

Approved December 1, 2015

**CORNWALL SELECT BOARD**

Regular Meeting  
Cornwall Town Hall  
November 17, 2015

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Wood, Ben Marks, Magna Dodge, Brian Kemp

**ABSENT:** John Roberts

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sue Johnson, David Dodge, Chris Chapline

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

**Quorum**—*established*

**General Fund and Highway Orders**—*signed*

**Bank Statement Reconciliation** —Sue waiting on external report.

**AGENDA**—Approved, with one addition under Old Business (letter to School Board)

**MINUTES**—*November 3, 2015* Ben M. MOVED /Magna SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as amended. *Motion passed*—4 in favor, 0 opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) News
- VLCT notice of dues increase of 5.09%

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** —none

**TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT**—[*Sue*]

- Board signed policies adopted at November 3 meeting.
- **Cornwall Mitigation Plan**—FEMA approval received. Magna MOVED, Ben M. SECONDED, to adopt the following resolution:  
*“That in order to provide for sustained actions to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects in the Town of Cornwall, VT, the Town Selectboard deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community to adopt the attached Town of Cornwall, Vermont Single Jurisdiction All Hazards Mitigation Plan. In adopting this plan, the Selectboard instructs all community departments to follow the recommendations contained within this plan.”*  
*Motion passed; 4 in favor, 0 opposed.*
- **Tax Sales**—Three properties scheduled to go on the block, Friday, November 20, at 9:00 AM. Papers have been served on all. Board need to appoint an authorized bidder to set the initial low bid on each property. If the low bid is not out-bid, the property is owned by the town. Ben M. MOVED, Magna D. SECONDED a motion that the Board appoint Rodney Cadoret as the Authorized Bidder, with Ben Wood as alternate, to enter bids on behalf of the Town sufficient to cover the unpaid taxes, plus interest and other expenses related to the tax sale. *Motion passed; 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.*

**ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**—Fall work completed; tree cutting being planned; Equipment being readied for the winter season.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Lemon Fair Insect Control District (LFICD)** – Discussion of pesticide application/needs and other issues before the District.

- *Budget*—Sale of the plane has provided somewhat of a cushion for future larvicide treatment and a budget reduction. Department of Agriculture has determined it will partially reimburse for LFICD expenses.
- *Formation Agreement*—Seeking Board input on changes to Formation Agreement and whether proposed changes would require a Town Meeting vote. If Town Meeting vote not required, does the Select Board approve of the proposed changes.
- *Accounting*— LFICD would like to move to a 2-year financial compilation cycle, instead of annually, as financial transactions amount to very little in terms of money or number of checks. This would be a significant cost saving measure.
- Board suggested that a review of Cornwall's newly adopted financial policies might help the District determine how they wish to proceed. Also suggested that attaching the bank statement to the monthly financial report might suffice.
- *Weybridge*—Discussed the pending new membership of the Town of Weybridge to the District. Select Board affirmed that, in their opinion, it was a good move. Given the difficulty in finding Weybridge board members, the District would like to reduce each town's board membership from 3 to no more than 3 and no less than 2.

## OLD BUSINESS

- **Update—Sun Common**—[Ben M] The Select Board sent a letter to the Public Service Board (PSB) in response to SunCommon's most recent letter. Ben also noted that he had had a discussion with the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) about the differing screening guidelines between ACRPC's suggested wording and Cornwall's. He also noted that Green Mountain Power has almost reached their cap on net metering. They will review new applications on a case-by-case basis with a preference toward household roof installations rather than larger array systems. They have posted, on their website, a map of solar installations and sub-station capacities.
- **Update—Jenne solar project on Route 30**—[Ben M] Peck Electric, with suggestions from Ben M, produced a simulation of the Jenne Project's visual effect from Route 30. The simulation shows the project to be in compliance with the Town's ordinance. Ben M. will draft a letter to the PSB stating compliance with Cornwall's ordinance.
- **Update— Purchasing Policy**—After a short discussion, Sue will make suggested changes and get the document back to the Board for review.
- **Update— Conservation Fund**—Dave Anderson found that there are no guidelines in existence, which he stated was confirmed as well by Bob Gerlin. Further discussion ensued, with Board coming to the conclusion that any appeal for money from the funds would fall under the purview of the Trustees of Public Finds as administrators of the CDs in question. The Commission's expected role of the Select Board is unclear.
- **Update—Solar Ordinance**—Board review of addition to the Ordinance of documentation/burden-of-proof as required by the town; decommissioning protocols.
  - December 15 set for a hearing on the ordinance. Town Clerk was directed to post the appropriate notices.
- **Update—School Fire Inspection Reports**—Ben M. drafted a letter, for review, from the Select Board to the School Board regarding the recent Fire Marshall and Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department inspection reports.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- **DRB Response**—Ben W. noted that six responses of interest have been received.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Magna D. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. *Motion passed* – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Conway, Substitute Minute-Taker