

Approved November 3, 2015

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting
Cornwall Town Hall
October 20, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson

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

Quorum – *established*

General Fund and Highway Orders - *signed*

AGENDA – John MOVED /Magna SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES – October 6, 2015 Magna MOVED /Brian SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Notice from Vermont Land Trust – will discuss during Old Business
- Copy of application for Certificate of Public Good (CPG) for solar installation on Route 30 – will discuss in New Business

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- There will be an **Act 46 meeting/presentation** at 8 pm as part of the school board meeting tomorrow night.
- Sue J. will send **amended solar siting ordinance** to Addison County Regional Planning Commission and adjoining towns, as required.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu is not here tonight. Sue said there was nothing special to report tonight. Brian K suggested the idea of the road crew cleaning up areas on the side of the road that have been cut roughly by the flail, if close to a person's home/yard. Sue responded with concerns about injury risk of crew.

OLD BUSINESS

- Draft of **Conflict of Interest Policy** was reviewed, and some edits were suggested. Magna D. and Ben M. will modify further and bring draft back to the board for approval at the next meeting.
- **SunCommon CPG application for solar project on West Street** – update on Public Service Board process. Ben M. reported that interveners have filed comments. Green Mountain Power filed comments regarding

load on the lines. Lines in the proposed area for the project could handle maximum of 115 kw, not 150 kw as proposed. SunCommon now needs to respond.

- **Invoice from Benj Putnam** for his work intervening in the SunCommon matter has been received. Ben M. said he is going to request that Benj Putnam add the time he spent on each task for a more detailed accounting/greater transparency.
- **Response to Vermont Land Trust** - Ben W. said it has been called to his attention that, in response to the letter received from the Vermont Land Trust regarding the conservation of the Bonner property, the Select Board should write a letter to the Vermont Land Trust stating that the Town approves of said conservation. Magna D. MOVED /Brian K. SECONDED a motion that the Select Board supports Matthew and Monica Bonner in conserving 85 acres of their property on West Street. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. A letter will be sent to the Vermont Land Trust regarding this decision.
- **Cash Receipts policy and other financial policies** - *reviewed*. Sue J. said the need for such policies comes from the insurance company and the professional auditor, who both want financial policies with substance. Sue J. and Magna D. will work together on next draft.

NEW BUSINESS

- An application has been filed with the Public Service Board for **CPG – 28 kw solar project at 5840 Route 30**. Applicant: Bradley C. Jenne. Cornwall needs to submit comments between the 3-15th of November, with the Town's concern that the application needs to be in compliance with the Town's solar siting by-law.

OTHER BUSINESS –

- **Vermont State Energy Plan** - Ben M. reported that the Department of Public Service is taking comments on the next installment of the state's energy plan. This 400-page document will guide decisions about energy in Vermont for the next 20 years. Important to read and to comment on.
- **Conservation Fund** - Magna D. expressed concerns about about how to manage the process of the conservation fund. The board discussed the issue. It was suggested that a list of questions be compiled for the committee, including: What are long term goals, what effect on town tax base, what are some possible projects?

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board