

Approved May 3, 2016

**CORNWALL SELECT BOARD**

Regular Meeting  
Cornwall Town Hall  
April 19, 2016

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ben Marks, Ben Wood, John Roberts, Brian Kemp

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stu Johnson, Annie Wilson, Brian Barrows

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

**QUORUM** – established.

**AGENDA** - John R. MOVED/ Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as distributed.

General Fund and Highway Orders – signed.

Report on Reconciled Bank Statement – reviewed.

**MINUTES** – March 29, 2016 John R. MOVED/ Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with two typos corrected. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

- Request from Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ADRPC) that the Town appoint a representative to the ACRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
- Email from Bethany Berry with concerns about a product called Rodeo being spread on the roads. See Road Commissioner's Report below for more details. Ben M. will reply to Bethany B.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – none

**TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT** – no report tonight.

**ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT** - Stu Johnson

- Stu J. said he has heard no more about proposed work on Route 74 except that it has been designated a "Project" and funds have been allocated to "do it right."
- Stu reported that Cornwall did some shoulder work for the Town of Middlebury.
- Stu said that the Highway Department uses a combination of two products – "Rodeo" (Glyphosate) and "Oust" that is sprayed only under the guardrails and on the posts, in compliance with State mandated practices and as directed by the Department of Agriculture. Stu also informed the

board that 8 years ago, Cornwall's request to use some alternative products for roadside vegetation management was turned down by the State.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Mowing Bids** – Ben M. opened the 3 sealed envelopes containing bids for mowing.
  - *Lawn Cuts for Less* –bid of \$3,500 for the year, including mowing and cleanup.
  - *Brian's Lawncare* – bid of \$3,600, includes DAR building, Town Green, Town Hall, South Cemetery, West Cemetery, and Fair Cemetery, and mowing (at no extra charge this year) of the community ball field at the corner of Peet Road.
  - *Vermont's Finest Lawncare and Snowplowing of Leicester*, bid on mowing for cemeteries in Cornwall not owned by the Town.After discussion, Brian K. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to accept the bid of Brian's Lawncare. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

**Request to Cater Beverages**– Town has received a Request to Cater Malt and Vinous Beverages & Spirituous Liquors for Porter Auxiliary Derby Day event on May 7, 4-8pm at Bruce Byers house on North Bingham Street, catered by Waybury Inn. Ben M. stated that because he sits on Porter Hospital Auxiliary Board, he will abstain from voting on this request. Ben W. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the request. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Ben M.)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Development Review Board (DRB) Minute Taker update** – DRB has a candidate to interview.
- **School Wind Turbine** – The board discussed with School Principal Jen Kravitz (present by phone) the progress on the proposed wind turbine project. Jen said that she had contacted most of the nearby landowners, who said they have no concerns. She met with 3 members of the Planning Commission (Holly Noordsy, Jim Duclos and David Anderson) to do a site visit. Planning Commission members were most interested in issues of noise, siting and safety around the children.

Select Board members have visited nearby wind turbines of same design to view the visual impact and listen to the noise. The wind turbine at Addison School is identical to the one proposed for Cornwall School and was considered very quiet by board members who visited it.

Ben M. thinks the school should be the owner of the wind turbine, and not the Town. Jen K. said if the school was the owner, the school would have the responsibility to maintain it, just like the building. She mentioned that

the wind turbine is still under warranty. She added that the Superintendent is very supportive of the project.

Stu J. suggested that Jen K. talk with the family that donated the land to the Town, where the proposed site for the wind turbine is. Jan K. said she will do that. John R. asked Jen K. to keep a log of what the neighbors say as she continues to reach out and get citizen points of view on the project. The board will ask Sue J. to inform citizens through the Cornwall Connection. Jen K. said that the ideal time for installation would be the summer when school is out. John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion of general support for moving forward in looking at the pros and cons of a wind turbine at the school. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- **DRB first meeting** - The DRB held an organizational meeting on April 11. Bruce Byers and Matt Bonner agreed to serve as Co-Chairs. Bruce was elected as one Co-Chair. Matt's election as the other Co-Chair had to be postponed, because he was appointed by the Select Board as a DRB alternate. Ben W. has spoken with each member and alternate individually. They all would like a 7 member DRB with no alternates.

John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to expand the DRB from 5 to 7 members, with no alternates and to ask the DRB to recommend the staggered terms of office of the membership. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

- **Appoint Matt Bonner (Proposed DRB Co-Chair) from alternate to non-alternate.** Board agreed to table this item indefinitely as the change in DRB organization makes this appointment unnecessary.
- **Appoint representative to ACRPC** –John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to appoint Holly Noordsy as representative to ACRPC. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **Cornwall Conservation Commission (CCC)** - John R. and Brian K. attended the latest CCC meeting. The CCC is considering doing a natural resource survey on a 200 + acre property, recently with new owners. The CCC is exploring options for resources to conduct this survey.
- **Shoreham business on Wooster Road** - The Harpers have requested a public hearing in Shoreham on April 28 to ask for a change of land use to light manufacturing. John R. has informed the Vermont Land Trust about this hearing. John R. recommends that the Cornwall Select Board should be represented at this meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board