

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 5, 2011**

PRESENT: Bruce Hiland, Dave Sears, Nancy Kemp, Judy Watts, Ben Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson; Stu Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed.

MINUTES

March 15 Minutes—Ben MOVED, Judy SECONDED, to accept. *Motion passed.* Dave abstained

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- **2010 Census**—Paperwork needed to challenge census results has been received.
- **Animal Cruelty Response Coalition**—letter received reminding all that drowning is not an acceptable solution to stray cats
- **Sheriff Patrols**—to be determined; town receives money when tickets written by sheriff, not so when written by State Police

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Stu Johnson

- **Habitat for Humanity Project**—Traffic issues likely to result from restricted visibility caused by hedge; Stu to draft letter to property owner for Selectboard review
- **Road Vehicles**—'05 truck seeing extended out-of-service time; extended warranty has proved beneficial; capital budget plan may need readjustment should a replacement truck be necessary.
- **“Blizzard”**—bills still coming in

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Letters headed out to owners of unlicensed dogs—100+ remain unlicensed
- Tax notices sent
- Two messages left on office machine over the weekend—issue is a dispute between neighbors; they look for intervention from Selectboard. Board agreed this is a civil issue which does not involve them.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Appointees**—Board members ran down their previously assigned appointee lists and reported on positions filled and those yet to be. The elected and appointed officials listing, as approved on April 5, are attached.
- **Update on Town Hall Energy Audit**—[Ben] Met with Jarrod Moats; they reviewed Town Hall and basement issues. Moats suggested solutions for dampness and heat-loss issues, most issues with the building are fairly basic. Moats did not feel an energy audit was necessary at this time. Ben requested a proposal for the work needed. Best course of action is to tackle needed work all at once, not piece-meal. Some of this amounts to regular maintenance work, some is more a capital expense.
 - Ben also was in touch with several roofers who came to examine the leak problem, give quotes, and address the salvageability of the roofing slates. Estimates ranged from \$5,000–\$8,000 with varying options regarding the used slate
 - It was agreed that the Capital Planning Group needs to be involved.

- Nancy MOVED, Judy SECONDED, that the Board authorize regular maintenance to proceed. *Motion passed.*

NEW BUSINESS

- **LaValley Property**—Judy will head-up an effort to re-assess how the community wishes to deal with its historic properties. She will attend the next Town Plan Committee's rewrite session. Bruce suggested using the Committee's survey to gather sentiments around the LaValley house.
- **Schedule Joint Meetings**—
 - **Planning Commission** will be invited to attend the Board's April 19 meeting.
 - **Other groups** to invite and schedule include: Fire Dept., Board of Education, Library (summer), Cemetery (fall), Emergency Management, Conservation Commission.
 - **Joint selectboard meetings** will be pursued as well. A meeting with the Weybridge Selectboard is in the works.
- **Summer Board Meetings**—Discussion regarding need for two monthly meetings during summer months. Board agreed unanimously to hold just one meeting per month, on the first Tuesday. Bruce will distribute the schedule
- **Planning Commission Proposal**—Discussion regarding the merits of requesting a Declaration of Emergency from the governor. All agreed that this is something to consider when brought to their attention by the Town Emergency Manager, Town Clerk, Road Commissioner, or circumstances. It would be good to have forms readily available for filing by the EM or Clerk.
- **Wandering Dogs**—[Dave] Town should have a written protocol for handling roaming dogs so all are clear on procedures.
- **Compensation for Town Officials**—Board agreed to set up a committee of town officials and residents to review Cornwall's compensation vis á vis that in other towns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—tabled

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Conway
Substitute Minute-Taker