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TOWN CLERK—TREASURER’S SPOTLIGHT ON ISSUES

The legislature discussed and amended several laws this past legislative session. The first law that was amended is the Open Meeting Law. For many years there have been guidelines to follow, but any follow up has been somewhat lax. In order to allow for more access and transparency to the residents of our towns, each board, committee, commission, department, council or subcommittee will need to provide an agenda for their meetings which will be posted in three locations in town and on the website two days in advance of the meeting. Minutes will need to be taken at the meeting and must be available for inspection 5 days after the meeting for posting in the same locations and on the website. I mention this in the newsletter to attempt to make all members of Cornwall boards, committees, etc. aware of this change in

the law and the required notice requirements. Also to let townspeople know that this information will now be available to you.

Changes were also made to the Election Law. Beginning in 2016, the state primary will be held on the second Tuesday in August instead of the fourth Tuesday. The Secretary of State’s office will now pay for a portion of the programming for the memory cards for the tabulator which will lower the town’s cost for using the tabulator.

Speaking of elections, this is an election year and the state primary will be held on August 26, 2014 and the General Election will be held on November 4, 2014. If you wish to vote at either of these elections, please make sure that you are registered to vote in Cornwall. We have had quite a few folks move into town recently and you must change

your voter registration if you have relocated. Absentee/Early voting will be available for both elections.

We received the new education tax rates from the state. They have increased considerably over last year. The Homestead Rate is 1.5801, which is up nearly 8.5 cents. The Non-Residential rate is 1.4146, this is up 5 cents over last year. The Selectboard will be setting the Municipal tax rates at their August meeting and tax bills will be sent out early in September.

There are still a few dogs that I know about that remain unregistered. I know there are dogs out there that I do not know about, so if you own a dog and it isn’t registered with the town, please do so. IT IS THE LAW!!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Town Hall Roof Replacement*
- *What’s new at the Library*
- *Conservation Commission Natural Resources survey*
- *Selectboard Member needed*
- *Poems*
- *Triple EEE & West Nile Virus Info*

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