

Approved September 15, 2015

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Cornwall Town Office
September 1, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Ben Marks, John Roberts

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Bobbie Carnwath, Brian Kemp, Frank Broughton

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Agenda – John R. MOVED /Ben M. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed
Reconciled Bank Statement – not yet prepared

Minutes – August 4

Ben M. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Minutes –August 11

John R. MOVED /Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with the spelling of one first name corrected. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Correspondence Review

- Copy of Application to Public Service Board from SunCommon for Certificate of Public Good (CPG). From date of application, Town has a 30-day window in which to make comments.
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) – flyer about workshop on municipal budgeting and borrowing
- VLCT news
- Notice from Vermont Department of Health regarding Cornwall's Deputy Health Officer term of office expiring. Sue Johnson said she is willing to continue in this position. Ben Wood signed the form of recommendation.
- VTrans is accepting applications for its transportation alternatives program that provides grants for development of transportation alternatives such as bike paths. Deadline Oct 16, 2015.

Public Comments - none

Town Clerk / Town Treasurer's Report – Sue Johnson

- Sue J. received a call from Cornwall resident Gale Burns who wants to be on record with a complaint that her neighbor on Route 30 has been burning brush for several days, creating a lot of smoke in the air at her home. Even though he has a permit it has been very dry.
- Jim Duclos is away for 3 weeks, Geoff Demong is covering as Zoning Administrator.
- The 5-year lease is up on the copier. Sue would like to next lease a color enabled model, which would be very useful at times and will cost less than what we are paying now.
- Tax bills have gone out.

Frank Broughton asked Sue J. about why the Town leases the copier instead of buying one. Mr. Broughton suggested that buying is an option that should be explored. Sue J. replied that the reasons included getting an updated copier every 5 years, the fact that toner and repairs are included, and the high cost of purchase of the kind of copier that the Town needs. Sue said that she would gather some additional information to bring to a future meeting on this issue.

Road Commissioner's Report – Stu Johnson

- The highway department has done significant ditching this year, and has taken care of many places on the list, including Tully Road, Sperry Road and on Hamlin Road. Several culverts have been installed in preparation for paving.
- The Road Commissioner has received some complaints about dust, not that dust on the roads has created a safety hazard, but that cars are getting dirty. Stu J. is concerned about the budget, and being behind in the supply of chloride in the spring, if he responds by using chloride now. He will be behind in the supply of chloride in the spring if he does that. The board told the Road Commission that he should use his best judgment on this issue.
- Stu J. and the Road Commissioners in 3 neighboring towns are beginning discussions about the possibility of jointly investing in a tow-behind chipper.

Old Business

- **Open Board Seat** - The board met with 2 Cornwall residents, Frank Broughton and Brian Kemp who had expressed interest in the open seat on the Select Board. The board agreed that the Town is fortunate to have persons so qualified as Mr. Broughton and Mr. Kemp step forward at this time.

John MOVED/Magna SECONDED a motion to appoint Brian Kemp to fill the open board seat until Town Meeting. Ben M. will write letter to Frank Broughton. Ben W. will call Brian Kemp.

- **Special Meeting on September 3:** The board discussed the process for Thursday's meeting and the content of the proposed interim bylaw. The board will be taking comments from the public. Ben M. will make a list of summary topics to discuss, and will make a list of changes made tonight to the draft ordinance, for easier review by the public at the meeting. Ben W. will contact Peter Rothchild from New Haven, in preparation for Thursday night to explain the percentage of field of view issue.
- **Finalize Interim Bylaw** - Ben M. and Magna D. will write the final draft of the bylaw. The purpose of the bylaw is to provide a basis for conditions when the PSB grants a CPG. Once the interim bylaw is in place, every citizen should be informed by mail.
- **SunCommon 248 application to PSB** – The board briefly discussed how the Town will participate in the 248 petition of SunCommon on Payne property. By 20th, Cornwall will need to have something into the PSB.
- **Recognition for David Sears**
In addition to dedication the next Town Report to David Sears, the Town would like to make an appropriate donation in his memory. Ben M. will call the Fire Department tomorrow to coordinate.

New Business:

- **Paid Assessor Discussion** – the board discussed how the addition of a paid assessor to aid the Listers would benefit the Town. There are currently funds in the budget to hire someone. The appraiser would do inspections and appraisals. Ben W. will call some neighboring towns that used paid appraisers to gather more information.

Ben M. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to adjourn. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board.