

Approved September 18, 2012

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, September 4, 2012**

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

Guests: Chris Bray, candidate for Vermont Senate; David Anderson, Town Health Officer; Rodney Cadoret, Delinquent Tax Collector; Sharon Kerwin, Cornwall resident

Meeting called to order - 7:00 pm

General fund and highway orders – *signed*

August reconciled bank statement - *reviewed*

MINUTES

August 7 Meeting – Ben MOVED / Judy SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with the following change: correct the typo in one instance of Judy's first name.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Notice from Better Middlebury Partnership – planning a networking event for area telecommuters
- From Willem Jewett – notice of upcoming “lasagna tour”. Willem would like to use Cornwall Town Hall for this campaign event. Willem is welcome to use the hall at the out-of-town resident fee of \$50. Bruce will contact him.
- Communication from Cornwall Conservation Commission (CCC) about plans for the natural resource inventory. Bruce H. authorized them to apply for a municipal planning grant, with Sue J. as administrator and Bruce H. as the requesting official. Bruce suggested to the CCC that they collaborate with Middlebury College on this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Bray, is here as candidate for Vermont Senate. He is visiting every town selectboard to introduce himself and begin to build a relationship with local government officials, should he be elected. Chris said that he believes that elected State officials should develop relationships with selectboards, as people who have knowledge of their towns and citizenry, to better represent them in Montpelier.

Sharon Kerwin – reports that her former renter Mark Hall has apparently abandoned his trailer (in poor condition) located on her property and she does not know where he is or how to contact him. Mr. Hall is delinquent on Town taxes he owes on his trailer. She is current on taxes on her land.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Vermont Primary Election** was held on August 28.
- **Gathering Place at Town Hall** - Starting on Tuesday, September 4, there will be coffee, tea, a sitting area, a puzzle in progress and games available for anyone who would like to stop by. Wireless internet is also available at the Town Hall for those who bring laptops or other devices.
- **General Election** – date is November 6
- **Tax Bills** - went out.

COLLECTOR OF DELINQUENT TAXES REPORT- Rodney Cadoret

Mr. Cadoret updated the board on the upcoming delinquent tax sale. Nine properties are slated to go to tax sale. Bruce H. will talk with the Town Attorney to confirm the method of payment for his legal services in this matter.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- **Flood mitigation** - Stu J. updated the board on his recent dealings with FEMA and Vermont ANR, their regulations and requirements for mitigation of damage to Cornwall roads caused by flooding . FEMA has approved the emergency work done on Clark Road. Check is in the mail for \$16,553.
- **Transportation Network Training (TNT)** –will be meeting with Addison County foreman's group with their proposal to provide random drug testing, CDL training and testing, training opportunities, and distribute notices on changes in rules.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Town Shed/Town Hall inspection visits** –Bruce H. will email the Selectboard and the budget and capital planning committee to arrange a visit after 2 weeks.
- **Town communications** - email list is active with information sent out recently about West Nile and EEE virus. Peter McCormick assists with updating the website.
- **Veterans' tax exempt provisions** – clarification: applies to disabled veterans only.
- **Joint meetings** – Cemetery board will tell us when they wish to come.
- **LaValley House** – Judy MOVED / Ben SECONDED a motion to appoint a sub-committee of Ben Wood, Geoff Demong, and Frank Punderson to review proposals and make a recommendation on action for LaValley House. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Aerial Pesticide Spraying** – David Anderson reported that aerial spraying of pesticides in a target area of land that includes parts of Cornwall, Shoreham, Whiting, and Brandon is scheduled for September 7 at 8pm. Two cases of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) have been confirmed in humans in Rutland and Addison counties. One person has died. The Departments have identified the pesticide applications as a means of reducing mosquito populations that carry EEE and West Nile Viruses. VT Health Commissioner Harry Chen, MD, determined that the pesticide application is warranted to mitigate the significant public health risk posed by the infected mosquitoes in these areas. Sue J. will post information about this matter on the Town website, including protective actions the public can take.

- ***Idea for Selectboard Forum*** – it was suggested that ACRPC be asked to sponsor a countywide forum for selectboards. Many towns share common challenges, costs are rising, and towns are increasingly collaborating with other towns. It would be good to discuss common concerns and solutions together.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bruce H. and Dave S. will be unable to attend the October 2 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 18, 7pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard