

Town of Cornwall
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Present: Joe Severy, Nancy Kemp, Bruce Hiland, Mike Quesnel, T Tall
Also Present: Paul Viko, Stu Johnson, Kate Gieges, Raph Worrick, Sean Stearns

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Bruce Hiland/Nancy Kemp moved to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting. The motion carried on voice vote.

Correspondence:

Notice of the public comment period for an Indirect Discharge permit for Agri-Mark was received.

Mary Dodge provided information from the ACRPC.

Road Commissioner:

Stu Johnson reported that the 1994 International Truck has been traded to Charlebois Inc. for parts in the amount of \$7500.00.

Stu J. reported that at the last Addison County Foreman's meeting, the guest speaker talked about what was involved in getting people certified to spray roadsides, etc. This would allow Stu to deal with Poison Ivy and Parsnip more effectively. The guest speaker at the next Foreman's meeting will be a representative from Dow Chemical. There was brief discussion in regard to notification of adjacent landowners, farmers, etc.

Town Clerk-Treasurer:

Sue Johnson reports that the mercury light is out once again. Bruce Hiland will follow up.

Old Business:

Bruce Hiland received a letter from Beth Keefe in regard to the Lavalley Store indicating what has been done and what plans are underway for the future of the store. Bruce H. felt that the CHS should be given a deadline to provide a specific proposal detailing what will be done to the building and how the funding will be obtained. Mr. Hiland put this in the form of a motion, however, T Tall indicated that the CHS would like to attend the next board meeting to give an update on the plans for the store, thus the motion was withdrawn. Paul Viko felt that townspeople should be invited to the meeting. It was pointed out that the meeting is an open meeting to all. The CHS will attend the December 1, 2009 meeting of the Select Board.

In follow up to the previous discussion, T Tall indicated that the store contents had been sorted, some were kept and the rest was disposed of in several ways. Some of the items were consigned to Tom Broughton to be auctioned off and the proceeds from that auction were \$875.00. Mr. Tall was asked to determine if the check should be given to the CHS or to the town. After a brisk discussion, the topic was tabled until the Board meets with the CHS on December 1.

Bruce Hiland reported on a discussion at the LFICD budget meeting in regard to liability insurance for LFICD Board members. Bruce is researching this issue and will report back at a future meeting.

Bruce Hiland also reported on the Administrative Assistant position. Mr. Hiland has spoken with the Middlebury Asst. Town Manager and will be meeting with the Middlebury Town Manager. A report will follow at a future meeting.

New Business:

The meeting turned to discussion of the 2010/2011 budget at 7:25PM.

Several members of the CVFD were present to indicate that their budget has not been voted on at this point, but when approved should show a 4% drop over last year.

There was a discussion about the capital fund and the workings of the fund.

Paul Viko was present to discuss the Lister expenses for the next FY. They would like to level fund both line items. They are discussing having a professional appraising firm do some of the lister duties; however this would not require an increase in the budget. The listers will still have to do current use work, grievance, etc. They may hire the former district advisor to help with some of these responsibilities.

Kate Gieges spoke briefly about the Emergency Management budget, which was level funded at \$1000. Kate wanted to thank the Board for giving EMAN a budget to work with. She says this sends a message to the county that Cornwall is proactive in the area of Emergency Management.

The rest of the evening was spent working through most of the General Fund Budget. Budget discussion will continue at the next meeting on December 1.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Johnson, Acting Board Clerk