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Cornwall Town Hall Renovation Complete

Special points of interest:

- *Town Hall Renovation Complete*
- *Update on the replacement of the Swamp Road Bridge*
- *Annual Herbicide Spraying Notice*
- *Property Taxes, Dogs and Green Up*

I don't have the exact words to explain how wonderful the newly renovated town hall looks. It has been an interesting 6 months leading up to the completion, but so worth it. It is such a pleasure to come to work and thoroughly enjoy the surroundings. My office is fairly well organized and the Listers are getting themselves in order. There are still quite a few things in the storage trailer that I must go through and decide their fate.

The library Trustees will be meeting to make a final decision about shelving in the new library space. We would love to have the library reopen at the beginning of May, but it may take a bit longer to get it up and running. Please have patience with us. Some folks have asked about the outside of the building i.e. landscaping and painting. Smith & McClain, the builders, will be back to take care of the landscaping issues. We did not

budget money in this project to paint the outside of the building, but it is certainly on the docket for sometime in the not to distant future. I wish to thank all the folks who have helped me with moving the building contents back and forth. I am not going to name names, because I will surely forget someone, but please know that your help was greatly appreciated.

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Conservation Commission News

What's Happening with the Conservation Commission

The Cornwall Conservation Commission has some interesting projects we are working on and a few upcoming events of interest.

The Cornwall and Ripton Conservation Commissions co-sponsored a two-session workshop about **BioFinder**, an online mapping tool that locates places in Vermont most important for maintaining biodiversity. The site includes maps of Vermont's connected forests and waterways, locations of important ecological resources, and other information that can be used for conservation planning. Participants from all parts of Addison County attended the training.

In Cornwall this winter, over 80

residents came together to give input on the community values mapping project, which noted places in town that are important for hunting, recreation, scenic and historic values among others. These maps are on the Town of Cornwall website with more detail and specific locations. <http://cornwallvt.com/cornwall-conservation-commission/community-values-mapping-project/>

The Cornwall Conservation Commission is joining with residents interested in establishing walking trails in Cornwall that can be used by the public. The snowstorm on March 14th forced the cancellation of our first planning meeting, which has been tentatively rescheduled for later this month. If you are interested in working on this project, please join us. For more infor-

mation, contact Bethany Barry at 462-2000

or bethanybarry@comcast.net.

On April 20th, we invite you to attend a slide show and lecture titled, "**Wild Yet Wonderfully Near Us: Bobcats in Cornwall and the Champlain Valley**," presented by naturalist and award-winning photographer, Sue Morse. Sue will talk to us about these elusive felines, their habitat needs, and the role they play in Cornwall ecology. Sue is the founder of **Keeping Track**, an organization devoted to training professional biologists and citizen scientists in wildlife monitoring skills.

Editor's Note: I apologize that the Newsletter did not get out in time for the Bobcat presentation!

Update on the Swamp Road Bridge Replacement

"At our March Town Meeting, we had some discussion of the process and timeline for replacing the Swamp Road Covered Bridge, and the Select Board has asked me to update that report. As many of you know, the bridge is jointly owned by Cornwall and Salisbury and the towns are in the process of finalizing our rental contract with VTrans for the temporary Bailey Bridge, which went into service early this year. The bridge rental agreement is currently in attorney review.

Planning for a permanent replacement bridge will require coordination between Cornwall and Salisbury, which can be challenging given the needs and resources of each town. For instance, the chair of the Salisbury Select Board has indicated that Salisbury is currently dealing with financing and construction of a different Salisbury bridge, the replacement of which was put in motion prior to the Swamp Road Covered Bridge fire. Salisbury advises that its other bridge project will

be complete in the next 30 days and it will not be considering the Swamp Road Covered Bridge until after that. Because Cornwall and Salisbury must agree on a replacement design, the planning process cannot realistically begin until Salisbury begins its internal discussions. We will continue to update Cornwall residents as we learn more.

Finishing Touch for the “NEW” Cornwall Library

The new Cornwall Town Hall is now open and the new Cornwall Library is not far behind. We are very excited about our new space and getting it set up for the community's use. The last remaining hurdle is purchasing shelving. Like most everything, nice bookcases cost more than we had anticipated.

So, we are appealing to the community for help! Substantial, quality bookcases will not only complement our new library space but will also last well into the future. Small, medium or large donations would be gratefully accepted by our all-volunteer staff. Make checks payable to the Cornwall Free Public Library and send them to Cornwall Town Hall, 2629 Route 30, Cornwall, VT 05753. **THANKS!**

Exciting News from the Library

While the construction was taking place at the Town Hall, we were busy ordering new materials to be available for you when the library reopens. And, it will be opening VERY soon. Below is just a sampling of some of the new books, audio books, and DVDs that we have purchased. (The entire list is TOO long for inclusion here.) All new materials will be listed on the website when they have been entered into our collection. We hope you will come in to check out the new library as well as the new materials that will be available to you.

FICTION

No Man's Land - David Baldacci, *Bear Town* - Fredrick Backman, *The Prisoner* - Alex Berenson, *Fates and Traitors* - Jennifer Chiaverini, *Night School* - Lee Child, *The Wonder* - Ellen Donoghue, *The Roanoke Girls* - Amy Engle, *Norse Mythology* - Neil Gaiman, *The Whistler* - John Grisham, *Exit West* - Moshin Hamid, *News of the World* - Paulette Jiles, *Human Acts* - Han Kung, *Pachinko* - Min Jin Lee, *Earthly Remains* - Donna Leon, *Presumption of Guilt* - Archer Mayor, *Lillian Boxfish Takes A Walk* - Kathleen Rooney, *Lincoln in the Bardo* - George Saunders, *Two by Two* - Nicholas Sparks, *Below the Belt* - Stuart Woods

NONFICTION

The Stranger in the Woods - Michael Finkel, *Thank You for Being Late* - Thomas L. Friedman, *The Magnolia Story* - Chip Gaines, *In the Great Green Room* - Amy Gary, *Homo Deus* - Yuval Noah Haran, *The Undoing Project* - Michael Lewis, *Killing the Rising Sun* - Bill O'Reilly, *No One Cares About Crazy People* - Ron Powers, *The Lost City of the Monkey God* - Douglas Preston, *The Girl with the Lower Back Tattoo* - Amy Schumer, *Born to Run* - Bruce Springstein

YOUNG ADULT

Three Dark Crowns - Kendare Blake, *Wayfarer* - Alexandra Bracken, *Moon Chaser* - P. C. Cast, *Caraval* - Stephanie Gaber, *Nemesis* - Brandon Reichs, *Carve the Mark* - Veronica Roth, *Fangirl* - Rainbow Rowell, *The Sun is Also a Star* - Nicola Yoon

CHILDREN

The Girl Who Drank the Moon - Kelly Barnhill, *Grand Canyon* - Jason Chin, *Take Heart, My Child* - Ainsley Earhardt, *Gravity Falls: Journal 3* - Alex Hirsch and Rob Renzetti, *Double Down* - Jeff Kinney, *Word of Mouse* - James Patterson, *Dog Man Unleashed* - Dav Pilkey, *Mighty Mighty Constuction Site* - Sherri Duskey Rinker, *Magnus Chase* - Rick Riordan, *Ghosts* - Raina Telgemeir, *The Friend Ship* - Kat Yeh

AUDIOBOOKS

Britt Marie Was Here - Fredrik Backman, *Tom Clancy - True Faith and Allegiance* - Mark Geaney, *The Trespasser* - Tana French, *Cross the Line* - James Patterson, *Two by Two* - Nicholas Sparks, *The Mistress* - Danielle Steel, *A Gentleman in Moscow* - Amor Towles, *Below the Belt* - Stuart Woods

DVDs

Children – Finding Dory, The Jungle Book, Moana, Pete's Dragon, The Secret Life of Pets, Storks, Thomas and Friends: Ultimate Friendship Adventures, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Adults – The Accountant, A Man Called Ove, Denial, Fences, Genius, Hacksaw Ridge, Hidden Figures, Lion, Manchester by the Sea, Moonlight, Patriots Day, Snowden, Sully

2017 Herbicide Spraying Notice

THE TOWNS OF ADDISON, BRIDPORT, CORNWALL, SHOREHAM AND STARKSBORO

2017 PUBLIC NOTICE

HERBICIDE SPRAYING

The above-mentioned municipalities have each requested from the Secretary of the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets a permit to apply the following herbicides: Garlon 4 ultra (Triclopyr), Oust Extra (Sulfometuron) and Rodeo (Glyphosate) to control unwanted vegetation along town owned highways. Selective spray operations will start approximately May 20th. The applications will be made by certified pesticide applicators using mechanically controlled equipment and hand control methods. Residents along the right-of-way are encouraged to protect sensitive environmental areas, organic farm land and water supplies from spray. It is the resident's responsibility to notify the town of the existence of these situations adjacent to the town right-of-way. Citizens wishing to inform the town are urged to contact the person for their respective town as follows:

Addison – Bryan Nolan – 759-2570
Bridport – Dusty Huestis – 758-2113
Cornwall - Mike Sunderland – 462-2752
Shoreham – Jason Paquette – 897-5451
Starksboro – Tom Estey – 453-2319

The appropriate place to contact with comments, other than your town is the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Agriculture Resource Management and Environmental Stewardship, 116 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602, Telephone (802)828-2431. Their link web page that would describe the town's spray permit request can be found at www.VermontAgriculture.com

Checking Your Messages by Gary Margolis

Maybe you're called by mis- take,	In this storm, the snow's meant	the weather to who, whatever's
the wind bumping against a maple.	to be mistaken for words	trying to reach you.
Perhaps the wind's thinking of you,	on a page. Not a screen	Let's not call our love inadver- tent.
what you say before going to bed.	of forsaken notes. A flurry	Let's mistake each other
The note you write, what you mean	it's easier to erase than that	for the wind and a maple.
to be read. Not typed by mis- take.	maple, it's branches so over- loaded,	
	scrolled down to the blanketed	
	ground. Maybe you're making	
	too much of this. Comparing	

A Perfume to Pull Us Awake by Gary Margolis

Spring comes when Joan piles her mountain of mulch next to the road. The scent of cedar and pine so strong	to hold the weeds down. Where we can take a handful to carry around for a day,	Which confuses us. When the mulch hasn't arrived yet in its high-walled truck.
it brings the voles out of their cellar caves. My neighbors and I know	as if we were sleeping inside the forest and needed a perfume to pull us awake. To let us know	When the ground isn't ready to receive itself. Snow turns to rain
where we can fill our wheelbarrows. When we have a tulip bed to decorate,	winter's over, we can come out of our sleep. Wake up. As if we had died instead.	and snow again. When we're ready for Joan. Her mountain of spring.
	And needed Joan's mountain of mulch to make sure we didn't fall back as far as March.	

Annual Cornwall Church Tag Sale, May 6, 2017

Please make a note of the Corn- wall Church's annual tag sale, set for Saturday, May 6, from 9 am to 1 pm at the church in Corn- wall's town center.	After dropping off your Green Up Day bags that morning, swing by and check out the kitchen- ware, kids' items, and general household merchandise on offer!	In the overall spirit of spring cleaning, anyone who would like to donate <i>good, clean, usable</i> items is invited to do so. Please contact Nancy Kemp at 462-2370. (No clothes, please!)
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SAVE THE DATE—Planning Commission Forum

The Planning Commission has begun the process of creating Unified Zoning & Subdivision Regulations. Cornwall residents, property, and business owners are invited to participate in a public workshop to be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 7 pm at the town offices. The purpose of the workshop will be to engage attendees in the planning process and to consider a number of regulatory options and potential revisions relevant to the development of the new regulations. All com-

munity members are encouraged to join us in planning for Cornwall's future.

Key topics for consideration include:

- Promoting agricultural uses,
- Protecting natural resources,
- Enhancing our village areas,
- The importance of our roadways,
- Promoting affordability, and
- Building community identity

The meeting will be led by the Planning Commission and the staff at LandWorks, the project consultant. Look for details to be announced as the date nears.

Funding from a VT Department of Housing & Community Development Municipal Planning Grant

Attention: Green Thumbs

Perennials Plant Swap on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the Cornwall School.

Now that we are finally able to get outside and start working in our yards, the Cornwall Conservation Commission invites townspeople to participate in the **Perennials Plant Swap** at Green-Up Day on Saturday, May 6th.

If you have perennial plants or cuttings that you would like to share with neighbors, please leave them off at the school on Friday afternoon or bring them by on Saturday (8:00–11:30) with your green-up bags and select some new plants to take home. Since it is a swap, there is no exchange of money.

Empty pots and sticks for labels will be available at the Town Hall from Thursday, April 27th on. Questions? Call Anne (462-3393), Shari (462-3366) or Mary (462-2899).



Town Officials Needed

The Selectboard is looking for a few folks to fill in some empty slots on the Appointed & Elected Officials list. The first appointment would be to the Development Review Board (DRB) as an Alternate to the Board. The DRB recently changed their configuration to a 5 member board with 2 alternates. There is an opening for an alternate. The other appointments are to the Addison County Solid Waste Manage-

ment District. Cornwall needs a representative and an alternate as we do not have either at this point.

There are also two openings on the Planning Commission (elected position). The Planning Commission is just starting revisions to the Zoning Regulations and Sub-division regulations if that is something that intrigues you. These appointments would be for one year until next year's town meeting

at which time you could run for the balance of the term if you are interested.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please call or email Ben Marks, Selectboard Chair. His phone number is 462-3536 and email is bmarkscornwall@gmail.com



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2629 Route 30
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Property Taxes, Dog Licenses & Green Up Day

Some timely reminders:

Firstly:

The second installment of Property Taxes are due on Monday, May 1, 2017. The office will be open on Monday from 8 AM—6 PM. Postmarks are accepted as on time payments. Just a reminder that if the second payment is late, the taxes are considered delinquent and will be forwarded to our delinquent tax collector. There is an 8% penalty along with the 1% interest per month. I apologize for not sending out a reminder this year. It just didn't seem to work into the schedule.

Next:

Dog licenses were due on April 1, but I gave everyone a break until the end of April since I was moving the office back into the Town Hall. I will be putting together a list of “delinquent” dog owners for the Selectboard to review at their first meeting in May, so I would appreciate it if you could get your dogs licensed in the very near future.

Lastly:

Green Up Day is May 6 this year. The trucks will be up at the school parking lot starting Friday night, and will be there all weekend. The map and bags are available at the Town Hall. There will be someone at the trucks from 9 AM—Noon on Saturday, otherwise you are on your own. Please make sure to put the correct material in the designated truck.

The Recreation Committee will be having a bake sale with coffee during the morning hours on Saturday.

The 4th—6th grade students will be holding their annual fund raising tag sale in the morning, also at the Cornwall School