

Approved January 8, 2012

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, December 18, 2012

Present: Bruce Hilland, Abi Sessions, Ben Wood, Dave Sears, Sue Johnson,
Stu Johnson

Meeting called to order—7:03 pm

General fund and highway orders—*signed*

MINUTES

December 4 Meeting— Ben MOVED / Dave SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. *Motion carried*

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- VT Department of Taxes letter – see Town Clerk’s report
- Auditors Report for the Town Report
- VLCT news
- Notice from GMP regarding plans for installation of smart meters, including opt out option

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Sue has arranged to purchase 2 new computers (one for the library) for \$583 each (Windows 7 operating system)
- SB Jan 15 meeting will include a public hearing for the proposed capital plan and budget. Bruce will ask the school board if they would like to have the Cornwall school building (and #5 Schoolhouse) included in the engineer’s survey of town buildings
- Received letter from VT Department of Taxes. Cornwall’s COD is 12.46; CLA is 105.52 (up 6% over last year). These numbers mean that Cornwall does not need to conduct a new appraisal.
- Abi has agreed to edit the draft of the RFP prepared by Sue

ROAD COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – nothing to report. Stu is here to participate in the road budget planning process.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Update on Lavalley building*** – Ben Wood
Asbestos removal is in process, will be done December 19. Salvage by Mason Brothers will take place beginning December 26 and continue for a week and a half. Salvage before demolition decreases the cost of disposing of debris afterwards. Demolition will commence on January 7, weather permitting, and will be complete in 1-2 days.
- ***Update on VT Gas/IP project*** – Bruce has met with members of the Shoreham Selectboard and Dean George, chair of the Middlebury Selectboard. Bruce has compiled ideas generated by these meetings, reviewed it with the Town Attorney, and proposes to continue discussions with Shoreham and Middlebury with the goal of formalizing a 3-town collaboration to negotiate with VT Gas. The rest of the board fully supports him in doing so.

Bruce has also been in communication with concerned landowners in Cornwall, who received a map from a subcontractor that showed a proposed route through their property. According to the VT Gas representative, this subcontractor was out of line in presenting such a map. Subcontractors are only charged with obtaining permission to survey, and gathering data about many route options prior to meetings with the route advisory committee, which will have representation from Cornwall.

NEW BUSINESS

The rest of the meeting was spent in reviewing the proposed road budget and proposed general fund budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard