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Cornwall Newsletter

General Election, November 6, 2018

Just a reminder that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. The polls will be open from 7 AM—7 PM. We will be voting for State and Federal Candidates, as well as, the local Justices of the Peace. You will receive two ballots, the State/Federal ballot will be counted by the tabulator and the JP ballot will be hand counted. See sample ballots on Pages 4 & 5

Early/Absentee voting is available now until 3:00 PM on Monday, November 5, 2018. You can request a ballot in person, over the phone or by email. You can also go to MY VOTER PAGE at the Vermont Secretary of State's Website. Unless you live outside the US, your ballot must be mailed, so think about the timeframe of returning the ballot on time by 7 PM on Tuesday, November 6 when you are requesting the ballot. I can not send a ballot to anyone but the voter. No one but the voter can pick a ballot up in person.

If you have any questions at all about voting or obtaining a ballot for the election, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Vermont now has same day voter registration, so you can register to vote on Election Day, but we still appreciate it if you can register ahead of time to help keep our records organized.

I look forward to seeing many of you on Election Day.

Sue

Phone 802-462-2775 Email conwallvt@shoreham.net

Property Taxes Due November 1, 2018

And of course, property taxes are due on November 1, 2018. The office will be open from 8 AM—5:30 PM on that Thursday. You can drop them off or mail them anytime between now and November 1. The Town of Cornwall does accept postmarks as on time payments.

Don't hesitate to call with any questions or concerns. There are still a few Homestead Declarations coming through, so if you have filed recently, you will get a revised tax bill in the mail. Once again, if you have questions, please contact me.

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Special points of interest

- Voting on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 7 AM—7 PM
- Property Taxes Due November 1, 2018
- Conservation Event, Wednesday, November 14 at 7 PM
- Historical Society Meeting, Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Conservation Commission News

The Conservation Commission has been working on a Conservation brochure for the town, which celebrates our natural resources, and what we can do as landowners! There are color photos of Cornwall birds, a clayplain forest and the Ledges. It has useful information about the importance of preventing forest fragmentation, so that our wildlife can move through the landscape safely, and identifying and removing invasive species. As we know very well, plants such as buckthorn, poison parsnip, purple loosestrife and shrub honeysuckle are crowding out the natives. The brochure encourages residents to help avoid damaging waterways. Help the pollinators by planting gardens with lots of bee-friendly plants and flowers, for Monarchs and other butterflies as well! We all live in one neighborhood, an interconnecting web of life where each animal, plant, insect, bird and person is a vital part. Let's be good neighbors! This brochure will be available soon at the Town Office, for landowners and distributed to new Cornwall residents, as a form of "Welcome to Cornwall".

Mary Dodge and I went to the Annual Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC) Summit at Green Mountain College in Poultney, an all-day event on Sat. Sept. 29th, which focused on "Caring for Vermont's Waters: What We Can Do!", with David Deen as keynote speaker. Many know David from his 30 years in the Vermont Legislature where he served as Chair of the Natural Resources and the Fish and Wildlife Committees. David emphasized the need for active, thoughtful, strong policies, and planning ahead for the influx of climate refugees that he predicts will move to Vermont as the sea levels continue to rise, and more storms, hurricanes, flooding and droughts occur. Food for thought! What can we do to have a more resilient and welcoming state and town? In several Summit sessions, the very special Cornwall Swamp was lauded for its protection of Middlebury and adjacent towns through water absorption in flooding, as happened during "Irene". Wildlife and waters know no town boundaries, and we're all connected, so we plan to work with other Conservation Commissions to help educate residents about the

Swamp's importance and the need to protect this extraordinary place.

Also mentioned in various sessions was the recent economic analysis conducted by Vermont-based Trust for Public Land. It found that every \$1 invested in land conservation returns \$9 in economic value in natural goods and services, such as water quality protection, flood mitigation and food production, as well as keeping land open and forests intact. Conservation supports critical industries in our state that depend on the availability of protected land and clean water, such as recreation, tourism, forestry, and farming. Just as important, the findings confirm that by carefully stewarding our natural assets we are building the foundation for vital, resilient and connected communities, now and in the years to come.

<u>Please mark your calendars!</u> We're also planning a Fall Evening with Steve Trombulak, on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 pm at the Cornwall School. Steve is a Professor of Environmental and Biosphere Studies at the College. He knows the landscape and wildlife of Addison County and beyond, and will talk about the wildlife movement through Cornwall, and the connectivity habitat. More information to follow.

And we may have another Cornwall Hike coming up — we'll let you know via Sue's magical email list and FPF — or if you have an idea for one, let us know! Where is *your* favorite place to walk?

Submitted by Bethany Barry

Update from Cornwall's Development Review Board (DRB)

The Cornwall Development Review Board was created in 2016. A quasi-judicial board, the DRB is responsible for reviewing proposals for land use and development in Cornwall under the Town's Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations.

There are currently 7 members of the DRB: Barbara Greenwood (Chair), Joe Severy (Vice Chair), Gary Barnett, Magna Dodge, Shari Johnson, Cheryl Cesario (Alternate), and David Anderson (Alternate). Our secretary is Robin Conway.

Over the past year the applications considered by the DRB have included an application for a minor subdivision on Snake Mountain Road; an application to amend a plan of subdivision for a subdivision on West Street; a sketch plan review concerning a proposed major subdivision on North Bingham Street by Beaver Brook Properties LLC; an application for site plan review concerning the Breadloaf Mountain Monastery property on Route 30; and an application for a conditional use permit to use a Ridge Road property as an event venue during the summer season.

The DRB usually meets at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, at the Town Hall. Its meetings are open to the public. The agendas are posted at the Town Hall and the Town Garage, and on the Town website. The Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision Regulations, the Board's Rules of Procedure, and application forms are available at the Town Hall and on the Town website. Applications must be filed with Sue Johnson. Jim Duclos, the Town's Zoning Administrator, reviews them for completeness before passing them along to the DRB. A complete application must be filed at least 25 days prior to the next DRB regular meeting in order to be eligible to be considered at that meeting.

Late August by Gary Margolis

and the crickets are leapfrogging across the fields across from the Inn. At the Inn at Bread Loaf.

An Inn that isn't really an Inn. But a barn of renovated, dedicated rooms. Graduate students of English

and then a Conference of writers live in. Writing their papers, poems and stories. Living the lives

they dreamed of. Sleeping on a mountain. Walking to a pond within sight of a mountain.

Lingering at a long, dining room table. Waiting for a bell to call them into the Little Theater. To listen

to a chapter from a novel they didn't know they lived in. Remember the night John Irving

read from "The Hotel New Hampshire". And said there would be an intermission. He was just getting started. We could

stay or wander out into the evening, if we wanted. If there was another writer, waiting in the shadow

of the mountain. If there was no one there to begin with. Which is as good as any place

to let a line speak as a character. For a speaker in a poem to speak as an author.

For us to remember the night we lay down in a field, bothering the singing crickets.

In The Orchard by Gary Margolis

It's their songs you hear first, church songs, and then the apples

rolling down their arms into their baskets.
Notes from God

you could say.
If they didn't need more than songs

to wire home at the end of a picked week. Money orders and checks sent

back to their wives. In the islands. Foremost Jamaica.

Where the wind can strip the trees. And God's known to have more

than a little faith. Where these men's hands were born.

Soft as a breeze the hymn sings. And hard enough to lift

a hard box, carry it to an open truck. The world will receive.

From here in Cornwall Vermont I'd like you think of as your town, too.

And Michelle at the supermarket who loved to cash their checks. Before they stepped back

into their van.
Before she was gone.
Before some of the apples

dropped. And the yellow jackets drilled their way in.



Town of Cornwall

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, mark a cross (X) in the square at the right of the person's name. to vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

For Justice of the Peace

Vote for not more than SEVEN:

DAVID L. ANDERSON, Independent.		₽
JUDITH ENGLISH, Independent		þ
WILLIAM "LIAM" ENGLISH, Indep	pendent	þ
SUSAN JOHNSON, Independent		Þ
JORDAN M. YOUNG, II, Independent	L I	þ
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OFFICIAL VERMONT GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT NOVEMBER 6, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

Use BLACK PEN or PENCIL to fill in the oval.

- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval
 to the right of the name of that person.
 To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or stick his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.

 Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #" for an office.

FOR US SENATOR Vote for not more than ONE	FOR SECRETARY OF STATE Vote for not more than ONE	FOR ASSISTANT JUDGE Vote for not more than TWO
FOLASADE ADELUOLA	JIM CONDOS Montpeller Democratic	ALICE M. GEORGE Republican
RUSSELL BESTE	MARY ALICE HEBERT	JACQUELINE MCLEAN
BRUCE BUSA Readsboro Independent	H. BROOKE PAIGE Washington Republican	PATRICIA "PATTY" ROSS
EDWARD S. GILBERT JR	Washington Republican (Write-In)	DOUG TOLLES
REID KANE		New Haven Republican
BRAD J. PEACOCK	FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS Vote for not more than ONE	(Write-in)
	MARINA BROWN	(Witte-In)
BERNIE SANDERS	DOUG HOFFER	FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY Vote for not more than ONE
JON SVITAVSKY Bridport Independent LAWRENCE ZUPAN	Burlington Dem/Prog	
Manchester Republican	RICHARD KENYON Brattleboro Republican	Middlebury Independent
(Write-in) ①	(Write-in)	DENNIS WYGMANS South Burlington Democratic
FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO	FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL	(Write-in)
CONGRESS	Vote for not more than ONE	FOR SHERIFF
Vote for not more than ONE	T.J. DONOVAN South Burlington Democratic	Vote for not more than ONE
CRIS ERICSON Independent	ROSEMARIE JACKOWSKI	KEVIN E. GIBBS Independent
LAURA S. POTTER Charleston Liberty Union	JANSSEN WILLHOIT Republican	PETER DOREY NEWTON Dem/Rep
ANYA TYNIO Charleston Republican	(Write-in)	(Write-in)
PETER WELCH	FOR STATE SENATOR	FOR HIGH BAILIFF
Norwich Democratic (Witte-In)	Vote for not more than TWO	Vote for not more than ONE
	MARIE AUDET Independent	CHARLES S. CLARK JR
FOR GOVERNOR Vote for not more than ONE	CHRISTOPHER BRAY	negoetti negoetti
TREVOR BARLOW	New Haven Democratic PETER BRIGGS	(Write-in) ①
Cavendish Independent	ARCHIE FLOWER New Haven	
Chester Ericson Independent CHRISTINE HALLQUIST		
Hyde Park Democratic	RUTH HARDY Mediabury Democratic	
CHARLES LARAMIE	PAUL RALSTON New Haven Independent	
STEPHEN MARX Stratford Earth Rights	(Wints-In)	
EMILY "EM" PEYTON Liberty Union	(Write-in)	
PHIL SCOTT Berlin Republican	FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
(Write-in)	Vote for not more than ONE	
FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	PETER CONLON Democratic	
Vote for not more than ONE	(W/Hs-In)	
MURRAY NGOIMA Liberty Union	FOR PROBATE JUDGE	
DON TURNER JR	Vote for not more than ONE	
DAVID ZUCKERMAN	ELEANOR "MISSE" SMITH Dem/Rep	
Hinesburg Prog/Dem (Write-In)	Comwall Dem/Rep (Write-In)	
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FOR STATE TREASURER Vote for not more than ONE		2
RICHARD MORTON (*)	SAME	1 5
Prattleboro Republican BETH PEARCE	SHILL	LE
Same City Democratic		
(Write-in)		
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Cornwall Library News

EXCITING News From the Corn-wall Free Public Library

Saturday Hours for the Library

We are excited to let you know that the library will be **OPEN** on **Saturdays** from **10AM** – **12PM** starting **November 3rd**. We realize that many of you have difficulty getting to the library during weekday hours so hopefully this will enable more of you to come to the library and check out our collection of books, audiobooks and DVDs. Library Trustees will be volunteering their time to come in on Saturdays so please stop by and say "hello".

The Book Sale is Coming

It's that time of year again – time for the Cornwall Library Book Sale so mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 10**th. We have a **large** collection of gently used books and audiovisual materials that you won't want to miss. **AND** we will also have refreshments for you to enjoy while you're browsing.

This is the perfect time to stock up on books for winter reading when the days are cold, long and dark plus reading is a perfect way to wait out winter. You can climb under that fleece blanket or cozy up to the fireplace and read away to sunnier and warmer days.

The Cornwall Library Book Sale will be open from 9AM to 3PM at the Town Hall. Once again, we will have a Take What You Want/Pay What You Think is Fair or What You Can! Proceeds from the sale go directly to stock the library shelves with new releases purchased from the Vermont Book Shop in downtown Middlebury, as well as DVDs. Come check out the book sale on Saturday, November 10th.

New Additions to the Library Collection

Come on in and check out the materials that we've added to our collection at the library. If you prefer to see what's new from your home, you can see the complete list of materials under the library section on the town website **cornwallvt.com**. Below is a **sampling** of the new items in our collection.

FICTION

Transcription - Kate Atkinson, Our House - Louise Candlish, The Masterpiece - Fiona Davis, All We Ever Wanted - Emily Griffin, Rust and Stardust - T. Greenwood, The Great Believers - Rebecca Mikkai, Ohio - Stephen Markley, The Tattooist of Auswitz - Heather Morris, Where the Crawdads Sing - Delia Owens, The Air You Breathe - Frances de Pontes Peebles, Lake Success - Larry Shteyngart, The Quiet Side of Passion - Alexander McCall Smith, The Fall of Gondolin - J.R.R. Tolkien, Christopher Tolkien, Ghosted - Rosie Walsh

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

Give Me Your Hand - Megan Abbott, Paradox - Catherine Coulter, Sweet Little Lies - Caz Frear, Red War - Vince Flynn, Lethal White - Robert Galbraith, The Outsider - Stephen King, Desolation Mountain - William Kent Krueger, Bury the Land - Archer Mayor, The Ruin - Dervia McTiernan, Black Diamond Fall - Joseph Olshan, Juror #3 - James Patterson, The Other Woman - Daniel Silva, Spymaster - Brad Thor

NONFICTION

Small Fry - Lisa Brennan-Jobs, In Pieces - Sally Field, The Good Neighbor: Fred Rogers - Maxwell King, The Spy and the Traitor - Ben Macintyre, Dopesick - Beth Macy, Born a Crime - Trevor Noah, Fly Girls - Keith O'Brien, Indianapolis - Lynn Vincent, Sara Vladic, Fear - Bob Woodward

Cornwall Library News Continued

YOUNG ADULT

Leah on the Offbeat - Becky Albertalli, **Long Way Down** - Jason Reynolds, **A Map of the Days** - Ransom Riggs, **Sadie** - Courtney Summers

CHILDREN

Willa of the Wood - Robert Beatty, Mixed: A Colorful Story - Arree Chung, Fiona the Hippo - Richard Cowdrey, Good Rosie - Kate DiCamillo, We Don't Eat Our Classmates - Ryan T. Higgins, The Night Diary - Veera Hirandani, The Rough Patch - Brian Lies, Bob - Wendy Mass, Rebecca Stead, Wonderland - Barbara O'Connor, PopularM-MOS Present a Hole New World - Pat and Jen from PopularMMOS, All Are Welcome - Alexandra Penfold, You're Here for a Reason - Nancy Tillman, City of Islands - Kali Wallace, Hello Hello - Brendan Wetzel, The Day You Begin and Harbor Me - Jacqueline Woodson

AUDIO

Tailspin - Sandra Brown, Crazy Rich Asians - Kevin Kwan, Calypso — David Sedaris, The Other Woman - Daniel Silva

DVDs

The Americans – Seasons 1 – 5, Book Club, Isle of Dogs, Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom, Three Identical Strangers

Contradance Schedule at the Cornwall Town Hall

Contradance at the Cornwall Town Hall, on Rte 30 in Cornwall, Saturday, October 13, 7-9:30PM, featuring Peter Stix from Albany calling to live banjo and fiddle music by Red Dog Riley. \$5-10/person (sliding scale). All are welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Questions? 462-3722.

Contradance at the Cornwall Town Hall, on Rte 30 in Cornwall, Saturday, November 10, 7-9:30PM, featuring Mary Wesley calling to live banjo and fiddle music by Red Dog Riley. \$5-10/person (sliding scale). All are welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Questions? 462-3722.

Contradance at the Cornwall Town Hall, on Rte 30 in Cornwall, Saturday, December 8, 7-9:30PM, featuring Adina Gordon calling to live banjo and fiddle music by Red Dog Riley. \$5-10/person (sliding scale). All are welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Questions? 462-3722.

Contradance at the Cornwall Town Hall, on Rte 30 in Cornwall, Saturday, January 12, 7-9:30PM, featur-

ing Lausanne Allen calling to live banjo and fiddle music by Red Dog Riley. \$5-10/person (sliding scale). All are welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Questions? 462-3722.

Contradance at the Cornwall Town Hall, on Rte 30 in Cornwall, Saturday, February 9, 7-9:30PM, featuring David Kaynor calling to live banjo and fiddle music by Red Dog Riley. \$5-10/person (sliding scale). All are welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Questions? 462-3722.

Contradance at the Cornwall Town Hall, on Rte 30 in Cornwall, Saturday, March 9, 7-9:30PM, featuring Fern Bradley calling to live banjo and fiddle music by Red Dog Riley. \$5-10/person (sliding scale). All are welcome. No experience or partner necessary. Questions? 462-3722.

Contradance at the Cornwall Town Hall, on Rte 30 in Cornwall, Saturday, April 13, 7-9:30PM, featuring Dana Dwinell-Yardley calling to live banjo and fiddle music by Red Dog Riley. \$5-10/person (sliding

Cornwall Library Book Sale

Reminder: The Cornwall
Free Public Library will
hold its annual Book Sale on
Saturday, November 10,
2018 from 9 AM—3 PM.
Once again our pricing strategy will be TAKE WHAT YOU
WANT AND PAY WHAT YOU
THINK IS FAIR OR WHAT YOU
CAN!

Mark your calendars!!

Cornwall Historical Society to Meet!

"The Cornwall Historical Society will hold an important meeting on Tuesday, October 30 at the Town Hall to decide if there is sufficient enthusiasm to sustain its future operation. Anyone with an interest in Cornwall's past, present or future is urged to attend. Ideas for speakers, programs and exhibits would be welcomed."

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