

Cornwall Newsletter

Town of Cornwall, Vermont

Some Tid Bits of Information and Help Wanted!

Cornwall is establishing a Development Review Board (DRB) starting on May 1, 2016. The members of the DRB are Barney Hodges III (1 year), Annie Wilson (2 years), Joe Severy (2 years), Barbara Greenwood (3 years), Bruce Byers (3 years) and Matt Bonner and Gary Barnett will serve as Alternates. The Selectboard is looking for a Secretary/Minute Taker for the DRB. If you have interest in serving in this capacity, please contact Ben Wood at 462-3216 or bwoodcornwall@gmail.com.

There are a few other open positions in town government as well. We are in

need of a Planning Commissioner. As an aside, the Planning Commission will now focus their time and energy on the administrative side of town planning, whereas the DRB will take on sub-divisions, variance requests, conditional use permit requests, etc. The Planning Commission opening is a 3 year seat, but anyone interested would be appointed until next year's Town Meeting, and then could run for the office. If you would like to know more about the Planning Commission, you could contact Holly Noordsy or David Anderson, the Co-Chairs.

The town is also in need of

a third Lister. The listers are the folks who maintain the town's Grand List. This is also a three year position, but anyone interested would be appointed until Town Meeting.

The Selectboard is also looking for an Emergency Management Coordinator. We have been very fortunate to have Kate Gieges fill this position for a number of years, but she has stepped down. If you have interest in the Coordinator position or being a part of the town's Emergency Management Network, you can contact Sue Johnson at the Town Hall. 462-2775.

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- Opinion Poll about Solar Panels on the Town Hall
- Public Spraying Notices
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Solar Panels on the Town Hall??????

So as we move forward with the renovation of the town hall, one of the ideas that we are contemplating is installing solar panels on the south facing roof of the building. During the discussion, someone won-

dered how the townspeople would feel about having solar panels on our lovely historic town hall?? So I thought this would be a perfect opportunity to ask the question. Please let me know how you feel about

the installation of solar panels on the building. You can call (462-2775) Email (cornwallvt@shoreham.net or townofcornwall1761@gmail.com). Thanks for your input.

Road Commissioner's Report

So we've come through the winter in pretty darn good shape. Sand shed is still half full and the salt budget stands in a good place. We'll fill the shed at this year's price as it is the last of a 3 year contract and I wouldn't expect it to go down.

We've been pecking away at dead and dying trees around town and will continue as time allows. Eventually we will start to haul, scrape, disk and treat the gravel roads, but at this point, most are in good enough shape we don't want to mess with them.

Paving this year will be on West Street. We will be changing out and upsizing quite a few culverts ahead of paving. We will use the Cornwall Connection and signage to make folks aware of

scheduling. Some of the Best Management Practice's, regulations, and requirements of the TMDL water quality initiatives are starting to trickle out. We will be doing an inventory of the town's erosion prone roadside ditches once the criteria are established. I think the town is in pretty good shape unless the bureaucrats are totally unreasonable. We will do some stone lining on Delong Road and a few other small spots around town. The goal is to have the ditches done by the 2017 takes effect date so we can state that maintenance is all we have to do thereby avoiding a bunch of permitting, design, budgeting and approval requirements when we apply for our Municipal Road Permit. While we don't know for sure if we can do the inventory and applica-

tions in house or will have to hire consulting engineers or how that plays out, the consensus seems to be that having the problem spots done is the best plan. Cornwall, along with several neighboring towns have once again applied for a ROW spray permit. See the notice printed elsewhere in this newsletter. This is primarily to treat cut stump regrowth, guardrails, sign posts and a few spots of invasive/noxious weeds. If you want some more information about whether it will affect your property, you can call the garage (462-2752). We do have a request not to spray list which we can usually honor.

Beyond that, not much else to talk about.

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The Towns of Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Rochester, Shoreham, and Starksboro 2016 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 20. 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 contact person for their respective town as follows: Addison- Bryan Nolan 759-2570, Bridport- Mike Sunderland 758-2113 Cornwall- Stu Johnson 462-2752, Rochester- Dan Gendron 767-4732, Shoreham- Jason Paquette 897-5451, Starksboro - Tom Estey 453-2319.

The appropriate place to contact with comments, other than the towns is the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, Agriculture Resource Management and Environmental Stewardship, 116 State Street, Montpelier, VT 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

Cornwall School News

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: Lots of great things are happening at Cornwall School this year. If you want to hear about them in our weekly newsletter, email Jen Kravitz at

jkravitz@acsu.org. You can also check out our newly updated school website from the ACSU website (acsu.org) and choosing Cornwall from the pull down menu on the top right corner.

TEA & CONVERSATIONS: I am hoping to engage the Cornwall community in conversations about what is happening at Cornwall School, in

ACSU, and general trends in education over the course of this year. I am really hoping you can come to one or more of these meetings because it will help deepen the connection between the school and the community. The meetings will be from 4-5pm.

The spring schedule is:

11 April - Integrated Studies

11 May - Farm to School Work

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

If your family has small children who are not yet school age, we would love to hear from you. We welcome you to come visit the school to see what we are doing in classes. If you are interested in visiting, please contact us at 462.2463 or jkravitz@acsu.org. We can also add you to the school newsletter, so you know what is happening at school on a weekly basis.

Information from our UD#3 Representative

On Town Meeting Day, voters in Cornwall gave strong support to the formation of the new, unified Addison Central School District, as did the other towns in the district by a wide margin. Now the work begins, and I want to give folks an update as to what is coming up in this new frontier.

Some time in May, we expect Secretary of Education Rebecca Holcombe will call the formation meeting for the district. This is largely a formality that requires the district - not just the board - to elect a moderator, clerk and treasurer, to set a regular meeting time, etc. The first actual board meeting will take place this summer when the board will elect its officers and get down to business.

The Secretary is busy these days getting two other newly unified districts running - Rutland Northeast in Brandon (now called the Otter Valley School District) and Rutland South - as they

will become fully operational on July 1. We, on the other hand, will keep our current boards in place handling bill-paying, real estate issues, grievances, student discipline matters and other day-to-day and required duties until July 1, 2017. The new ACSD board will work on creating and adopting district wide policies, creating a district wide single budget, and negotiating a new teachers' contract.

These days, the big conversation at school boards across our school system is the current evaluation of the International Baccalaureate program - a curriculum framework used by schools across the country and globe. Teachers and administrators from our schools have visited IB schools in other states and attended conferences to learn more about it and how it engages students of all abilities and interests. The MUHS principal admits to having been a little skeptical of IB until meeting with and

attending a school in New York run by the nephew of our own late Junius Calitri, who dedicated his life to education. He was very impressed by its impact on all levels of students.

The IB conversation is just starting to reach the boards and will remain under evaluation until this fall, when a decision will be made whether to pursue it and start the multi-year application process. By the time you read this, hopefully I will have completed my stack of reading about IB and will be better versed on it. I know that most teachers and principals who have seen it in action are very impressed. There will be some great public forums on IB as well. It should be an exciting debate. If anyone has questions about the new unified district or middle school/high school issues, please feel free to contact me.

Conservation Commission News

Your Conservation Commission has been busy over the winter months. Building on the success of the fall visit of the Cornwall Ledges, Brian Howlett, assisted by Swamp “historian” Steve Pratt, led a guided tour of the Cornwall Swamp on Saturday February 27. On Saturday April 9, ecologists Brett Engstrom and Marc Lapin will have led our next outing adventure, a kayak and canoe paddle down the Lemon Fair River to explore remnant forest fragments and view the waterfowl and other wildlife that shows itself.

Cornwall now has its own wildlife observation project on iNaturalist.org, a site and community for reporting personal observations of any plant or animal species. A link to the Cornwall Wildlife project and instructions on how to post your observations are available on the Town website. Share your sightings!

In addition, the Conservation Commission is partnering with our school in a wildlife tracking project. We will set up tracking stations and wildlife motion-detection cameras at potential wildlife corridors. Wildlife tracking observations and photographs will be posted on iNaturalist. The students, as budding wildlife ecologists, will make a real contribution to our overall goal of documenting wildlife movements in our town.

We also continue to work closely with the Planning Commission and we look forward to beginning work with the DRB (Development Review Board) once they are up and running smoothly.



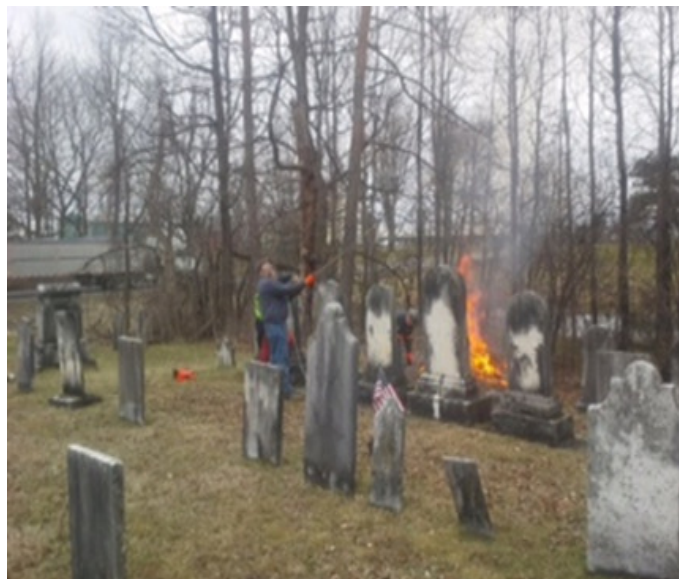
Twenty-nine folks donned tuques and rubber-soled boots to participate in the February 27 “Swamp Walk.” Photo credit: Dave Anderson

Rene Langis, for the Cornwall Conservation Commission

Another Cornwall Swamp Tour Photo



Mutual Aid from the Town of Bridport Pruning a Tree in the West Cemetery



News from the Lemon Fair Insect Control District

Greetings all. A brief update on the upcoming 2016 mosquito season:

Alissa Shethar (Bridport board member) is again leading our outreach program which solicits feedback on adult mosquito levels from residents of Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge. Please let us know whenever you experience a high level of nuisance mosquitos...even if that is several times a month. Feedback can be sent via our website survey or to our complaint line (329-5407). Resident feedback is very important as it helps us select sites for adult traps and determine the efficacy of our larvicide treatments in the Lemon Fair River valley.

Kerry White of Brandon is joining us as a Field Technician. Our field staff also includes Craig Zondag, our licensed Field Coordinator, and Meg Madden.

We expect to use Mansfield Heliflight (<http://www.mansfieldheliflight.com/>) this year for aerial larviciding. The pilot will be Dave Whitcomb who is very experienced and knows the Lemon Fair valley well since he was our pilot when we owned our own plane.

Weybridge voted at its March 2016 town meeting to join the LFICD as a full voting member. Previously it had been contracting with the LFICD for surveying and larviciding services. We welcome Weybridge resident Melissa Lourie to the Board. We are seeking at least one other Weybridge board member.

The Lemon Fair Insect Control District ("LFICD") provides mosquito larval survey and treatment services in the Lemon Fair River valley for Bridport, Cornwall and Weybridge. Larvicide treatment is provided by hand or aeri-

ally following an analysis of conditions and in consultation with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture ("VAA"). Of note, we do not provide adult mosquito treatment, but instead attempt to destroy larvae before they become adults. Additional information is available on our website (<http://cornwallvt.com/lemon-fair-insect-control-district/>).

Attached is public notice which you may have seen on Front Porch Forum, the Addy Indy or heard on two local radio stations. We are required to post these notices as part of our Vermont Agency of Agriculture permitting process.

LFICD Public Notice

Public Notice of Intent to Apply Mosquito Larvicides

Local mosquito control districts may be making ground and aerial applications of *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (BTI), *Bacillus sphaericus* (BS), and spinosad to surface waters where mosquito larvae are present. These are bacterial larvicides used against mosquito larvae. Aerial and ground applications of Cocobear (mineral oil) may be applied in selected wet areas. Cocobear is a monomolecular film that prevents adult emergence and can be used against mosquito pupae. Methoprene may also be used to prevent adult mosquito emergence. These applications will occur in the towns of Cornwall, Bridport, and Weybridge. Larvicide applications will begin on or after April 15, 2016.

Further information or comments about the larviciding activities or application exclusion requests can be obtained from:

Lemon Fair Insect Control District

David Dodge, Chairman

802-462-3898

The Vermont Agency of Agriculture oversees the permitting of these mosquito larvicides and can be reached at 802-828-1319.

For more information see the following websites.

<http://cornwallvt.com/lemon-fair-insect-control-district/>

http://agriculture.vermont.gov/plant_pest/mosquitoes_ticks/mosquitoes

Cornwall Emergency Management is hosting
CPR/AED -- Adult/Child/Infant
Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Basic First Aid
Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Both will be

6pm-9pm

Middlebury Regional Emergency
Medical Service's (MREMS)
Conference Room.

55 Collins Driver (South St by Porter), Middlebury

\$30 per class; \$55 for both

Cornwall Residents: \$25/\$45

Register by the *Thursday before*
(CPR by 5/5, First Aid by 5/26):

Cornwall Town Clerk:

462-2775, or cornwallvt@shoreham.net

Evening Calling by Gary Margolis

Let the loons live	All rippling breezes,	Aren't we theirs	of our voices.	In the hour of calling,
by the lake,	wing-waving.	and they ours?	Our houses	let them make
by the sea,	Let there be	In the hour	and cabins.	what they will
nesting.	one lake and sea	of calling.	When they're able.	of our voices.
Let the stones	for pairs,	Through the mist-	Half-silent,	
echo,	bank-seeking.	rising.	half-singing.	
throat-notes	For red eyes	Let them make	Seen	
and trembling.	and feathers.	what they will	and invisible.	

Cornwall Free Public Library News

DID YOU KNOW???

- that you can access e-books and audiobooks directly from your computer?

Cornwall Library subscribes to the Green Mountain Library Consortium's "Listen Up! Vermont" digital catalogue giving you access to dozens of titles to read on your computer, MP3 player, eReader or other mobile devices. Using your library card number, you can borrow and return digital content exactly like a traditional print or audio book... without leaving home. Users must download a free software program that manages the downloaded audiobook. Go to **Listen Up! Vermont** at www.listenupvermont.org to get started! It is strongly suggested that you use the MyHelp and Getting Started features. If you need additional help, just call or stop by Town Hall.

- that books and audiobooks at the library are loaned for one month and DVDs are loaned for one week?

- that you can donate your used books, audiobooks and DVDs to the library?

Even though the book sale won't be held until October, we are always accepting donations for our annual book sale. Here's your chance to recycle **gently used** books, audiobooks, and DVDs (no magazines, textbooks, or encyclopedias please). These items will be sold at our annual book sale or added to our collection. We ask, however, that you **recycle musty, smelly, damaged, mildew, or broken/warped items**.

- that we've expanded our library space?

- that you can find all of the new materials at the library on our site – cornwallvt.com?

All of the new materials at the library can be assessed by using the library drop down box on the Cornwall Town website. This is updated as new materials arrive so you will find all of our current materials there.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY?

New books, audiobooks, and DVDs have arrived! Come on over and see the new selection of materials (and check out our large, bright space) OR look over the complete list at cornwallvt.com under the library menu item.

Some recent additions include:

FICTION

Loving Eleanor - Susan Wittig Albert, **Cometh the Hour** - Jeffrey Archer, **The Swans of Fifth Avenue** - Melanie Benjamin, **The Guest Room** - Chris Bohjalian, **The Gangster** - Clive Cussler, **The Things We Keep** - Sally Hepworth, **The Bitter Season** - Tami Hoag, **Ashley Bell** - Dean Koontz, **Be Frank With Me** - Julia Claiborne Johnson, **The Waters of Eternal Youth** - Donna Leon, **NYPD Red 4** - James Patterson, **My Names is Lucy Barton** - Elizabeth Strout, **Georgia** - Dawn Tripp, **A Little Life** - Hanya Yanagihara

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NON-FICTION

SPQR - Mary Beard, **The Road to Little Dribbling** - Bill Bryson, **Evicted** - Matthew Desmond, **When Breath Becomes Air** - Paul Kalanith, **Spark Joy** - Marie Kondo, **In Other Words** - Jhumpa Lahiri, **Seven Brief Lessons on Physics** - Carlo Rovelli, **M Train** - Patti Smith

YOUNG ADULT

Passenger - Alexandra Bracken, **Anna and the Swallow Man** - Gavriel Salvat, **Salt to the Air** - Ruta Sepetys

CHILDREN

The Terrible Two and **The Terrible Two Get Worse** - Mac Barnett, **The War That Saved My Life** - Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, **Love from the Very Hungry Caterpillar** - Eric Carle, **Sweet Pea and Friends** - John and Jennifer Churchman, **Last Stop on Market Street** - Matt De La Pena, **Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics** - Chris Grabenstein, **Mother Bruce** - Ryan T. Higgins, **Roller Girl** - Victoria Jameison, **Finding Winnie** - Lindsay Mattick, **When Mischievous Came to Town** - Katrina Nannestad, **Pax** - Sarah Pennypacker, **The 5th Wave** - Rick Yancey

AUDIOBOOK

Notorious RBG - Irin Carmon, **The Final Detail** - Harlan Coben, **The Man in the Window** - Jon Cohen, **Nemesis** - Catherine Coulter, **Fireproof** - Alex Kava, **A Girl's Guide to Moving On** - Debbie Macomber, **The Serpent of Venice** - Christopher Moore, **Bones of the Lost** - Kathy Reichs, **A Night Too Dark** - Dana Stabenow, **Blue** - Danielle Steele, **Scandalous Behavior** - Stuart Woods

DVDs

The Big Short, **A Brilliant Young Mind**, **Brooklyn**, **Concussion**, **The Danish Girl**, **Game of Thrones: Season 5**, **The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part II**, **The Peanuts Movie**, **Red**, **Star Wars: The Force Awakens**

Town Clerk –Treasurer News

So as we move into spring, there are two events that I have been reminding you about since the beginning of the year. First, dog licensing happens each year by State Law. Your dogs must be licensed by April 1 each year. A valid rabies vaccination certificate is required. I am fairly lenient for the month of April, but come May, the fee goes up. The second event is the second and last installment of Property

Taxes. They are due on May 1, but since May 1 is a Sunday this year, payments will be timely on Monday, May 2. The office will be open from 8 AM–5 PM that day. Lastly, I wanted to let you all know that I will be away on vacation from April 15 to April 28. Joan Bingham will be in the office on the regularly scheduled days. Stu will be in town during my absence.



**Town of Cornwall,
Vermont**

2629 Route 30
Cornwall, VT 05753

Glass Ceiling by Gary Margolis

Ken Manchester idles his truck,
to ask how deep the well diggers are
drilling, how far they have to go,
next to my thirsty house.

As far as they need to, I say.

Knowing little of ledge
and drills, these local men.

They're paid by the foot, he says,
knowing first-hand how deep
they drilled for him. Into
the clay and mud, down to
hope's promising river.

I'm praying for you they hit

pay dirt, sooner than later.

He's such a good neighbor

I don't tell him I'm

an anxious man. No more,

no less nervous than him.

Nerve being what it takes
to go blindly into the earth.

Not knowing, Ken says,

if you'll be paid. Adding,

A brick layer has his own way

to make sure. His truck idling,

I didn't know I'd be saying for him.

He told me he knows a mason,

his friend, who lays a plate of glass
half-way up a new chimney
he's pointing, before it goes
all the up. If he doesn't
receive his check, a first fire's
smoke backs into the house.
So the owner, distressed, will have
to call him, to say *What's up*
with this? The mason says he can
make the smoke disappear,