

Cornwall Newsletter

Volume 7, Issue 4

Spring 2011

The Non Blizzard

So, I've been asked to discuss the recent non blizzard of March 6—7. (The National Weather Service can not document that the criteria for blizzard conditions existed).

(Apparently a rather localized event or a figment of our collective imaginations). I will state that conditions late Sunday night til daylight Monday were as bad as any I've been in when plowing.

Anyways, this discussion is on going with Emergency Management (EMAN) committees and road foremen around the county, centered around communication and declaring a local state of emergency. Declaring a local state of emergency would make the public and Vermont Emergency Management (VEM) aware of the severity of the situation. Local EMAN committees will be working to improve notification in each town. Folks signed up for the Cornwall Connection and others were notified at some point. (I'll let others promote participation in that program). Declaring a local state of Emergency especially when coordinated with other towns in an area would precipitate VEM using their ability to notify the public, even for a localized area. So when is that threshold of declaring a State of Emergency? More discussion ahead on that, but hindsight says we were there, the question is when.

By midnight Sunday travel was nearly impossible. By 2 AM, Route 125 was closed. Having parked the trucks at midnight, then heading out again at 4 AM, we focused on the main roads trying to get and keep them open, which we were successful in doing. The side roads especially East-West roads weren't so good. We started punching holes

through on them with the loader at daylight. Once the wind laid down we started opening them up with the grader. By 11PM Monday night only 2 households were snowbound, and a few folks from Whiting and Shoreham inconvenienced. The loader broke through to the 2 families before 9 AM Tuesday and into Shoreham on Cutting Hill Road by Noon. Typically, the plow routes take about 3 hours. It was taking a lot more than that just to keep open what we could open til the wind let up. At this time we can't say we have a winter policy that spells out road priorities. There are considerations such as power supply. Ironically, a large part of the power supply for Cornwall and town's beyond is routed along Morse and Clark Roads, two very difficult roads to keep open (CVPS was following me on Clark Road at 5 AM Monday). Farm help and milk trucks are a concern. Minimizing backtracking, especially with the loader and grader saves huge on time and tire chains. Other variables can make a big difference, such as wind direction. A south wind in Cornwall is not quite as serious as there are fewer troublesome locations, but those can be problems. We may opt to maintain to a point on a road and let a section go—especially where there is a risk of losing a truck and/or there are no or few households or another access on the road.

The 2005 truck was out of service throughout the storm (as it was the previous big storm), (more about that later), so not being able to utilize the third truck was disappointing. I need to have more CDL people familiar with the trucks and routes, however I won't put an inexperienced plow operator out there in those conditions. We'd have to utilize them in the recovery and clean up stages. There are some people

available, that are capable of running equipment, we just need to make them familiar with the equipment and procedures and work through the legal crap, drug testing, W-2's, POI, etc.

For whatever reason, one good thing we had going for us that many other road crews did not was we didn't have to divert resources to get to stranded drivers or work around abandoned vehicles. That helped tremendously. The fact that weather forecasts leading up to and even during the storm underplayed the situation on the ground mislead people about how bad it really was. While a few folks expected better, things went okay. Each truck was stuck only once, and not seriously. Some towns had equipment stuck for as much as 12 hours. All we broke were tire chains, others had equipment go out of service for days. Knock on wood, there were any number of things that could have gone worse that would have caused considerably more distress for folks. That is why EMAN tells people they need to be prepared to be self sufficient for 3 days. If you think you absolutely need to get out, you best make arrangements to get to the airport, delivery room, job or whatever ahead of the storm. That said, should an emergency arise, all assets would be directed at getting the help needed to you as quickly as possible.

EMAN, highway departments, emergency services and others around the county will be using the experiences from this storm to improve responses and notification. Stay tuned.

Stu Johnson

Cornwall Free Public Library New Titles Energize Library Offerings

A selection of new book and DVD titles is being added every 8-12 weeks to the Cornwall Library shelves for the benefit of all Cornwall readers. Selections include the genres of popular adult fiction and non-fiction titles, young adult, young readers, children's picture books and video DVDs.

