

Approved October 4, 2011

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

MEMBERS: Dave Sears, Judy Watts, Ben Wood, Nancy Kemp

STAFF: Sue Johnson

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

General Fund and Highway Orders were signed.

MINUTES

Nancy MOVED/ Dave SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes of the August 2 meeting, with addition of Nancy to list of members present and correction of one typo. Motion carried on voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- ***Lemon Fair Insect Control District (LFICD)***- letter regarding proposed changes to date of annual report from Sept 1 to Oct 15 and date of public hearing from October 1 to on or before November 15. LFICD is seeking approval by Cornwall as a member of the LFICD. Such changes are needed because the LFICD fiscal year has been changed to December 1-November 31. Dave MOVED/Ben SECONDED a motion to approve the above changes to the LFICD annual report and public hearing dates.
- ***VLCT notice of workshop- Managing the Municipal Budget Oct 26.*** Sue and Dave are interested in attending.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – no citizens were present to express comments/concerns.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson on behalf of Stu Johnson

- 12 towns in Addison County sent 52 truck days over the mountain to help out towns hit hard by recent flooding in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. Cornwall provided 4 driver days. 1 equipment operator went over for 5 days, during his vacation. Road Commissioner in Rochester is deeply thankful and said his crew could not have done what they were able to do without help from the neighboring towns.
- Stu is recovering well, faster than expected, while being smart about it, too.

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

- T Tall, as building committee chair for Habitat for Humanity project in Cornwall, has inquired about property taxes before homes are sold. Sue will contact legal services of VLCT.
- Tax bills went out. Assessment is homeowners' main complaint. Sue has been recommending that people need to call the Listers now with concerns about their assessment. While it is too late to make a difference for this year's taxes, homeowners have the right to appeal before the annual deadline for such appeals. Some towns use professional Listers and Sue encouraged the board to explore further.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Cornwall 250th Celebration** – September 24. Noon-7 pm. Historic homes and buildings will hold open houses. Vendors, games and refreshments at the school, Cornwall cookbooks and T shirts for sale. Chicken BBQ and live music. A song for Town of Cornwall, created by folks at Project Independence, will be performed. There will be a driving tour and letter boxing event with 8 stamps around the town. Also on November 3, an historic play renamed *The Spirit of Cornwall* will be performed by six grade students. Donations will be solicited to cover the cost of the 250th Celebration.
- **Transfer of N. Bingham FD Property from Town to CFD** – Dave reported that the State is requiring a 30-minute fire suppression system for a property that has no water, sleeps no one, has no meetings and is functionally a garage. As a result of this discouraging development, the project is on hold while meetings are held to discuss direction.
- **Town Survey** – distributed and completed surveys are coming back.
- **ACPRC - Amendments and Re-Adoption of the ACRP** – 3rd hearing scheduled for Oct 12. Vote to follow.
- **Buildings** – Ben is working with Steve Smith, who will draw up plan
- **Compensation** - Ben is working with Grover Usilton, who will compile data.
- **Fuel costs** – Ben reported on his efforts to compare various companies
- **Water Pumping Report** – Ben has read and suggests that all SB members should review the water pumping report. He does think the issue should be revisited, since the Town has been pumping for

20 years. Suggests that Dave Anderson come and talk about it. Dave S. will read the report next.

NEW BUSINESS

- ***Biking for books*** - Linda Kautzman, School Librarian, has asked the SB to approve the closure of South Bingham Street on Sunday October 16 from 1-3 pm for the annual Biking for Books event. Dave MOVED/ Nancy SECONDED a motion to approve the above request. The motion carried on voice vote.
- ***Lemon Faire Insect Control Board membership*** - 2 current vacancies. Tom Baskett is seeking help in finding two people to serve - one to help with letters and one to help coordinate flights. The two board members who are leaving are willing to educate the newcomers.
- ***LaValley Store Question*** – was tabled at 2011 Town Meeting. To resolve, will need to propose something again for 2012 Town Meeting. It was decided to send out a separate survey of 4-10 questions to poll citizen opinions on the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard