

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 21, 2010**

PRESENT: Bruce Hiland, Nancy Kemp, Mike Quesnel, Judy Watts

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm. The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed.

MINUTES

It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of December 7, 2010 meeting as written. The motion carried on voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Report from the Vermont Department of Taxes stating that Cornwall's common level of appraisal is 96.44% and coefficient of dispersion is 8.14. Sue J. said this is good news for Cornwall.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

Generator at the Town Garage is hooked up and during the recent storm, has operated for 20 hours. The generator burns a little over one gallon of propane per hour.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT- Sue Johnson

- ***Emergency Operations Center*** -The pad for the generator at the Town Hall is in, the telephone line is in, and now we are just waiting for wiring.
- ***Town Auditor*** - Katie Gieges is still interested in being a Town Auditor, is willing to fill the currently vacant position and plans on running for the Town Auditor position in March. Judy MOVED, Nancy SECONDED a motion to appoint Katie Gieges as a Town Auditor, to fill the remaining term of the vacant position.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***Reply to AOT Proposal*** – Bruce will send the letter out tomorrow with changes suggested by Judy Watts and other board members.
- ***Highway budget*** - the board discussed the 2011-12 highway budget with the Road Commissioner
- ***Selectboard budget*** - the board discussed the 2011-12 general fund budget with the Town Clerk/Town Treasurer

NEW BUSINESS

Animal Control Officer Request –Mike Q. reported that Bruce Payne would like the ordinance change to “dogs only”. Apparently Bruce P. is being called by the State Police for to deal with problems with cows and Bruce said has no place

to keep cows. Actually, Cornwall has just a dog ordinance and it is the job of the Animal Control Office to enforce the dog ordinance, not to deal with other animals, so it is already “dogs only.” Sue J. said that in former years, Cornwall had a pound keeper who would keep larger animals like cows in a stockade, identifying the owner of the cow by the earmark. Cornwall no longer has anyone who serves as pound keeper. Mike will inform Bruce Payne, on how he can respond, if called upon to deal with problem cows again. Bruce Hiland will ask Secretary of State’s Office to clarify municipal responsibility on this issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Selectboard openings** – Two positions are coming open on the Selectboard for March elections. Sue J. will inform people in the newsletter. Bruce H. asked the board to generate a list of names, encourage interested persons to visit a meeting, and give anyone who is interested a copy of the petition.
- **Town of Weybridge** - Weybridge Selectboard would like to meet with Cornwall Selectboard, to talk about sharing jobs and/or equipment, suggested January 4. – which conflicts with Cornwall regular meeting, which has full agenda. Bruce will get back to them, suggest they come here on another date in January for an afternoon meeting.
- LFICD Appointment – Mike MOVED, Judy SECONDED to appoint Bob Gerlin to the Lemon Fair Insect Control District, retroactive to June 1, 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard.