

Approved March 15, 2016

## **CORNWALL SELECT BOARD**

Regular Meeting  
Cornwall Town Hall  
February 16, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, John Roberts,  
Ben Marks

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sue Johnson, Tom Telling, Katie Gieges, Bill  
Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.  
Quorum – established.

### **AGENDA**

John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the  
agenda as posted. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders – signed.  
Report on Reconciled Bank Statement – reviewed.

### **MINUTES** - February 2, 2016

John R. MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED a motion to approve the  
minutes with one change in correspondence review to read: “Board  
thanked her for the offer. Presentation not needed at this time.”  
Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- Letter from Agency of Natural Resources regarding the impact of pending and proposed changes to ANRs Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) legislation for ANR lands. Ben W. commented that Cornwall will receive less money, and the decrease has been spread out over several years.
- Vermont League of Cities and Towns newsletter
- Letter from FEMA – Cornwall’s Hazard mitigation plan has been approved, is good for 5 years.
- Rutland resolution. The board discussed and took no action.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Katie Geiges would like a copy of the FEMA letter. Sue J. said she will make one for her.

**TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT** – Sue Johnson

- Sue provided information from the National Bank of Middlebury on the Town's options for borrowing for capital building expenses. It was noted that municipalities receive very low rates on loans.
- Sue J. said she will organize a Board of Civil Authority (BCA) meeting soon. Need to find 2 citizens to take the box of ballots to Middlebury and to participate in the vote counting process there (with other Towns).
- Sue J. presented the printed Town Report. She praised the quick turnaround of the printer - 802 Print.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** – Sue Johnson on behalf of Stu Johnson. The road crew has been busy with keeping the roads clear after the recent storm.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Audit** - Tom Telling discussed the annual audit and audit report with the board. Mr. Telling said that the Town is using best practices in accounting for Town funds and that the new accounting system is working very well.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Town Well Salt Update** – Town Health Officer Bill Johnson presented a list of test results of the water from the well at the Town Garage, from 3/24/09-11/12/15. The data shows annual spikes of sodium in the spring when the pipe thaws and water can be pumped again. Johnson concludes that pumping does make a difference and should not be stopped. Cornwall's discharge permit requires quarterly testing and an annual report. Mr. Johnson asked the board if he should test the water at the Larock house quarterly. The board agreed that quarterly testing at the Larock house should be done, for a year or two, to establish a baseline. Mr. Johnson said that he recently read David Anderson's summary on the history of the salt issue and it was very helpful to his understanding.

- **DRB Update** – DRB candidates were interviewed and given information about DRB formation and responsibilities. Terms will be staggered for the transition. Outcome of the meeting: Barney Hodges (currently ZBA member) is a candidate for the one-year DRB position. Annie Wilson and Joe Severy are candidates for two-year terms. Bruce Byer is candidate for a three-year term. Still needed: one more person for a three year term and two alternates.
- **Information between John R. and Shoreham's Will Stevens Regarding Harpers Business** – John R. said he was not able to reach Will Stephens yet, who has been out of town.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Magna D. said that she has a conflict and will not be able to attend Town Meeting this year.

John R. MOVED /Magna D. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board.