

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 1, 2009**

PRESENT: Joe Severy, Bruce Hiland, Mike Quesnel, "T" Tall, Nancy Kemp
ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Harvey Huetter, John Montagne

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed. The reconciled August bank statement was reviewed.

MINUTES

It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2009 meeting as written. The motion carried on voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

There was no correspondence of note.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Road Commissioner is busy working with the excavator.
- Presented the minutes from most recent BCA meeting
- The decision reports of the BCA hearings are ready to be sent out.
- Town of Cornwall assisted the US Census Bureau last year by providing updated address information in preparation for the 2010 Census. This year the Town could help the Census Bureau identify any newly constructed homes started after March 09 that will be complete by the time of census. All agreed that the Town Clerk can decide on level of participation in the census.
- A bill has been sent to Mike Merrill for electricity used at the farm stand in August.

OLD BUSINESS

- Personnel policy – After a short discussion, it was suggested that Sue show the draft personnel policy to Town employees for suggestions on ways to simplify the policy. The board would like keep what is required by statute, as well as common sense and good business practice elements of the policy, but would like to have a simpler policy suitable for a small town with a small number of employees.
- "T" Tall reported that Katie Gieges is talking with the school regarding planning for the possibility of an H1N1 virus epidemic in Cornwall.

NEW BUSINESS

Liquor License

The Board reaffirmed its' decision to issue a liquor license for K. Montgomery for an event on 8/27/09

Tax Rate

- It was moved/seconded to set the General Fund tax rate at \$0.18. The motion carried on voice vote.
- It was moved/seconded to set the Highway tax rate at \$0.15. The motion carried on voice vote.
- It was moved/seconded to set the Disabled Veterans tax rate at \$.0002. The motion carried on voice vote.

Listers

Lister John Montagne spoke about the anticipation of opening(s) for listers in the near future. Statute requires that there will be three listers. The listers have another good candidate, who can start as an understudy. The Listers also plan to get proposals from firms that do mapping and related tasks to assist Town listers.

OTHER BUSINESS

Capital Budget and Plan

Llyn Rice is activating his committee to begin work on next year's capital budget and plan.

Meeting with State Police and Sheriff

On October 6, Lt Bruce Melendy from the Vermont State Police and Addison County Sheriff Coons will come to talk with the Select Board regarding traffic issues in Cornwall. It was suggested that Bob Gerlin and any interested members of the Planning Commission be invited. Bruce Hiland drafted a list of questions to ask Lt Melendy and Sheriff Coons, and passed this out. He would like members to contact him with suggestions, additions, to this list of questions for discussion, which he will provide ahead of time to our guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board