"When choosing which books to buy for the library, I consult a variety of recommended book lists," said Patty McCormick, newly elected Library Trustee. "Those range from the Boston Globe and New York Times to online resources like Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com, to other local libraries like Ilsley in Middlebury, Pierson in Shelburne, Mark Skinner in Manchester and Fletcher in Burlington. Of course, I also check the lists of local favorites at the Vermont Bookshop, Briggs Carriage Bookstore and the Northshire Bookstore."

The majority of the books are purchased through an arrangement with the Vermont Bookshop in Middlebury. Vermont authors are well represented.

Among the 25 recent adult fiction additions are *Hell's Corner* (David Baldacci), *Secrets of Eden* (Chris Bohjalian), *Dead or Alive* (Tom Clancy), *The Passage* (David Cronin), *Room* (Emma Donahue), *The Lakes of Dreams* (Kim Edwards), *Matterhorn* (Karl Marlantes), *Red Herring* (Archer Mayor) and *The Confession* (John Grisham).

Fifteen adult non-fiction titles have been added since December, including *At Home* (Bill Bryson), *Sh*t My Dad Says* (Justin Halpern), *Eaarth* (Bill McKibben), *Life* (Keith Richards), *Obama's War* (Bob Woodward) and *The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle* (Jane Leavy).

Popular young adult selections include *Woods Runner* (Gary Paulsen), *Halo* (Alessandra Adornetto), *Mocking Jay/Hunger Games/Catching Fire* trilogy (Suzanne Collins), *The Missing Series – Found, Sent, Sabotaged* (Margaret Peterson Haddix), and *Revolution* (Jennifer Donnelly).

Selections for young readers include *Scat* (Carl Hiaasen), *We the Children* (Andrew Clements), *Bink and Gollie* (Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGleen), *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series (Jeff Kinney), and *Moon Over Manifest* (Clare Vanderpool).

For young children, new picture books include *The Three Little Daisies* (Jan Brett), *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* (Philip C. Stead), *Mar-supial Sue* (John Lithgow), *Hot Rod Hamster* (Cynthia Lord) and *Art and Max* (David Weirner).

New DVDs include *The Blind Side*, *Secretariat*, *Toy Story 3*, *The Social Network* and *Inception*.

The Cornwall Library is open during normal Town Office hours

Be on the lookout for the Cornwall Library Book Sale coming up in May or June. Proceeds from the book sale go directly to fund new book purchases. Donations of used books can be dropped off at any time.

Cornwall School; Farm to School Program Needs Your Help

The Cornwall School Farm to School Program is seeking a gardener to help tend the school garden and instruct volunteers during July and August. This would be an ideal opportunity for a high school or college student seeking a community service opportunity. Candidates would ideally have some gardening experience and be willing to work with parent and student volunteers. Time commitment is estimated at 1-

2 hours per week. If you are interested, contact Karen Bartlett at kbartlett19@gmail.com.



Beyond the Storm

The 2005 plow truck has spent more than 4 weeks collectively out of service this winter, missing two of the bigger storms. Thankfully we've had the third truck to fall back on. Highway departments are continuing to evaluate the dependability of these high tech trucks, with little more than repair bills and hollow assurances from the truck companies.

It looked like we were headed into a real bonafide mud season there for a while and we might yet, but right now, with



the gentle thaw its not been bad, at least no one has been stuck that I've heard of. Not true in other towns. We may not do quite as much with the shoulder disc this year as all the plowing on thawed ground trimmed the high spots.

In conjunction with several other towns, I am requesting a permit for ROW herbicide application. The same deal as last year, except with the VTrans product list. I will emphasize again this is a very limited program to treat cut

stumps, weeds and brush around guardrails, sign posts and such, on town roads only. FYI, VTrans requests the same permit every year for all state ROW's, as does CVPS for their ROW easements. Further notification and procedures as required by the permit process will be made. While not required as part of the permit, certified organic farms will be asked to verify their adjoining property on a map at the town hall. There is probably more, but I'm told its not all about ME. Do you believe that?

Stu

Green Up Day is May 7, 2011

Please join your neighbors in spring cleaning Cornwall's roadsides. You may get your Green Up bags and gloves on Saturday May 7th at our table in the **Bingham Memorial (Cornwall) School parking lot** any time after 8am. Feel free to highlight your intended pick-up area on the map provided. The trucks

will be waiting on Saturday (5/7) and Sunday (5/8) for your trash deposits. Common sense practice applies: Green Up trash in Green Up bags ONLY, please! Questions? Call Dena Greenman: 462-3574.



Wood Chips Available

Stu tells me that due to the tree trimming that has been happening around town to open up the power lines, there is a large pile of wood chips at the town garage that are free for the taking as mulch or whatever purpose you might have for them.



No More Catamounts

By Gary Margolis

except this one, sitting by the side of the barn, sunning, it seems, come	the retired ones, who have entered a second, mascotted career and lead us in cheers	still, in view, of one who believes what he's seeing. Who doesn't take this kind
down from my neighbor's not-so-extinct woods. Where, I haven't been told,	for ourselves, our state teams. Here, in the Green Mountains, where the lost and forgotten,	of <i>no</i> for an answer. Who remembers how to call a cat out of her own shadow.
there is a congregation of cats, some whom have never left, some whom have been	the presumed dead are only hiding in the shade of their painted trees. Blending in, the social	Who can't make anything else of her, other than who she is. And those tracks, snow-melting
brought here, for the occasion of their non-existence. No one's talking about	zoologist-in-me wants to say. And not afraid of letting them- selves be seen, accounted for,	this March, which, I assume, can't be read, as anyone else's but hers.

Call Them Stems

If You Want To

By Gary Margolis

Joy for Judy's almost blossoming jonquils! For those green fingers shooting up through	mud. Meaning here I am on Bourdeau's unpaved road in what Vermonters' call	when I see our town's newly paid-for yellow grader Stu Johnson drives, making my almost after winter	fingered, call them stems if you want to, and not a bouquet of bright and chilly hands.
the grader's plowed gravel. For her green thumb she would deny, bringing April's	their fifth season— the days when rain is snow and anything you walk on, you can	road even enough for a gear-grinding plow. It's blade spraying ice nearly and stones back	
aprilng again, their green nails sticking through our Cornwall's customary boot-sticking	tramp back into your house. A trampling we newcomers can make up. I can say	to the side of the road. Making a hard bed for Judy's jonquils to wave their petal-	

Cornwall School News

Boots & Coats

Although it seems like spring on the playground some days, we're not there yet. Our playground still has snow on it in places and is very soggy and muddy until well after April vacation. Regardless of the amount of snow we get on the playground it takes a long time to dry out. All students were told this past Monday that boots (if they want to go off the pavement) are required as well as some kind of jacket. We are asking that you support us in this by checking to make sure that children still have appropriate outdoor clothing for recess. Thank you.

Spring Conferences

Spring conference time is here. For students in grades 2-6 conferences are student led in the spring. This is an opportunity for students to share their work with their parents. Students take great pride in being able to sit down and conduct the conference with parents and teachers. Parent conferences in grades K & 1 are teacher led. All conferences are part of the continuum of reporting student progress over the course of the school year. As you all know we hold our students to very high standards and those standards are reflected on in conferences and progress reports. With that said, once the announcement goes out from individual classroom teachers with regard to their conference schedule we need parents to call in and schedule. Please support your child and call and schedule their spring conference if you have not done so already. Thanks!

Top 10 Things Adults Can Do To Protect Children When Using the Internet or other Technology

1. Supervise, supervise, supervise! Just as we would want to physically know where our children

are and what they are doing, we need to know where they are going on the internet and who they are meeting there. The safest thing to do is use the internet with your child and REPORT suspicious activity to www.cybertipline.com.

2. Create family/classroom/center rules together about technology usage. What's allowed and what's not allowed? Review them with your children every few months and see if anything should be changed. Children sometimes hear about new tricks or dangers online before adults do.

3. Talk frequently about messages that young people are receiving from different kinds of media (music, television, magazines, internet). Counteract these messages with what YOU want them to know about different issues.

4. Keep the computer in a common room. Children who have computers with internet access in their bedrooms are much more likely to find trouble online.

5. Become a tech-savvy adult! Look for community classes on computers and software (often given at public libraries or schools for free – see resource list in this packet). Or, enlist your child as your teacher! Adults are often intimidated by how much they do not know about computers, but our children need us to learn in order to better protect them.

6. Look into filtering and monitoring software. These can help ensure that your child does not inadvertently run into pornography while doing a search on the internet. However, these software programs are not a substitute for adult supervision of internet activities. Very sophisticated young people can find ways around even the best filtering and monitoring software.

7. Check your computer's website history and cookie files. See instructions on pages 14-15. This will tell you

what websites have been visited in the recent past. However, many children and adolescents know how to clear a browser history or delete records of certain websites. Fewer children will clear cookie files.

8. Explain to your child that once they have put something out on the internet, there's no way to ever "take it back." Even e-mails that they write, intending to be private, could be posted all over school the next day. It's best to never write something online that they wouldn't want the whole world to see or know about them.

9. "It's not spying if it's out there for the world to see." "Google" your child now and then. Let your child know you'd like to see their online profile if they have one. Perhaps tomorrow? This can give them a chance to take a look at their profile and think about its content. Checking up a child online for their safety is very different from snooping in their room for their private diary.

10. Recognize that it is our responsibility to ensure our children's safety, both online and "in real life." If your child refuses to disclose information about their internet use or you feel that they might be in danger, it is up to you to find out what is going on. If you are concerned about a child's internet activities, you are not alone. Please consult a professional who can help you and your child. You can call 1-800-CHILDREN for support and resources, or look at the Helpful Resources page at the back of this packet.

1-800-CHILDREN

Habitat for Humanity Given Preliminary Approval for a Planned Unit Development on Delong Road.

As the Habitat for Humanity Organization works its way through the Cornwall subdivision process, Margaret Carothers provided this information about applying for Habitat homeownership. Ms. Carothers also points out that all things being equal if there are several qualified applicants and one is from Cornwall, preference will be given to the Cornwall resident.

The three criteria for a Habitat for Humanity homeowner are need for suitable housing, ability to pay the no-interest mortgage and willingness to partner with Habitat.

A family needing suitable housing may currently be in housing that is overcrowded, is costing more than 30% of the family's budget each month, is unsafe or has some other

failure such as inadequate heat, plumbing or electrical insufficiency.

The ability to pay the no-interest mortgage is determined by having income that is adequate to pay the mortgage as well as the taxes and insurance and still be able to pay other bills such as utilities and food. The income must be stable now and for the foreseeable future. The family must not be able to qualify for a conventional mortgage. A credit check will be done, but Habitat's standards are not as strict as a commercial bank or mortgage company.

The willingness to partner means that the family will be expected to contribute 200 hours of "sweat equity" per adult, to a maximum of 400 hours per family in building the house. If the adults are not able to

do this, other work that supports the Habitat mission will be required. Designated "Friends and Family" may contribute up to 25% of the "sweat equity" hours.

The selected family is asked to make a down payment, to indicate good faith and commitment. Another payment to help defray closing costs is also requested. Usually our families are represented at closing by an attorney *pro bono*.

To request an application or discuss the possibility of Habitat homeownership, call the Habitat office at 388-0400 any time. If no one is in the office, please leave a message and you will be called back promptly.

More Cornwall School News and Info!

Help Wanted

We have two things that we need help with:

Thing #1: We need someone with a truck to make a run to the transfer station with a load of stuff.

Thing #2: We need someone with a rototiller to do some tilling along the fence line and possibly in a couple other places.

If you have a need to help out we would greatly appreciate your time and efforts.

