

CORNWALL NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- > **State Primary will take place on Tuesday, August 14, 2018**
- > **Justice of the Peace nominations need to be completed by August 17, 2018**
- > **Conservation News**
- > **Zoning and Subdivision update**
- > **Cornwall Church update**
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ELECTION SEASON IS UPON US!!

Wanted to start this quarter's newsletter with information about the upcoming elections. There will be a State Primary on August 14, 2018 and the General Election will be held on November 6, 2018.

Early/Absentee voting is in full swing for the State Primary. Ballots are available in person at the Town Hall, by phone or by mail. An absentee ballot can also be requested through the Secretary of State's MY VOTER PAGE. Only the voter can pick up their ballots. Requests can be made by a family member, but the ballots must be mailed to the voter.

Absentee/Early ballots will be available until 3:00 PM

on Monday, August 13, 2018. The office will be open on Monday, August 13 from 1:00–3:00 pm. Any absentee/early ballots must be returned by 7 PM on Tuesday, August 14. The state primary is different from the Presidential Primary. You will be given three ballots, Democratic, Progressive and Republican. You will decide which one you will vote on. The voted ballot will be put through the tabulator and the two unvoted ballots will go in a separate ballot box.

Beginning with the State Primary, there will be new accessibility technology available. Sample ballots are posted around town for your review.

Moving on to the General Election, I mostly want to make sure that the town committees take note that they should be holding a Justice of the Peace caucus very soon and that anyone who would like to be on the ballot as an Independent JP, must complete a Consent of Candidate Form and a Petition/Statement of Nomination form. Cornwall candidates must obtain a minimum of 10 signatures of registered voters, and file the forms with the Town Clerk by 5 PM on August 17, 2018.



CORNWALL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NETWORK

A working group created by the State of Vermont to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) which is reviewed and signed by the Selectboard on an annual basis has completed their work and the new document is now

called the Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP). Each town will have to create their plan and have the Selectboard review and sign off by May 1 of each year. In order to accomplish this task, the Emergency Management Network needs to resume

meeting to create this document and discuss any other emergency planning issues for the town. If you have an interest in being a part of this group, please contact Sue Johnson at the Town Clerk's office, 462-2775. A meeting will be planned for September of 2018.

CORNWALL CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

When you're at the Town Hall, please take a look at the new Conservation Corner display. You will find all kinds of information there including an oversize aerial map of the town, which we felt would be of interest.

The Conservation Commission is beginning work on a new initiative and we are hoping for help! We want to learn more about the routes wildlife take as they travel through the town to find food, to mate, and to raise their young. The 2015 Cornwall Ecological Inventory contains some information about potential connectivity routes that link the town's forest blocks. This data was based on residents' wildlife travel corridor notes and GIS inventory landscape analysis. We would like to verify this information and to study the safety of crossings where paths cross a town road. Accurate data about wildlife travel corridors will assist in protecting these routes. But, the first step is field verification.... a task we are planning to begin in the months ahead. We welcome your participation.

The CC has continued to offer assistance and recommendations to the Planning Commission as it completes work on the new Zoning By-Laws and

Subdivision Regulations. Recognizing our town's significant natural features and providing protection for them is critical for wildlife and biological diversity, and will help keep our town the special, scenic place it is. We also continue to complete natural resource reviews of development applications for the Development Review Board.

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As we look to the year ahead, we are planning to add at least one new person to the Conservation Commission. Our most recent activities are described above, but all of our efforts are focused on the protection and preservation of the town's important natural features including native plants, animals, and natural communities of ecological importance. We are putting out a call to Cornwall residents who are interested in working with us on conservation issues. Please let us know if you'd like to join us.

Conservation Commission members are:
 Bethany Barry Menkart, Marc Cesario, Mary Dodge (chair), Brian Howlett, Rene Langis, Marc Lapin, and Mike Sheridan.
 Thanks to all of you for your support and interest!



PLANNING COMMISSION ZONING AND SUBDIVISION UPDATE BY THE NUMBERS

The Planning Commission has been working diligently on the update to the Zoning and Subdivision Bylaws and is excited to be nearing completion of a final draft. We hope to hold our public hearing later this summer and we hope that you can attend. Keep on the lookout for a notice of the date and time.

We wanted to share with you some numbers from our efforts on this project.

34...Months – Planning for this project began in October of 2015

9...Town Boards and Committees and representatives offering input – The PC is grateful for the input of the Selectboard, Town Clerk, Town Attorney, Zoning Administrator, Development Review Board, Conservation Committee,

Cornwall School, Listers and Former Zoning Board of Adjustment members

11... Planning Commission Members (past and present) contributing to the project

4...Planners from Land-Works who served as consultants

3...Outside Agencies Contributing - Addison County Regional Planning Commission, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department

5...Drafts – At the time of this mailing

46...Public Meetings – 2 Public Forums, 1 Community Values Workshop, 6 Select Board Meetings, 7 Special Planning Commission Meetings and 30 Monthly Planning Commission Meetings

2...Planning Commission Secretaries who endured our 4 hour marathon meetings

1... Municipal Planning Grant from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development

The Planning Commission would like to thank our fellow town officers, committee members and volunteers, Cornwall residents, the team at Land-Works, the crew at ACRPC, VLCT, VT Fish & Wildlife consultants for the thousands of hours of project development, research, input, discussion, debate, editing and proofreading to create the updated and unified bylaw.



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CORNWALL PLAYGROUP THURSDAY AFTERNOONS!

Since last winter, on Thursday afternoons, the lovely upstairs meeting hall in the Town Hall has played host to a boisterous group of children and their parents. Kids dash and play on the floor of the big sunlit room as parents and caregivers shepherd the wacky little flock. Some are Cornwall residents, some are our neighbors from other towns, but all relish the newly renovated building and the chance to play in

the afternoon. This summer, when the weather has cooperated, we've been playing at the fun playground by the Cornwall School.

I just wanted to take a moment to share gratitude to the town and its residents for sharing the space with the playgroup. Everyone is enjoying it!

If you're interested, please join us on Thursday afternoons at 3:15PM until 5PM. The group ranges in age from newborns to just about five. And there's also the wonderful library downstairs to lounge in and take a break from the wackiness upstairs.

Thanks and see you Thursdays!

Cornwall Church and what is going on—

One of the wonderful opportunities that folks may like to participate in is the Fifth Sunday activities. On the fifth Sunday of any month (the next to be on July 29) everyone shows up at the regular time of 9:30 a.m. and instead of a regular service folks are greeted by activities that make a difference in Addison County. Among the jobs are sorting foods into the smaller packages for HOPE. Follow us on Facebook to stay up-to-date with what is happening.

Many folks have read the article in the Addison Independent about the Cornwall Church looking at the future for the church building and for the congregation that meets in that space. Erroneously, some have interpreted that article to mean that the doors are closing on this church. The building has been a fixture in the community for more than 200 years and the community has always taken care of this fine example of early New England culture. For those interested in learning more about this building, Mary Peet Green wrote a delightful history of the church.

While that beautiful building was being built, Ohio was admitted as the 17th stated joining in the Union, Beethoven was writing Symphony No. 3 and Ralph Waldo Emerson was born. It was 26 years after Vermont had outlawed slavery, but many years before the Civil War would bring challenges and divisions. Vermont's population was a quarter of what

it is today. This is more than the stats of the day.

Just as this building reflects the history of our community, we are writing new chapters. In years now gone by, church attendance was practiced by nearly everyone in the community. The church was a place of worship and it was the community. Sunday was a day set aside. This is a different time with interests, demands, and opportunities that were never even a part of our parents', grandparents', and more distant relatives' imaginations. The pilgrims may be a bit surprised to hear that according to the Pew Research Center, New England is the least churched region of the United States.

All this rhetoric leads to some of the discussions that the Cornwall Congregation is holding. The membership is small but dedicated to the congregational community and the building. While we have these discussions know that the church is still

open and welcoming to all.

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Thank you to everyone who responded with the recent survey. We would love to show off the building to anyone who is interested. Give us a call. Stop in to visit.

Cornwall Free Public Library News

Do you have books you are never going to read again? Books that you would like to donate so that they can be shared with others? Great! The Cornwall Library Book Sale will be held in November, and we are looking for book donations. SO clean off those bookshelves, end tables, night tables, or wherever else you keep those books that you've read and bring them over to Town Hall during regular business hours (Tues - Fri, 9 - 5). We welcome donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs, new or used. **BUT PLEASE, NO** magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias and **NO** musty, smelly, mildewed or broken books. Thanks (in advance) for donating!

To encourage summer reading for readers of all ages, we have a good collection of fiction and nonfiction books for adults and children. We have books that will take you or your child to another world, broaden your horizons or deepen your understanding of favorite topics. In our collection for children, **we have several of the 2018-2019 DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER BOOK AWARD books**. We hope to see you and your children at the library this summer!

Can't find the book you're looking for at our library? **Interlibrary loans** make it possible for us to get a book for you from another library when we don't have it ourselves. Contact Sue Johnson at 462-2775, cornwallvt@shoreham.net, or stop by Town Hall with the title and author, and we'll let you know when it arrives.

Check Out What's New At The Library

New books, audio books, and DVDs have arrived! Come on over and see the new selection of materials OR look over the complete list at cornwallvt.com under the library menu item. Here are some of the new materials.

FICTION

Us Against You - Fredrick Backman, **Social Creature** - Tara Isabella Burton, **How To Walk Away** - Katherine Center, **The Room on Rue Amelie** - Kristin Harmel, **Circe** - Madeline Miller, **A Place for Us** - Fatima Farheen Mirza, **The Perfect Mother** - Amy Molloy, **There There** - Tommy Orange, **How Hard Can It Be** - Allison Pearson, **The Overstory** - Richard Powers, **You Think It, I'll Say It** - Curtis Sittenfeld, **The Madonna of the Mountains** - Elise Valmorbidia, **The Book of Essie** - Meghan MacLean Weir, **The Female Persuasion** - Meg Wolitzer, **Before & Again** - Barbara Delinsky, **Eagle and Crane** - Suzanne Rindell

MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

The Fallen - David Baldacci, **The Disappeared** - C.J. Box, **The Gray Ghost** - Clive Cussler, **Cave of Bones** - Anne Hillerman, **The Word is Murder** - Anthony Horowitz, **Greeks Bearing Gifts** - Philip Kerr, **Red Alert** - James Patterson, **The Death of Mrs. Westaway** - Ruth Ware

NONFICTION

A Higher Loyalty - James Comey, **Directorates** - Steve Cull, **Barracoon** - Zora Neale Hurston, **The Feather Thief** - Kirk Wallace Johnson, **The Pope Who Would Be King** - David I. Kertzer, **Milk** - Mark Kurlansky, **The Destiny Thief** - Richard Russo, **Calypso** - David Sedaris, **Fascism** - Madeleine Albright, **The Soul of America** - Jon Meacham

YOUNG ADULT

I Have Lost My Way - Gayle Forman, **One of Us is Lying** - Karen M. McManus, **Stay Sweet** - Siobhan Vivian

CHILDREN

Becoming Kareem - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar & Raymond Obstfeld, **Hello Lighthouse** - Sophie Blackall, **The Wild Robot Escapes** - Peter Brown, **A Day in the Life of Marlon Bundo** - Marlon Bundo, **Aru Shah and the End of Time** - Roshani Choksh, **Islandborn** - Junot Diaz, **The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street** - Karina Yan Glaser, **All's Faire in Middle School** - Victoria Jamieson, **ReStart** - Gordon Korman, **I've Loved You Since Forever** - Hoda Kotb, **Refugee** - Alan Gratz, **The Big Bed** - Bunmi Laditan, **Train I Ride** - Paul Mosier, **Patina** - Jason Reynolds, **Short** - Holly Goldberg Sloan

AUDIOBOOKS

Death of an Honest Man - M. C. Beaton, **Rising Strong** - Brené Brown, **The First Rule** - Robert Crain, **Then She Was Gone** - Lisa Jewell, **A Legacy of Spies** - John LeCarre, **How Hard Can It Be** - Allison Pearson, **A Nantucket Wedding** - Nancy Thayer, **A Gentleman in Moscow** - Amor Towles

DVDs

A Quiet Place, **Black Panther**, **Doc Martin - Season 8**, **Isle of Dogs**, **I Tonya**, **Love Simon**, **Molly's Game**

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CORNWALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY...? INTERESTED

The Cornwall Historical Society has been taking a bit of a break from meeting and putting on programs. There is interest in revitalizing the group to continue work that was started a number of years ago, and perhaps start on new projects.

A meeting of the Historical Society will take place on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM. Keep your eyes and ears open for further information and if you are interested in being a part of the group, give "T" Tall a call at 462-2003 or Sue Johnson at 462-2775.

WATCHING GOLF BY GARY MARGOLIS

Who's to say spending hours
on the couch watching the professionals
play wouldn't improve my game?

Playing around the screen's course
with them inside the spectator's ropes?

Pretending, my partner Phil's tipping
his cap, even when he's under suspi-
cion/scrutiny for insider trading, trad-
ing tips for stocks.

My wife feels how happy I am
when I see my ball flying on a line
to the pin, rolling as close as it can
to the cup, if not in.

Although I'd be lying if I didn't write
she'd rather I'd be outside gardening
with her, my hands in the dirt. Instead
of inside, imagining I can/ professionally
swing like them, the next time I'm walk-
ing down eighteen, waving to the virtual
crowd. The next time life cheers me off
the couch.