

Cornwall Newsletter

Town Clerk—Treasurer News

Hopefully spring is just around the corner. Sure does not feel like it currently. Anyway, I will use my space to give a few reminders for the spring season.

Firstly, dog licenses were due on April 3. I will be sending out reminder letters, but not until the end of April, so you still have an opportunity to get your dog licensed at the on time rate for a few more weeks. Remember, I do need a valid rabies certificate in order to issue the license. Fees are \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11.00 for one that is not spayed or neutered.

Secondly, the second installment of property taxes will be due on May 1, 2018. That falls on a Tuesday this year. The office will be open from 8:00 AM—6:00 PM and post marks are accepted as on time payments. Once I have given the mailed payments time to arrive in the office, I will be turning the list of delinquent taxpayers over to Rodney Cadoret, our delinquent tax collector. There will be the 1% interest added per month plus the collector's fee of 8%. Just a heads up on that.

Lister's Update

Quick note that this is busy season for the Cornwall Listers as all property taxes for next year are based on the appraised value of your property as of April 1st 2018. We have been out and about looking at Cornwall's recently completed and newly remodeled houses. If your property fits that description and we have not yet contacted you we will be reaching out very soon via phone/email or stopping by to arrange a walk through for updating the town's appraisal. If you would like to contact us with questions or comments please email us at Cornwall.Listers@gmail.com or leave a message at 462-3386. We are at the town hall on Tuesdays from 9-11.

Cornwall Listers; Todd Kincaid, Jordan Young, Bill Johnson.



Green Up Day is Coming!!!

Saturday, May 5, 2018 marks the 48th anniversary of Green Up Day. There will be a table with a Cornwall map and bags, gloves, etc. available at the Town Hall starting on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Please feel free to come in and sign up for a road or part of a road to clean up. The town trucks will be up at the school on Saturday and Sunday of that weekend for you to discard your green bags, any other color will not be accepted. There will be a separate truck for metal items and other miscellaneous stuff!!

Al and his wife Jane moved to Cornwall in the Fall of 2016 from Blue Point, New York (Long Island), with their two children; Molly and Albert (now 9 & 7 respectively). Moving to Vermont was a lifelong dream made entirely possible by Jane and her recent ability to telecommute. Having camped in Vermont every summer since he was 5, Al has a true love of Vermont's natural beauty and rural agrarian character. Al & Jane chose to move to Cornwall because of the exceptionally rated elementary school and a want to provide the best upbringing possible for their children. Al is a busy volunteer at Cornwall

Good Morning First Calf of Mother by Gary Margolis

8, swaddled in strewn
hay. Because we're in Vermont

I have to say welcome to mud
season, this slick manger.
The days in-between snow

and snow, we count on being
caved in again, before May.
Before your ear will be pierced

with a number, your plastic
name. Before you rise, all
wobbly and born

to suck. No need to practice
on my rubber-gloved hand, to pull
on my thumb. With your mother

this close around. Eyeing
me with her empty mind.
A buddha of sorts, all-

mothering. Rising
without thinking. To put
herself between the fence

and me. The air vibrating
with a little electricity.
Enough to keep us in

our places. Until
Christ arrives in his tractor.
Pulling a tank of water

and a portable 8 calf
trough. For the invisible,
soon-to-come others.

Meet Another New Member of the Planning Commission, Albert Thalen Jr.

School- participating actively in FOCS, the Four Winds Nature Program, after school programming, and as field trip driver extraordinaire. (You may recognize him driving one of the three black Sprinter vans in Town.) This summer he also personally spearheaded an Earthworks Natural Play Area and Tree Planting Project at Cornwall School providing over 250 hours of his time (along with the generous contributions of help and donations of Cornwall residents and businesses) to add some new features to the school playground.

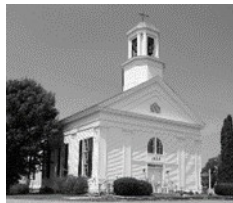
Al also volunteers his time as a member of the Cornwall Fire Department. He plans to graduate Fire Fighter One, a 220 hour training course with the Vermont Fire Academy, this coming May.