DCF Challenge

On Tuesday, April 12th Cornwall School will be sending a team of readers to Ilsley Library for the DCF Challenge. Kyra Diehl, Charlotte Keathley, Bridget Audet, Lucy Groves, Sam Hodges, Katherine Koehler, Sophie Marks, and Raven Payne will be representing Cornwall School.

Estate Planning Seminar to be held at the Cornwall School!

The Friends of the Cornwall School and the school's staff are pleased to present an informational meeting on Estate Planning. The program will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:00—8:15 PM at the school. Joan Donahue will present a

program that is aimed at demystifying the complicated subject of Estate Planning. Childcare will be provided. More information can be obtained by calling the school at 462-2463.



Cornwall Select Board News!!

Selectboard members were delighted to see that this year's Town Meeting attendees included a greater proportion of younger residents, a good omen since the future belongs to them. Budgets were approved as presented. The only newsworthy event was that the request for funds to resolve the Lavalley property issue was once again tabled. The Selectboard and Planning Commission will consider this ongoing problem in coming months.

Attention Speed Demons! If you plan to continue ignoring posted speed limits be advised that Sheriff's deputies eager to meet you will be at undisclosed locations at unpredictable times. Sheriff's patrols will be increased this year to encourage more respect for speed limits and traffic safety.

Our Road Commissioner, Stu Johnson, was recently designated Master Roads Scholar making him one of only five road commissioners in VT to achieve that. Stu and team have done an excellent job dealing with this winter's record snows.

Last year we met jointly with the Planning Commission, School Board and CVFD and everyone seemed to agree it was well worthwhile. This year we'll include meetings with the Conservation Commission, Library Board and Cemetery Commission. Similarly we expect to meet with other town's select boards to explore shared interests and challenges. This new communication and cooperation among towns has proven productive with area Road Commissioners now meeting regularly.

On March 1 Ben Wood and Dave Sears were elected to the two vacated board seats. Bruce Hiland continues as Chair and Judy Watts will serve as Vice Chair.

At the April 5 Select Board meeting it was voted to change the regular schedule of Select Board meetings for the months of June, July and August. The Board will meet only once during those months and that will be on the first Tuesday of the month.

Cornwall Connection Revisited!!

The article that follows first appeared in the Winter 2010 edition of the *Cornwall Newsletter*. The effectiveness of this e-mail notification system has been clearly demonstrated through notice to Town residents about the bridge failure on Route 74, travel conditions during the March 7th snow storm, flooding of Swamp Road and other events. Many Cornwall households have utilized this service. If you have yet to do so you are encouraged to subscribe.

Please make note that if you would like to be removed from the notification list at any point, it would be as simple as notifying the Town Clerk and you will be removed.

Please see the instructions in the following article to subscribe.

E-Mail Notification System to be Established

The Town of Cornwall Emergency Management Network has recommended, and the Select Board has approved, the establishment of an e-mail based notification system for the dissemination of important Town information. The system is called the ***Cornwall Connection*** and will be managed by the Town Clerk. It will be used to send e-mail messages about important events, deadlines, emergency situations and other matters of particular significance in the Town.

Anyone may subscribe to this service by sending an e-mail message to Sue Johnson at cornwallvt@shoreham.net with ***Cornwall Connection*** in the subject line. Should you subscribe, your e-mail address will not be re-

vealed to other subscribers and you will not be permitted to respond to other subscribers. If you wish to react to a message on ***Cornwall Connection***, please send a message to Sue Johnson at the e-mail address listed above.

Clearly there are limitations to such a notification system. Subscribers must have e-mail service and electrical power is required. Nonetheless, the Emergency Management Network believes this system is an inexpensive and relatively easy way to share critical Town information and you are encouraged to subscribe.

Submitted on behalf of the Cornwall Emergency Management Network (Kate Gieges, Chair) by David Anderson

***New “Hands-Only”™ CPR & AED—Adult/Child, Infant
Training & Certification
Wed. May 18, 6-9pm***

Middlebury Ambulance Classroom

South St, north of Porter

\$10 Cornwall Residents/\$15 Others

payable to “Town of Cornwall,” 2629 Rte 30, 05753

or bring payment to class

Register by May 6th—

Kate: 462-2182, gieges@shoreham.net

Sue: 462-2775, cornwallvt@shoreham.net

Priority to those whose May 2009 CPR/AED certification is expiring.

New method earns new Certification for all participants, regardless of previous training.

From the Emergency Manager and E911 Coordinator

E911 Site Verification

Every year the Vermont Enhanced 9-1-1 Board asks the local E911 Coordinator to review and update or correct the data for the town. The Enhanced 911 data is more than an icon displayed on map, but is part of GIS database that tells 9-1-1 Call-Takers who to send for Fire, Rescue, or Police to the location.

This spring I will be visiting many locations to verify how driveways and buildings are represented on the maps, and to verify the information associated with the site. I hope to be documenting the updates and notes directly into a computer with a GPS unit that will synchronize with the most recent maps available from the state.

Primarily, I'm notifying you so you know what I'm doing when I pull into your driveway and sit there making notes. I also invite you to ask any questions about E911 in general, or about specific number assignments. You can contact me over the next month, or when I'm at your site. You can also view E911 data yourself by going to the website of the Vermont Center for Geographic Information and launching their VT Interactive Map Viewer: <http://www.vcgi.org/>. Information about E911 standards is available online from the VT Enhanced 9-1-1 Board: <http://e911.vermont.gov/municipalities>.

911 Driveway Signs

While I'm visiting sites, I will also be checking E911 number signs. The winter whopped quite a few of them, so if your existing sign needs help, I will try to fix it. Otherwise, I will be encouraging the installation of signs, particularly where the arrangement of driveways and houses is confusing.

If you still have an “RD” number on your mailbox or house, it is time to remove it and display the current number. The old numbers pose a risk to you by misrepresenting your location to first responders.

Anyone wanting a standard green and white sign can let me know when I stop by and I will pass the information to the Fire Department, or you can call the Department directly at 462-2990 and leave a message. For a donation to CVFD, they will install the sign so it is visible to responders, and avoids spearing any buried telephone lines.

Kate Gieges—*E911 Coordinator*

462-2182, gieges@shoreham.net



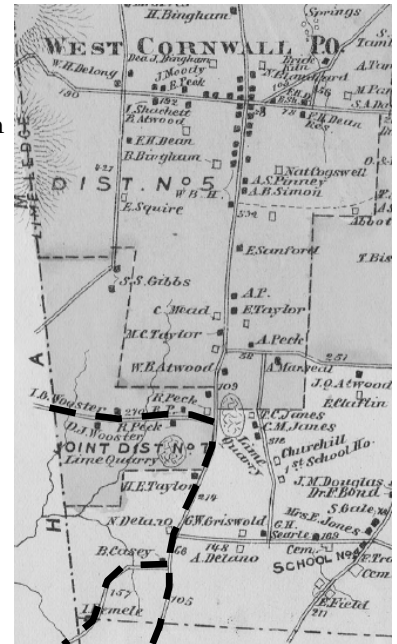
Where the heck is West Cornwall?

Where in the heck is West Cornwall?

It's actually on the maps as an early post office district for the entire Route 74/ Bingham Streets-to-Shoreham/Whiting lines. Today, lacking any post office, residents along Wooster, South Bingham, and Cutting Hill roads receive their mail through the Whiting Post Office. When I was helping with the last newsletter, I saw residents with addresses in "West Cornwall, 05778" and was surprised to learn that was acceptable. Since then, I confirmed the name with the Whiting Postmaster, and I credit those folks who approached the post office early on to find a way of keeping their Cornwall address.

I want all residents living on that delivery route to be aware that you may use "West Cornwall, 05778" (spell out West, don't abbreviate), and to share the information with others who may not have known, as I didn't.

