

Approved 15, 2019

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, January 4, 2019
Cornwall Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Marks, Magna Dodge, Ben Wood, John Roberts, Brian Kemp (Brian K. arrived after minutes were approved)

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Michael Sunderland

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.
Quorum - established.

AGENDA - Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of an update on the Fire Warden. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

Report on reconciled bank statement - reviewed.
General fund and highway orders - signed.

MINUTES - December 18, 2018 - John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Ben M.)

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Ben M. has corresponded by email with Holly Noordsy about extent of notification of **Planning Commission (CPC) hearing scheduled for January 16**. Holly N. said that The PC has fulfilled all of its requirements to warn it's hearing by posting notice in the local paper, posting in multiple places in town and sending notice with a copy of the draft and an executive summary by certified mail/return receipt to neighboring towns, Addison County Regional Planning Commission and and The Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development. Notice of the hearing has been posted on Front Porch Forum and to the Cornwall Connection. The warning is posted on the Town website, is in the town newsletter and an article has been published in the Addison Independent. Holly N. told Ben M. that the Planning Commission does not plan to send a separate mailing. Ben M. had not heard from Holly N. before this meeting as to whether the CPC objects to the Select Board sending out a separate mailing as a postcard to all residents.
- **Vermont Department Equalization Results** - indicate that Cornwall does not need to do a reappraisal in 2019. CLA - 95.76, COD -17.96.
- **2019 Certificate of Mileage** - will need to be filled out and signed. Ben M. will consult with the Road Foreman regarding the content. There have been changes since last year, due to a portion of Robbins Road being "thrown up".

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

Sue J. has been in communication with the representative of the company that provides consultations on cyber security, as a follow up on the conference she attended. The representative would like to meet with the Select Board to give a presentation. The Board asked Sue J. to invite him to a meeting, for a short presentation.

ROAD COMMISSIONER / ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT - Brian Kemp and Michael Sunderland

- Road crew has been busy sanding frozen roads
- Work on the trailer is underway
- Swamp Road has wide cracks at the edges, presents a risk to users, and is an emerging priority for repair (shimming).
- Sperry Road and North Bingham Road have needed to be graded at least twice as many times as in previous years. Mike S. discussed the possibility, cost, and timing of paving for these two roads.
- The Road Foreman and the Road Commissioner discussed the overall work load and emerging priorities with the Board.
- Swamp Road Bridge - Brian K. reported that the Cornwall bridge project has been moved into the "candidate" category for the scoping phase. However, no funding or a schedule has yet been identified. Being a candidate does however provide the Legislative authority to advance the project once funding and staffing resources are identified. Currently the Vermont Agency of Transportation is working to identify candidate projects based on prioritization, need, resources etc., that will advance and receive funding for the scoping and project development in upcoming budget year. During this scoping phase, the communities will be engaged to insure that they are on board and in agreement with the project and its' direction.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Budget review** - ongoing Board discussions about the highway budget and general fund budget with the Town Clerk / Town Treasurer.
- **Follow up on ongoing pumping at the Town Garage.** Ben W. consulted with a an engineer regarding the process of identifying the source of salt. Conclusion is that because groundwater pollution comes from many sources and moves around in complex ways, it would be almost impossible to isolate any one source of contamination, as in the case of the salt in the water in the area of the Town Garage. Thus, pumping should continue, to mitigate saline levels.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Approval of Town Solar Screening Ordinance** - Magna D. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the Town of Cornwall By-Law Regarding Screening and Siting Requirements for Ground - Mounted Solar Electric Generation Projects over 15 KW. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

- **Discussion of Non-binding Resolution** passed at Town Meeting in March 2018. - Follow up to ensure that the will of the voters has been communicated to the appropriate State authorities.
- **Update on Fire Warden** - Ben M. informed the Board about his discussions with the Fire Warden on the changing role of the position. It was agreed that Ben M. should contact the Fire Warden again to clarify that communication with the Fire Chief is expected each and every time a burn permit is issued, for safety reasons.
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- Magna D. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board