This winter, Al led the creation of a Cub Scout pack in Middlebury. He is ecstatic to bring this opportunity to the boys and girls of the local area. Al largely owes his love for the outdoors and duty to civics due to his experiences in becoming an Eagle Scout. He loves being outside, exploring, hiking, camping, backpacking, hunting, etc.

As far as schooling goes, Al holds a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture and an Associates degree in Forestry. His work experience includes over 15 years of high-end residential landscape design and project management on Long Island's East End, including running his own business. Al also spent 5 years as a Town planner. And is an accomplished carpenter and jack of all trades. Having taken time away from his career to be a stay at home dad, Al is more recently re-entering the workforce by starting a handyman and property maintenance business here in Cornwall.

Al plans on bringing his prior experience as a Town Planner and Landscape Architect to help guide the Towns Land Use and Development Regulations and the following Cornwall Town Plan and serving the residents of Cornwall in this voluntary position for the next three years.

News From the Cornwall Congregational Church



The congregation at Cornwall UCC church is getting smaller – and we're not getting any younger! Discussions are underway to discern the future of our building. We are looking at the possibility of transferring ownership of the building sometime in the not-too-

distant future. A survey of townspeople will be conducted in the near future, meanwhile if you have thoughts or ideas about who and how the Cornwall Community can use and preserve the building, they would be appreciated. Please feel free to share your helpful ideas by emailing the church at cornwallucc@gmail.com. Or, you can mail us a letter to 2598 Rte. 30.

Thanks!

Let's talk about Cornwall's proposed

Land Use & Development Regulations

**Wednesday, April 18, 2017 @
the Cornwall Town Office**

7:00 - 7:15: Welcome & Introduction

**7:15 - 7:45: Presentation of Key Changes & Components
of the proposed regulations**

7:45 - 8:45: Public Comment/Question & Answer Session

*Note: The proposed regulations will be available in early April
at the Town Office and on the Town's website.*

Come help plan for Cornwall's future!

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Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Municipal Planning Grant program)*

Little John's Police Log by Gary Margolis

Whenever I need to feel better
about the world, I search the po-
lice
log in our local paper. For the entry

that reads our policeman escorted
a neighbor home who was sporting
his crossbow on Main Street.

Who stripped a few feathers
from the quill of his pen.
To sprout in the earth of his hat.

He didn't cause any trouble
and said he had a good reason
for carrying his staff. Although

he called it his stave, which had
a few shoppers looking sideways
at him. Not that he wasn't known

for stopping in his tracks,
exhorting us to believe his mother
named him Little John.

And he walked every morning,
so he could cross a bridge.
In our town, spanning a creek.

On days like this swaying under
the weight of some of its citizens
grieving the violence

inside our schools.
Feathers stripped from birds.
The entry that reads

a psychiatrist was called
to the emergency room.
A policeman to quell a disturbance.

When the admitting officer
didn't know quite what
to do with our neighbor

with his crossbow.
Who didn't want to stay
at home. Who wanted

to write his name in deer
ink. With his stave
on a sidewalk.

Who wanted his friend
to be called, the paper says
is his Robin Hood.

Benson's Landing by Gary Margolis

You're no Jesus,
exactly. Yet who
wouldn't want to

see himself walking
across the ice, the frozen
water, from one state

to another, from bank
to bank. Where
the lake's so narrow

it's likely there isn't
a lake at all.
Only a stream

turning into a river.
A current of dreams
and wishes. A rowboat

of wounds. A rope
tied to a stump.
The bloody stump

of a soldier. Praying
to God not to be
redeemed

for anything
he couldn't forgive
himself for.

Couldn't imagine
himself
walking half-in,

half-out
of the water.
Giving the illusion

of walking
on water
across the narrows.

And stepping
onto the shoeless
ice, its coals

of fire. Where
Benson, it's written,
is said to have

landed, rising
from his musket
of ashes.

Update On A New Country Store For Cornwall

Dear Fellow Cornwall Citizens:

Last year I purchased the old Cornwall Store north of the Town Hall on Route 30.

I am writing to bring you up-to-date on the possibility of a revived country store for our town. In conversations with Cornwall residents there appears to be significant support for a village store. I have received encouragement from the Cornwall Select Board and the Planning Commission, and I am reaching out to the State of Vermont for guidance.

The property is currently permissioned for a store with a deli allowing four employees. From a business point-of-view this proposition is weak: these types of stores have low margins and require a delicate, unique formula to remain sustainable.

My plan is simple: patron seating and a business office and/or apartment to supplement the fragile general store margins. A village store that incorporates traditional architectural aspects will add character and serve as a focal point for Cornwall.

I envision a space that fosters a community atmosphere where small events can naturally occur.

The principal challenge is septic capacity in the village. Aside from accessing adjacent land there are alternatives such as piping sewage to a location outside the village. I am working with an engineering firm to determine appropriate solutions.

From a business point-of-view a store alone has low margins and is a risky proposition. My concept envisions a traditional model similar to how Vermont villages grew and came into being, namely a building with retail ground floor and business/living quarters upstairs.

Can seats alone help a store break even? Yes and no. I believe a hybrid ownership approach may ignite community interest. Co-op or initial patron-based financing in exchange for future discounts would give the community an opportunity to become involved, foster ownership, and anchor a client base. This may be feasible for Cornwall's situation. Other models are possible as well.

If you'd like to comment, please mail me at Cornwall Country Store, P.O. Box 415 in Middlebury, 05753. I welcome the good, the bad, and the ugly and look forward to hearing from any and all.

Update on the Swamp Road Bridge

Brian Kemp reported that the Addison County Regional Planning Commission has ranked replacement of the Swamp Road Bridge as its No.1 priority on its list of Addison County transportation issues. As a result of a meeting among Brian Kemp, Paul Vaczy (of the Salisbury Select Board) and VTrans personnel, and subsequent requests made directly to VTrans by the two towns, the Swamp Road bridge has been placed on Vermont's Town Highway and Bridge Program's priority list of bridge construction projects. This will kick off a process by which the state can provide a substantial portion of the funds for replacement of the bridge. Brian was assured that Cornwall would have input into the design phase of the project.

News From the Cornwall Library!!

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 My Help 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 November, 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 that you recycle any musty, smelly, damaged, mildew, or broken/warped items you have.

-that we've expanded our library space? have a new children's room?

-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 accessed 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.

New Materials at the Library

We're always adding new materials to the collection at the library. If you haven't stopped in the library lately, drop by and check out our always changing selection! Or, look over the complete list of new materials on our website – cornwallvt.com under the library drop down box.

A sampling of the recent additions include:

ADULT FICTION

The Girl in the Tower - Katherine Arden, **The Immortalists** - Chloe Benjamin, **The Flight Attendant** - Chris Bohjalian, **Varina** – Charles Frazier, **The Punishment She Deserves** - Elizabeth George, **How to Stop Time** - Matt Haig, **The Great Alone** - Kristen Hannah, **Munich** - Robert Harris, **An American Marriage** - Tayari Jones, **Mrs. - Caitlin Macy**, **Points North**- Howard Frank Mosher, **Still Me** - JoJo Moyes, **Only Child** - Rhiannon Navin, **Feel Free** - Zadie Smith, **Red Clocks** - Leni Zumas

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

End Game -David Baldacci, **Need To Know** - Karen Cleveland, **The Woman in the Window** - A. J. Finn, **Agent in Place** - Mark Greaney, **Orphan X**, **Nowhere Man** and **Hellbent** - Gregg Hurwitz, **Sunburn** - Laura Lippman, **The Escape Artist** - Brad Meltzer, **Down the River unto the Sea** - Walter Mosley, **Fifty Fifty** - James Patterson

