

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

Present: Judy Watts, Abi Sessions, Ben Wood, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

Meeting called to order—7:00 pm

General fund and highway orders—*signed*

Reconciled September Bank Statement – *reviewed*

MINUTES

September 18 Meeting—Abi MOVED/Judy SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as amended with one change - the date of the next meeting is October 2.
Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- **Letter from Vermont Gas**, concerning proposed plans for extended pipeline for natural gas.
- **Email from Susan Jefferies**, Chair of SelectBoard in Starksboro. Her board is interested in working cooperatively with other towns, is supportive of the idea of an Addison County SelectBoard Forum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Town Clerk/Town Treasurer Recertified** - at the Sept 24-25 annual meeting of the Vermont Municipal Clerks and Treasurers Association (VMCTA) <http://www.vmcta.org> Sue was recertified as clerk / treasurer. Sue has held these certifications for the past five years.
- **November 6 Election** - Need to test tabulator at least 10 days before election. Sue will coordinate.
- **Board of Abatement** - Need to have a meeting with at least 3 members in October. Sue will contact members to coordinate a date and time.
- **Property Taxes** – due November 1.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- **Vermont Municipal Highway Association** – there has been a recent attempt to revive this group, which is down to five members, including Stu.
- **Town Shed** - Stu asked neighbors of town shed about possibility of a boundary line adjustment.
- **Interns on road crew** - Stu is gathering information about the possibility of having a VTC student intern (engineering student) on the road crew, possibly a shared position with another town. Anticipated wage cost for an intern working part time would be \$5,000-7,000 annually.

- **Resilient Vermont Forum** put on by the Institute for Sustainable Communities. <http://www.iscvr.org/news/toward-a-more-resilient-vermont/>
Stu plans to attend.
- **Big Mower** – unloaded. This is the 4th year of renting a big mower, for roadside mowing of larger growth such as sumac and pin cherry.
- **Gravel Problem** - Pike gravel is unable to continue to supply the quality of gravel Cornwall needs and the cost from other known sources is too high. Stu is still looking for an answer for this problem.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Lavalley House subcommittee recommendations**

Ben Wood, Frank Punderson and Geoff Demong reviewed options and costs.

Recommendation:

1: Determine what fixtures or equipment the Town wants to keep from the property, understanding that it should be kept in an environment that will not allow further deterioration.

2: Sell remaining fixtures and equipment of value at auction through Tom Broughton.

3: Offer the removal of the property to Burnham Excavating based on their bid amount of \$11,000, which includes grading and seeding the site. Burnham Excavating does not handle asbestos.

4. Offer the asbestos removal to TMC Corp out of Burlington, based on their bid of \$1,200.

Sue pointed out that there are also items from Lavalley Store being stored in DAR basement that will spoil over time if not dealt with.

Abi MOVED/ Ben SECONDED a motion to accept the above recommendations from the Lavalley subcommittee. Motion passed. The plan is take immediate action on the recommendations and get it done this fall.

- **Conservation Commission MPG update** – Cornwall is not eligible for regional planning grant because current town plan was not adopted regionally.
- **Radar speed control update** – Bruce is waiting to hear back from the Sheriff's Department.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Road closure request** - Biking for Books event.
Abi MOVED / Ben SECONDED a motion to approve the request to close ½ mile of S. Bingham Street October 14, 1-3pm for the Cornwall School Biking for Books event. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next meeting: October 16

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the SelectBoard