July 3 Meeting – Judy MOVED / Ben SECONDED a motion to approve with the following changes:

- July 3 as date of minutes
- July 6 as date BCA will do site inspections
- Under Road Commissioner’s Report – clarify vendor as “Champlain Valley Plumbing and Heating”
- Don Keeler is name of new sheriff
- Under Pagers for the Fire Department “...that the State has provided the Fire Department with \$6,000 worth of pagers. (delete rest of sentence)

The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Notice of 2012 VLCT Town Fair
- Media from Groves for lawyer to review
- Questionnaire from Sheriff’s Department. In response, Bruce H. will ask Sheriff Don Keeler to come visit to hear our concerns.
- Letter from the School board regarding #5 Schoolhouse – agree that it appears that the school owns #5 Schoolhouse.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Crime Reports** - Sue attended the Community Advisory Board meeting at Sheriffs Department. She learned, among other things, that people can visit www.crimereports.com, to search on Cornwall or any town to see what crimes have been reported.
- **Deputy Health Officer** - Sue’s term as deputy health officer term will expire in August, and she is willing to continue. Judy MOVED / Ben SECONDED a motion

- to reappoint Sue Johnson as Deputy Health Officer for the ensuing term. Motion passed.
- **Primary Election** - Dave S. and Abi S. volunteered to assist Sue J. in testing the vote tabulator on August 15 at 8:30 am
 - **Tax Rate** - 2012 - 2013 Cornwall tax rate has been calculated.
 - .2423 general fund
 - .1553 highway
 - .3981 total

Judy MOVED/ Ben SECONDED a motion to set the tax rate as above. Motion passed. Sue will create and distribute the tax bills.

- **Water Testing** - Town needs a professional water tester. Sue J. will check with Denise at the School to see who tests the School's water and contact that person.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- **FEMA Mitigation Funds** -. FEMA approved \$1,600 for mitigation of damage to North Bingham Road after spring flooding. FEMA has not yet approved funds for Clark Road damage from the same storm.
- **Shared Roadside Mower** – Six towns will share a big rented roadside mower. Stu will sign contract on August 8.
- **Spraying** - no comments from the public, no complaints, after recent spraying.
- **Sand Shed Slab** – Stu is working with Lake View Paving to tear up concrete slab in front of the sand shed and replace with asphalt slab.
- **Equipment Shed** – Stu plans to build a pole shed to protect mowers at the town shed, using left over lumber owned by the Town that has been stored along Cider Mill Road.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Town Hall Repair** – Judy MOVED / Abi SECONDED a motion to authorize additional Town Hall repair expenditure. Motion passed.
- **Lavalley house update** – Reviewed proposals, discussed options. Review, discussions will continue.
- **CVFD property transfer** - complete.
- **Capital Budget/Planning update** – committee met and will meet again in the fall. Discussions included Town buildings and changing times, resulting in two remaining town buildings, the Town Hall and Town Garage. The Town also owns half of the Swamp Road Bridge. The Selectboard needs to formulate the questions about buildings, go to the experts to get answers, and then bring that information to the capital budget and planning committee. As the first step, the board will visit the Town Shed and Town Hall to have a guided tour.
- **Bat trapping report** – ANR planned to do a bat-trapping event at Swamp Bridge, for research purposes. Sue did not get a report yet.

NEW BUSINESS

- **New Assistant ZA** – Ben MOVED / Judy SECONDED a motion to appoint Geoff Demong as Assistant Zoning Administrator. Motion passed. Dave S, and Sue J. will write a letter to Mike Brinkman in appreciation of his many years of service to Cornwall as Zoning

- Administrator and Assistant Zoning Administrator.
- **Conservation Commission request** - would like help in planning and funding the “critter inventory.”
 - **LFICD update** – Cornwall has two representatives and needs one more. LFICD will be put on schedule for a fall joint meeting.
 - **Update on Town Plan Update** – Bruce H. met with Planning Commission Co-chair. After ACRPC reviews the final draft, it will be sent to the Selectboard for review before hearings.
 - **Speed control device update** – will go on next meeting’s agenda.
 - **Cemetery commission** will get back to us about a joint meeting.
 - **PACE agreement** – has been signed.
 - **Solar Project at School** – has been abandoned.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Next regular meetings: September 4 and 18

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard