

Approved December 2, 2014

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, November 18, 2014

PRESENT: Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Ben Marks, Dave Sears

ALSO PRESENT: Stu Johnson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Agenda – *approved*

General Fund and Highway Orders – *signed*

MINUTES

- **October 21, 2014** – Ben M. MOVED /Magna. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. *Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- SB Chair, Bruce Hiland, invited to sit on county budget committee
- Agency of Natural Resources—Permit for well received and approved
- *Certificate of Highway Mileage*—to be approved
- Waste Water Discharge Permit

PUBLIC COMMENTS—None

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – *None*

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – *Stu Johnson*

- Routine work continues;
- Discussion regarding street signs, particularly those for private roads, Dave would like to see a road's range of E-911 numbers printed below the road name as Weybridge does.
- Ben M noted that, per statute, there is no Fire Dept. or Town liability engendered by a lack of signage. The lack is a safety issue not a liability issue.
- Stu has begun looking into the purchase of a new town pick up truck per the Capital Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- **PSB Process Update** – Ben Marks—The PSB has declined to move their hearings into December; Town has moved to compel discovery from VGS on two issues:
 - Polling Data (for Cornwall and Addison County)
 - Draft of facility development agreement with IP.VGS has a reply deadline of November 26, they have requested a one-week extension to their response time. Ben sees no objection to allowing them the additional time.
- **Problem-solving Discussion with VGS**—Moved to Executive Session

NEW BUSINESS

- **Confirm LFICD Appointment** – Magna MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED to approve the appointment of Alissa Shethar as delegate to the Lemon Fair Insect Control District. *Motion passed.*
- **Make Appointments to Open Town Positions**—Magna MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED to approve the slate of nominations read into the Minutes as follows, by Vice-Chair Ben Wood: Trustee of Public Funds—Sue Burdick; Fence Viewer—Chuck Burdick; Planning Commission—Dave Anderson; Library Trustee—Joyce Stevens. *Motion passed.*
- **Road Ordinance**—Ben M has reviewed the Middlebury ordinance and would like to draft a version based on it, but tailored for Cornwall's needs and desired protections, for consideration by the SB. Board concurred, but noted concerns regarding future effects of some of the protections as found in Middelbury's ordinance.
- **Preliminary 2015-16 Budget Discussions**
 - Highway—reviewed with Road Foreman; not all figures yet available for this preliminary review
 - General Fund—
 - Questions regarding the Middlebury Ambulance appropriation under *Fixed Appropriations*: Board will ask Bruce to speak with a Director of the ambulance group, possibly offer an invitation to address the Cornwall SB;
 - Review to be continued; Sue's input and some final figures needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Executive Session**
 - Ben M. MOVED / Magna SECONDED a motion to find that premature general public knowledge of negotiations with Vermont Gas Systems will clearly place Cornwall at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing Cornwall's negotiation strategy. *Motion passed.*
 - Ben M. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Town's negotiations with Vermont Gas Systems under provision of Title I, Section 313(a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. *Motion passed.*
 - 8:45 pm – Board went into executive session.
 - 9:25 pm – Board came out of executive session.
 - No action taken

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Conway, Substitute Minute-Taker