NON-FICTION

Braving the Wilderness - Brene' Brown, **The Line Becomes a River** - Francisco Cantu', **Tell Me More** - Kelly Corrigan, **What Made Maddie Run** - Kate Fagan, **I'll Be Gone in the Dark** - Michelle Eileen McNamara, **Heartberries** - Terese Marie Mailhot, **I Am I Am I Am** - Maggie O'Farrell, **When** - Daniel L. Pink, **I've Been Thinking** - Maria Shriver, **Educated** - Tara Westover

YOUNG ADULT

Children of Blood and Bone - Tomi Adeyemi, **The Hazel Wood** - Melissa Albert, **Far From the Trees** - Robin Benway, **The Cruel Prince** - Holly Black, **Timekeeper** and **Chainbreaker** - Tara Sim

CHILDREN

Mr. Fox Ate My Homework - David Blaze, **The Epic Fall of Arturo Zamora** - Pablo Cartaya, **You Belong Here** - M. H. Clark, **The World is Awake** - Linsey Davis, **Through Your Eyes** - Ainsley Earhardt, **Last Day on Mars** - Kevin Emerson, **Hello Universe** - Erin Entrada Kelly, **Dog Man and the Cat Kid** - Dav Pilkey, **Dear Girl** - Amy Krouse Rosenthal, **Bad Monkey**, **Private Eye** - Brian Selznick, **Betty Before X** - Ilyasah Shabazz

AUDIO

The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood, **Death of an Honest Man** - M. C. Beaton, **The Wanted** - Robert Crais, **Look for Me** - Lisa Gardner, **Little Fires Everywhere** - Celeste Ng, **Behind Closed Doors** - B. A. Paris, **The Kremlin Conspiracy** - Joel C. Rosenberg

DVDs

American Made, **Better Call Saul** – Season 1, ***Coco**, **The Crown** – Season 1, **Darkest Hour**, ***Despicable Me 3**, ***Ferdinand**, **Game of Thrones** – Season 7, **Get Out**, **God's Own Country**, ***Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle**, **Lady Bird**, **Loving Vincent**, **The Mountain Between Us**, ***My Little Pony**, **Only the Brave**, ***The Star**, **Stronger**, **Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri**, **Victoria** – Season 1, **Victoria and Abdul**, **The Walking Dead** – Season 5, **Wonder**

*Children's DVD Titles

Conservation Commission News!!

Museum of Islands by Gary Margolis

At my age, my friends say I'd
better get out
and travel when I can, before
time takes its toll at the toll gate.
Before the last

national park is closed. And the
airlines stop
letting me pre-board. Sit closer
to a World War II pilot, who's
close

to giving up his wings. Landing
a few minutes ahead of time.
Friends tell me to attack

my bucket list A map of places
that want to see me before I
forget where to go.
The sun shimmering a river. A
mom

and pop store, off the road,
known for its early morning,
cider donuts.
And early morning. When, lying
in bed,

I can forget how old I am, scroll
through pictures of where my
friends have been.
The museum of islands. A palace

of rented rooms. A rock over-
looking a sea, they say, hasn't
been named yet.
Is waiting for me. To book a
reservation

with all the miles I haven't fre-
quented.
To step out my front door with
my right foot, my father assured
me would keep me

safe. Whenever I thought I was
going away.
Whenever he said not to worry,
when he didn't return on time.

As we know, April showers bring May flowers, and it's been raining (as well as snowing, blowing and sleeting) during this first week, and we can hope that Spring is on its way – it's been a long, cold winter!

However, because of that, we were able to do some exploring of the Cornwall Swamp, led by Brian Howlett, during our Winter Swamp Walk on Saturday, February 17. There was a small, hardy group of us nature lovers, curious about the wondrous Swamp. We followed some of the VAST trail, tromped through frozen snow in open areas, and then into a higher area, with more dense undergrowth and shelter for animals. We saw a den, with two separate entrances, atop a fallen tree. Brian's knowledge and experience of the swamp was interesting, informative and fun, and we ate fresh cookies when we got back to the parking lot!

Perhaps you have heard that the emerald ash borer, an invasive, tree-killing insect that has been decimating forests in other parts of the country, has just been officially confirmed in Vermont in Orange, Washington and Caledonia Counties. Vermonters all need to be vigilant in watching for it and help mitigate the spread of EAB by limiting the movement of potentially infested material such as firewood. The state currently prohibits bringing untreated firewood into the state. More information can be found on www.vtinvasives.org/invasive/emerald-ash-borer

From April through September, the CCC will be helping the Addison County River Watch Collaborative document water quality at 13 sites along Beaver Brook and the Lemon Fair. The data will help track changes in e-coli, nitrogen, turbidity and phosphorus loadings that may result from, among other things, new agricultural practices and individual conservation efforts in the Lemon Fair watershed. Cornwall samplers were out on Wednesday, April 4th collecting water from 5 Cornwall sites (4 along Beaver Brook and one at the Lemon Fair bridge.) If you are interested in learning more about the monthly sampling, please contact CC's Rene Langis. (renelangis@gmail.com).

We invited Monica Pryzperhart, from the Agency of Natural Resources, to meet with us as we reviewed the CC's goals and priorities and to share details about Vermont's 2018 law, Act 171. This new legislation supports municipalities in protecting their important forest blocks and habitat connectors and in minimizing forest fragmentation. It will help towns keep these natural areas intact and viable, and, in turn, will help wildlife continue to thrive. We also talked with Monica about town-supported Conservation Funds that are present in many VT communities and help with such things as natural resources conservation and restoration, creating a Town Forest or assisting with other important projects. Each town decides on the fund's details such as how and how much would be contributed to this Fund. A Conservation Fund has made a difference in many towns, and we feel it could also do so in Cornwall.

Bethany Barry Menkart for the Cornwall Conservation Commission



Participants in the Cornwall Conservation Commission Swamp Walk



Example of the size of the Emerald Ash Borer. See picture at left for size compared to a penny.

Recreation Committee Report and News!!

The Cornwall Recreation Committee met recently and have scheduled some exciting events over the next few months. The first event will be held on Friday, May 4, 2018 at 7 PM. This will be a family movie night at the Cornwall Town Hall. We will be watching Dr. Seuss's , The Lorax. This is partly in preparation for Green Up Day, which will be happening the next day, Saturday, May 5, 2018. All those in attendance at Movie Night will be given a "FREE" Green Up bag for the next day. See information about Green Up Day elsewhere in this newsletter. Please join us for our first Movie Night!!! Hope to see you there. Popcorn will be provided. Bring your own beverage.

The Recreation Committee will hold their 3rd annual Green Up Day bake sale on Saturday, May 5 from 9 AM—Noon. There will be goodies to buy and eat, as well as hot coffee. The coffee for the event has been donated by the Vermont Coffee Company.

The next opportunity that the recreation committee is organizing will be pick up soccer games on Thursday nights at 6 PM at the Athletic Field on Peet Road. Annie Wilson will be there to organize people into teams and get the ball rolling, so to speak.

On June 16, 2018 from 10 AM—Noon at the Cornwall Town Hall, we will be sponsoring a Tie Dye Day. Bring a T-shirt to be tie dyed, and the committee will supply the dye, rubber bands, water and any other items needed. Come on over and create a beautiful T-shirt to wear for the rest of the summer.

The committee will meet again on August 2, 2018 at 7 PM at the Town Hall. We will discuss activities for the fall and winter. Please join us if you have an interest in what we are planning.

Reminders will be sent out on the Cornwall Connection for the events listed above.

The Recreation Committee's email address is cornwallrecreation@yahoo.com. Please feel free to get in touch if you have thoughts, questions or ideas.

Town of Cornwall

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