

Approved April 3, 2012

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, March 20, 2012**

Present: Judy Watts, Ben Wood, Bruce Hiland, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

Guest: Katie Gieges, Raph Worrick, Barney Hodges III

Meeting called to order by Town Clerk Sue Johnson – 7:00 pm

**REORGANIZATION OF SELECTBOARD / ELECTION OF OFFICERS /
CALENDAR**

- It was Ben MOVED / Judy SECONDED a motion to nominate Bruce Hiland as Chair. No other nominations were heard. Nominations were closed. Bruce Hiland was elected unanimously by voice vote.

The Chair assumed leadership of the meeting.

- Bruce MOVED / Ben SECONDED a motion to nominate Judy Watts as Vice Chair. No other nominations were heard. Nominations were closed. Judy Watts was elected as Vice Chair by voice vote.
- The board agreed that Sharon Tierra will continue as Clerk of the Selectboard.
- Calendar of Selectboard meetings was set for the first and third Tuesday of every month – except June, July, and August, when the board will meet first Tuesday only.

General fund and highway orders – *signed*

MINUTES

- ***February 21 Minutes***—Judy MOVED, Ben SECONDED, to accept as presented. *Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Letter from Rich Isenberg regarding the Lavalley Store and contents
- Notice of VLCT Selectboard institute
- Invitation from Sarah Kemp to attend the school district study committee looking at school consolidation Thurs March 22. Judy will go, if possible.

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- ***Request to cater beer and wine*** at fundraising event for Porter Hospital at the home of Sue and Bruce Byers. Judy MOVED / Ben SECONDED a motion to approve this request. Motion passed.
- ***Grants for Elevator*** - Sue presented a progress report from Sarah Pelkey, on her research on grants for funding for an elevator for the Town Hall. Ben will review and look at the websites referenced in the report.
- ***Recent salt mitigation report*** indicates that both chloride and sodium are well below allowed limits at town garage. Misse Smith, who at the time of the issue of the chloride and sodium mitigation order was the town attorney, has suggested that the current town attorney review the original order and statute of limitations. Bruce will follow up with Misse and with the town attorney on this matter.
- ***Email contacts for Town Meeting Survey*** - Sue is completing a Town meeting survey 2012 for the Secretary of State's Office. SB members present agreed that is ok to include their email as contact information.
- ***Town Meeting Minutes*** - Sue presented the official minutes of Town Meeting for review and signature.
- ***Town Reports*** - 32 were mailed, 98 were picked up at the Town Hall prior to Town Meeting and 45 were picked up on Town Meeting Day. Sue recommends that the Town order only 250 - 300 reports next year.
- Newsletter is the best communication tool and the part of the newsletter that everyone seems to read is the Road Commissioner's report.
- Sue passed out the appointed/ elected officials list with vacant positions, including 2 vacant solid waste district positions. The board will review and consider candidates at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Raph Worrick suggested that, if Town Reports will not be automatically mailed to all landowners and registered voters, that at least a notice of the warning should still go out to everyone, so that no one could say they were not informed, especially when controversial issues come up for a vote.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT –Stu Johnson

Now have the bucket for the shared excavator, and Shoreham hooked it up today. Stu plans to attend the May 9 VMHA Equipment Fair and Field Days - with vendors and technology. Stu will invite some new crew members to attend the fair with him.

OLD BUSINESS

- ***CVFD update*** – Captain Raph Worrick updated the board on the Fire Department's plans to renovate the West Cornwall Fire Station. Renovation will include new insulation, removing the back wall and extending the building on that side, redoing the roof so the doors can be higher and the roof line turned around for better snow shed. During renovations, trucks will be stored outside. The department is getting bids

- from two vendors for the utility truck. Timeline – initial payment in about 30 days, vehicle delivery in November at the earliest.
- **Capital Budget planning** – has two new members. Magna Dodge and Mary Conlon.
 - **Town Hall lighting** – Ben needs to measure the parking lot. Vendor has software that will determine wattage needed, based on area to be lighted.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Lavalley building** – Barney Hodges shared his thoughts about the store with the board. The voters approved Article 9 at Town Meeting directing the Selectboard to “sell the Lavalley Building in the highest and best interests of the Town of Cornwall....(or) to direct the dismantling of the Lavalley building if not sold...”. The board welcomes all ideas as to how to carry out the voter mandate.
- **Town Hall community coffee machine** - Sue will look into options and ask the public for input.
- **Schedule meetings with other boards/commissions** – a calendar of meetings will be developed.
- **Selectors’ proposals for 2012-13 to do list** –
 - Determining options and costs for making second floor of Town Hall accessible - Ben Wood
 - Pave parking lot in next two years – Stu Johnson

OTHER BUSINESS

Town Clerk’s Office:

- Sue will be gone for a week in April, Joan will cover
- On June 22, Sue will close the office, Joan not available

Next Meeting: Judy will conduct the next meeting on April 2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard