

Approved September 19, 2017

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
September 5, 2017

PRESENT: Ben Marks, Magna Dodge, Ben Wood, John Roberts, Brian Kemp

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Mike Sunderland

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
Quorum – established.

AGENDA – Ben W. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda amended as follows:

- add approval of Special meeting minutes of August 15
- remove July 11 minutes (already approved).

Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed
Report on Reconciled Bank Statement – none to review tonight.

MINUTES

- **June 6, 2017** John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained (not at that meeting).
- **August 1, 2017** – John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes amended as follows:
 1. in the last sentence first paragraph in Peluso Dog Complaint hearing, add “which occurred two years ago” after the word “dog”.
 2. Edit second paragraph for clarification as follows: “Details about encounters with the dogs previous to the one at issue were also presented by Jim Duclos and Kelly Higgins, at the request of Ben Marks, for informational purposes, but are not relevant to any violation of the ordinance, because of the ordinance limit of one year.”
 3. In last paragraph of the Hearing – delete “No vote was needed.”
 4. Town Clerk / Town Treasurer’s Report – add “to set the tax rate” after “brief special meeting in August”.
 5. In matter of opening of paving bids, change the word “lower” to “low.”
 6. School property transfer – edit as follows: “Ben M forwarded a list of concerns to the Town Attorney who forwarded those concerns to the attorney for the school.
 7. Delete “Barn on Ridge Road – whole sentence.

Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (not at that meeting).

- **August 15, 2017** – Magna D. MOVED /Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (not at that meeting).

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Letter from Vermont Department of Health seeking input on proposed new State alcohol, tobacco and marijuana policies.
- From the Listers - errors and omissions certificate for the Grand List
- Notice from the Town of Middlebury regarding a September 7 hearing for their Town Plan and Zoning update. Ben M. will contact Holly N from the Planning Commission to pass on this information.
- Notice of Vermont League of Cities and Towns Town Fair October 4
- Pipeline Association for Public Awareness newsletter
- Summary of visit on July 11 by Jeff Theis from Vermont League of Cities and Towns to Cornwall Town Hall and Garage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – *Sue Johnson*

- Ben M. signed paperwork authorizing the Town Clerk to participate in LUCA census activities.
- Sue J. will be out of the office in early November, to care for a family member following surgery. Sue J. will have her laptop with her and will be available to support Joan Bingham who will be substituting for Sue J., including during the November 1 tax collection and Nov 6 book sale. Citizens will be encouraged to come in earlier than November 1 if they want to pay their taxes in person, to ease the last minute rush at the Town Hall.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – *Brian Kemp and Mike Sunderland*

- Mike S. stated that 3 citizens have contacted him with concerns about the lack of center road lines on Lemon Fair Road, after recent paving. Mike S. will respond get an estimate for painting a center line on the road, and then a response to the citizens will be made.
- A culvert in the access area at the temporary bridge has been crushed. Brian K. recommends a longer culvert there because it is a tight access. Replacement does not need to be done this year.
- James Road culvert replacement underway.
- Road crew seeded the earth berm for the school. Sue will forward the bill for the grass seed. Labor and use of the equipment is covered by the Town.
- New Truck was picked up today.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Report on Robbins Road discussions with Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)** –Ben M. asked ANR for a waiver of the notice requirement. When the ANR Commissioner comes back, he has authority to grant the waiver.
- **Status of draft school transfer deed** – categories of things the Town wants to preserve are on a list of things Ben M. wants to talk about with the attorney for the school district.
- **Discussion of next steps regarding Swamp Road Bridge**
Ben M. and Brian K. have been in touch with members of the Select Board in Salisbury. Salisbury is applying for grant money from ACRPC Transportation Advisory Committee to study bridge replacement. To be eligible for this grant, a Town has to have a member on this committee and Salisbury does. (Cornwall does not currently have a representative on this committee).

John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to affirmatively support Salisbury's study request to the ACRPC, provided that the Description of Planning Study be amended to include road conditions and weight limits on the approach roads on either side of the creek. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Ben Wood is authorized to sign. Tomorrow Ben W. plans to talk with Tom Scanlon, Road Commissioner in Salisbury.

NEW BUSINESS: none

OTHER BUSINESS – Ben M. will call Cornwall's Animal Control Officer to see if he wants to continue.

John MOVED/ Ben W. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board