The actual 911 address has been, and will remain "Cornwall" so the appropriate responders are dispatched. Shoreham Telephone Co. has also been notified that this is a legitimate mailing address. If anyone has questions about E-911 numbering or mailing vs. physical addresses, contact me or visit the <http://e911.vermont.gov> website. (map image: 1871 Beers Atlas, www.old-maps.com).



Kate Gieges—E911 Coordinator

462-2182, gieges@shoreham.net

Local Emergency Manager Qualifies for Certification Excerpt from the ACRPC Update.

At the January 26th meeting of the Addison County Emergency Planning Committee (ACEPC), a Local Emergency Management Director from Cornwall was recognized and awarded a certificate from Vermont Emergency Management. The certificate is awarded upon completion of 8 classes totaling over 40 hours in the subjects of Mass Care, Hazardous Materials, Incident Command, Emergency Management and Disaster Software Reporting.

Katie Gieges, Cornwall's appointed Emergency Manager, is one of the region's most dedicated and one of only 10 EMD's in the entire state to have received this level of certifica-

tion. In her term, she has managed to create a cohesive group of volunteers and town employees that regularly meet to conduct emergency planning in Cornwall. In awarding of the Level I EMD Certificate, the State of Vermont recognizes her commitment to making the Town of Cornwall well prepared for unforeseen disasters.

Congratulations Kate!

The dogged band of Emergency Management Network members sends our congratulations to Katie as well. The town is fortunate to have someone so dedicated to the cause.



Town Officials, Elected and Appointed

Town Meeting Election 2011

Moderator—Cy Tall

Town Clerk—Treasurer—Sue Johnson

Select Board Members

R. Bruce Hiland—Chair

Nancy Kemp

David Sears

Judy Watts

Ben Wood

Road Commissioner—Stu Johnson

1st Constable—Dennis Rheume

2nd Constable—Luke Jerome

Collector of Delinquent Taxes—Rodney Cadoret

Board of Listers

Sue Burdick

Stephenie Pyne

Paul Viko

School Directors

Junius Calitri

Maureen Deppman

David Donahue—Chair

Sarah Kemp

Cindy Peet

Union School Director—Peter Conlon

Grand Juror—Maurice Laframboise

Auditors

Shawn Fetterolf

Katie Gieges

Ken Manchester

Town Agent—Benjamin Deppman

Library Trustees

Judy English

Sue Johnson

Patty McCormick

Kristina Simmons

3 vacancies

Planning Commission

Jim Bolton—Co-Chair

Geoff Demong

Jim Duclos

Tracy Himmel Isham—Co-Chair

Holly Noordsy

Jean Terwilliger

Annie Wilson

Trustees of Public Funds

Maurice Laframboise

Derwin Stevens

Vacancy

Cemetery Commission

Patricia Anderson

Joan Bingham

Nancy Kemp

Bruce Payne

Marc Ringey

Addison County Regional Planning Commission

Delegates: Marc Cesario

Eric Severy

Alternates: Marjorie Drexler

Ralph Teitscheid

Addison County Solid Waste Management District

Representative: Tom Bechtel

Alternate: Vacancy

Assistant Town Clerk—Treasurer—Joan Bingham

Board of Zoning Adjustment

Joan Donahue

J. Barnett Hodges III

Ingrid Jackson

Cy Day Tall

Annie Wilson

Conservation Commission

Patricia D'Andrea

Mary Dodge

J. Barnett Hodges III

Marc Lapin—Chair

Eric Mortenson

Lawrence Pyne

Deputy Health Officer—Sue Johnson

Emergency Management Director—Katie Gieges

Energy Coordinator—Gary Barnett

Fence Viewers

Bob Bingham

Maurice Laframboise

Mickey Heinecken

Fire Chief—Dennis Rheume

Fire Warden—Larry Clark

Green Up Coordinator—Dena Greenman

Health Officer—David Anderson

Inspector of Lumber—Leo Gorton Jr.

Lemon Fair Insect Control District Board

Liam English

Bob Gerlin

Wendy Lynch

Town Service Officer—Barbara Laframboise

Tree Warden—Stu Johnson

Weigher of Coal—Jon Isham

Zoning Administrator—Jim Duclos

Justices of the Peace

Judy English

Ginny Hiland

Dee Hodges

Gary Margolis

Peggy Sax

Doris Severy

Judy Watts

Generally speaking phone numbers are in the book if you need or want to contact any of our town officials. And if you are interested in any of the vacant positions, please let us know.

So.....spring is for mud, flowers, showers, DOGS and TAXES!!!

As you read this newsletter, the deadline for registering your dog has passed and the due date for the second installment of taxes is fast approaching. There are approximately 100 dogs still to be registered at this point. I will be sending out my reminder letter soon, and then a list of delinquent dog owners will be turned over to the Select Board for action, so it would make sense to get it done. As May 1, falls on a Sunday this year, you get a one



day reprieve for your second installment. I will be in the office on Monday, May 2 from 8:00AM—6:00PM. I will not be in the office on Saturday or Sunday, April 30 or May 1. Taxes paid on May 2 are considered

on time this year. Postmarks are accepted. I will turn the delinquent tax list over to the Delinquent Tax Collector on Friday, May 6, as that gives any and all postmarked payments time to arrive. After that time, if you have a payment please contact Rodney Cadoret at 462-2458. He will have your information and can give you the full amount due which includes interest and penalty. If you are concerned about this, then it may behoove you to make your payment early. I am willing to accept postdated checks for May 2. Thank you to everyone in advance for making timely tax payments. It is appreciated.

I will be out of the office on vacation from May 10—May 24. Joan Bingham will be covering the office during that time. Happy Spring to all!!

Town Plan Revision Continues. Change of Appraisal Notices and Grievance at hand.

A small committee of townspeople are meeting to work on and discuss revisions and updates to the Cornwall Town Plan. The current Plan was approved as is by the Planning Commission and Select Board for the next year while the committee works on putting together a survey of the town, receives 2010 census data and looks at the future of Cornwall. If you have an interest in being involved in this process, the committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7 PM. The listers are working diligently on putting the 2011 Grand List together. They will be sending out change of appraisal notices, holding grievance meetings and finalizing the Grand List in the months of May and June, so if you have a question or concern about your appraisal, now is the time to contact the Listers office.

Cornwall Celebrates its 250th Anniversary

As mentioned at Town Meeting, Cornwall will be celebrating the 250th anniversary of its Charter this year. Many other Addison County towns are also celebrating this auspicious birthday as well with major happenings. I asked folks that were interested in working on Cornwall's celebration to let me know in order to create a steer-

ing committee. I have heard from 4 or 5 people, but wanted to make sure that anyone else interested had an opportunity to join the group. I will be organizing our first meeting in the near future, so if you would like to help with the big bash, please give Sue a call at the Town Hall. If you have ideas for the celebration, please call with that infor-

mation as well. A good many of us won't be here for 300, so lets enjoy this one!!!!



TOWN OF CORNWALL

2629 Route 30
Cornwall, VT 05753

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MIDDLEBURY, VT
PERMIT NO. 11

Thank you...

...to all those who stayed home during the storm
...to those who heeded the Cornwall Connection email alert
...to all who realized this was a Big Deal and changed plans accordingly
...for not trying to get out and abandoning stuck cars in the roads
...for calling 2-1-1- for local status updates
...for staying safe and not needing to call out First Responders
...*that we didn't lose power*
...for checking on your neighbors, and helping those whose regular attendees couldn't get there
...for not letting exhaust vents be buried in snow
...for believing the road crew was out, and would get to you... eventually
...to all the private plow trucks that whacked and whacked and whacked at this
...to Sue for fielding calls at home;
...And to those snowbound overnight: Thank you for coping, and being prepared
...And to those with tractors who kept sections cleared: Thank you for your untold efforts
...And to the Fire Department for being ready to respond... somehow: Thank you for being here
...And to Stu, Kenny, and Matt: Thank you.

Kate Gieges, Emergency Manager