

Approved September 20, 2011

**TOWN OF CORNWALL  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, September 6, 2011**

**MEMBERS:** Bruce Hiland, Dave Sears, Judy Watts, Ben Wood, Nancy Kemp

**STAFF:** Sue Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm.

General Fund and Highway Orders were signed.

August bank statement was reviewed.

**MINUTES**

Dave MOVED/Ben SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2 meeting, with typo corrected in Judy's first name. Motion carried on voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- **VLCT** - sponsoring a Town Fair on October 6 in Killington. VLCT is asking towns to comment on proposed *2012 VLCT Municipal Policy*. Sue will send copies to all SB members by email to review before next meeting.
- Reviewed response written by Bruce to a citizen concerned about education spending in Cornwall
- Received McIntyre's proposed contract for the coming heating season – Ben will call around to get estimates of other heating fuel companies. It was suggested that Town also look into combined purchase of fuel for Town Hall with purchase of diesel fuel for Town Garage.
- NY Times article on how to start a blog, passed on to Town Clerk

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – no Cornwall citizens attended this meeting.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** - Sue Johnson for Stu Johnson  
Stu is doing very well, with his recovery. He has been to organizing a detail of trucks from this area to help out in Rochester, including one truck from Cornwall. Ken and Phil have been doing a great job cutting trees. Work is going well in Stu's absence.

**TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT** – Sue Johnson  
Sue is happy to be back to work and pleased that all went well during her time off. She has printed the tax bills, which will be going out in the next day or two. Rest of this month, she will focus on Sept 24 celebration of Cornwall's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. She is interviewing citizens, making a book of highlights. DAR building

will be open for the celebration. Mary Baker Allen Chapter of the DAR oversees the DAR building, which is only open for special events.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ***Salt Mitigation at Town Garage update*** – we have been pumping water 24/7 for 21 years, based on one study done long ago. Bruce suggested it is time to revisit assumptions. Ben will read water pumping project report and report his findings back to the board.
- ***Town Hall Energy Conservation update*** – no action as of today, Ben will follow up with Steve Smith.
- ***Capital Budget / Planning Opening update*** – position still open. Bruce will continue to work on recruiting.
- ***Joint meeting with Listers*** – changed from October 4 to October 18
- ***Burton proceedings*** – are continuing and costs to town continue to rise.
- ***Comparison of town employee compensation*** - Ben described various methods he has used to compare salaries and stipends paid by other towns to employees and boards. He is creating a report that will be emailed by the end of the week.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- ***Newsletter - Selectboard Report*** – reviewed and approved by all.

Next meeting: Sept 20, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard