

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 7, 2010
minutes as amended and approved 9/21/10**

PRESENT: Bruce Hiland, Judy Watts, Mike Quesnel, Nancy Kemp, Joe Severy

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

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 17, 2010 meeting as distributed. The motion carried on voice vote with one abstention.

It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 meeting as distributed. The motion carried on voice vote with one abstention.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Copy of notice of violation sent to Vincent Gardon by State of Vermont Environmental Enforcement Officer Ulrich enforcement officer, dated April 7, 2010.
- Email from Katie Griges regarding progress on generator procurement. Katie reported that VEM has extended deadline for grant funds to be expended.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT – Stu Johnson

Stu Johnson provided his unique perspective on the progress of the Route 30 paving project by the Vermont AOT.

TOWN CLERK /TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- The Town received a written letter of appreciation from the US Census Bureau
- Sue will be meeting with David Thompson on Friday to listen to what he has to offer as an alternative to the current group health insurance for town employees.
- The statewide recount of ballots for the Democratic primary governor's race will start tomorrow in county courthouses. As directed by the Secretary of State's office, Sue and Nancy have delivered the ballot bag to the Addison County Courthouse.
- The Town Clerk's office will be closed on September 8 and September 21.

- Sue J. informed the board that funds – particularly for the school budget - may be need to be spent before sufficient taxes are collected. This is typical each year.

It was moved/seconded to authorize the borrowing 150,000 in anticipation of collection of taxes. The motion carried on voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Lavalley Store Project

The Historical Society Lavalley Store Project Committee has requested that the Lavalley Store Project decision be taken off the agenda for tonight and postponed for a later date. Bruce suggested to the board that the committee be given a compiled list of concerns that have been brought up over time during public meetings, so that the committee can address these specific concerns when they do come before the board. At the next meeting, the board will review the list of concerns, before sending on to the committee.

Barking dogs

The board reviewed the correspondence on the matter of barking dogs on South Bingham Street over the past few months. Bruce Hiland has talked to the dog's owner and the Domestic Animal Control Officer. One person in the neighborhood has requested that the Selectboard amend the dog ordinance to define "excessive barking". After careful consideration of the issue, the board decided not to take any action and concluded that the definition of "excessive barking" is inherently subjective and therefore is a matter that is best resolved by direct communication between neighbors. Bruce H. will write a letter to the resident making the ordinance amendment request.

OTHER BUSINESS

ACRPC has yet to provide the traffic data to the Selectboard, because they are not finished with collecting the data. Data was collected before the paving project and will be collected again once paving is complete. The Selectboard will use this data to determine whether or not to file a request to the AOT to reduce the speed limit in the village and north of the village in the densely settled area along Route 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard