

**Town of Cornwall, Vermont**  
**Capital Budget Committee Meeting**  
July 31, 2014

Members attending: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Magna Dodge, Denny Rheaume, Ben Woods, Jake Chapline

Sue Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. after distributing updated spread sheets of projected capital-budget expenses.

She began the discussion with a report on the planned Town Hall well, which was included in the 2013-2014 capital budget. Permitting for the well has been completed, and she will proceed to get the project on the well-driller's schedule.

Sue also updated the committee on plans to replace the leaking Town Hall roof. She noted that the Select Board had been advised of the committee's proposal to replace the slate roof with a standing-seam metal roof at an estimated cost of \$18,300. She noted that there was a report on the roof-replacement proposal in the recent *Cornwall Newsletter*, which did not prompt any comment from community members. Funds to replace the roof are included in the current fiscal year's capital budget, and the committee agreed that Sue should proceed with arrangements to have the work done.

Sue recommended that two other Town Hall-related projects should also move ahead. The first is buttressing and insulating the basement, which was part of the 2013-2014 budget. The second is paving the parking lot, included in the 2014-2015 budget. Sue noted that the Town has received a \$7,600 grant to cover part of the cost, and the grant money should be spent in the current fiscal year. She is confident that the grant plus \$20,000 budgeted by the Town will be more than enough to cover the cost of paving. The committee agreed to proceed with both projects.

There was a brief discussion of plans for an eventual addition to the Town Hall, including a lift to the second floor for people with disabilities and a new vault for town records. Sue observed that the 2014-2015 budget has \$10,000 for renovations to the Town Clerk's office. It doesn't make sense to proceed with those renovations before we know what the new addition will look like, she said. She suggested postponing the renovations and using the funds instead to have a design for the addition drawn up by an architect. Ben Wood noted that, with plans in hand, it might be possible to line up some grant money to help pay for the lift. Sue and Ben volunteered to have some preliminary discussions with architects.

Turning to capital expenses for the highway department, Stu Johnson said that he might want to postpone the purchase of a mower for cutting roadside brush, which is in the 2014-2015 budget at a cost of \$40,000. He said the department has a greater need for a new pickup truck, which is currently scheduled for purchase in 2015-2016 at an estimated cost of \$35,000. The committee agreed that he should purchase either the mower or the truck in the current fiscal year at his own discretion.

Denny Rheume reported that he had received a quote for six air packs and related equipment for the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department. The 2014-2015 capital budget includes \$40,000 for air packs, but the actual cost will be \$35,242. Denny will proceed to order the equipment.

The committee agreed to schedule its next meeting in the fall. Sue will coordinate with members to set a date.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.