

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting
May 2, 2017
Cornwall Town Office, Route 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Marks, John Roberts, Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Brian Kemp

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Mary Dodge, Bob Burton, Andrea Landsberg, Katherine Branch

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

Quorum – established.

General Fund and Highway Orders – signed.

Report on Reconciled Bank Statement – reviewed

AGENDA

Ben W MOVED/Magna SECONDED to approve the agenda as posted. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES – April 18, 2017

John MOVED/Brian SECONDED to approve the minutes as amended by the following: under *Public Comments, Hiking Trails*—remove “*Board gave approval to proceed with the research and grant application*” as it implies Board approval of the project which was not, in fact, given. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed .

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Derby Day Liquor License, for May 6
- Resignation, Charles Burdick has submitted his resignation as a JP and as Fence Viewer, and Sue Burdick has resigned from the Listers, as Trustee of Public Funds, and as a JP. They are moving out of town. Resignations effective as of March 27.
The Town now seeks to fill: 2 JP positions, 1 Lister position, 1 Fence Viewer position, and a Trustee of Public Funds.
- Certificate of Pubic Good, The solar system at Barney Hodges' place has been granted its CPG with the condition that the low voltage issue, which the system may exacerbate, be resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Proposed Hiking Trails: see *New Business*

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- All connections have been removed from the trailer and it is ready to be removed;. The storage trailer is not yet emptied.
- Primary focus has been on Property Taxes, with a good turn-out so far..
- Library—twenty-three shelves have been purchased (\$5,000), paid for from the remaining funds (\$10,000) in the Town Hall repair budget., and an appeal for \$2,400 from Town residents. Terry Stevens has been hired to install the shelves.
- Lift: It has been discovered that the door will fail to close properly if riders attempt to pull it closed. The door must be allowed to close on its own so its timing mechanism isn't damaged. Sue will post signs to that effect.

ROAD COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Brian Kemp

- Grading continues; discussion with crew about discing; trees on Sperry and Ridge Roads have been attended to. Having part-timers do the material hauling, allowing crew to focus on road maintenance, has worked well.
- 2014 truck is back, its electrical issues appear to have been resolved.
- No word yet on grants applied for.
- [*Bob Burton*] will the water issues on Delong Rd be attended to? [Brian] Plans include the possibility of scraping regardless of grant receipts, although if grant money is awarded then more extensive work may be done (e.g. ditching, culverts). The water issue definitely warrants attention, although State regulations may influence the types of solutions available.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Swamp Road Bridge Rental:** *Ben M./Brian:* No changes to report
- **Development Review Board (DRB) Alternate**—There are one or two interested persons in talks with the DRB regarding the position of Alternate. No action required of the SB at this point.
- **Town Garage Water Quality Report**— *Sue:* Pumping as much as is possible, right now, but salt levels are high. This is not unusual in the spring, and the levels are not exceedingly high.

NEW BUSINESS

- **ACSWD**— Andrea Landsberg introduced herself as a candidate for the position of ACSWD representative or alternate. The Board will invite the other two interested parties to the next meeting before considering any appointments.
- **Derby Day Event Liquor License**—Ben M recused himself. Ben W MOVED/Brian SECONDED to approve the requested license for the Porter Hospital Aux's May 6 Derby Day fund raiser. **Motion passed**—4 in favor, 0 opposed; 1 abstention.
- **Liquor License Discussion**—Discussion focused on timing. Board would like to see a reduction in last-minute liquor license requests. As the majority, if not all, come from event caterers, it was felt that they know about scheduled events far enough in advance that they have sufficient time to get these request to the Board in a timely fashion. Sue will draft a letter for caterers or other event planners addressing the Board's concerns and a proposal to alleviate them; Ben M will review.
- **Hiking Trails Planning Grant**—[*Mary, Katherine*] Mary recapped a bit of background surrounding the evolution of the ad hoc citizens' Hiking Trails Group. The 7-acre parcel in question was purchased by a group of town residents who raised the necessary funds to secure the land for the Town as a recreational resource. The group was officially recognized as the Cornwall Conservation Committee, organized for the purpose of this purchase. The Trails group is newly formed and is separate from the CCC. Members are drawn from the community and include some who are on other committees such as the CCC, the PC, and the DRB. At their first meeting, they divided into sub-groups to focus on individual issues. The Douglas Pond group consists of Mary, Rich Isenburg, Abi Sessions. Katherine has extensive experience with the TAM group and has made herself available as a resource for the Douglas Pond group which is seeking to apply for the planning grant. The grant focus matches well with that of the Douglas group, the funding is to assist them in setting up trails and resolving impacts on and from water issues. Both the Douglas group and the grant focus on recreational use, technical assistance, and collaboration among community members. There are no actual money awards, and no matching funds required. To-date, the group's efforts have been to reach out to property owners in the pond's area, and to send out the proposal for creating the system to interested parties. The PC has been informally apprised of the plan, Mary expects to send them more detailed information pending the feedback received from the

SB.

The Board advised that a visit to the Planning Commission is particularly important as the PC is beginning work on its update of the *Zoning ByLaws* and it is important that they and the Douglas Pond group be on the same page. The PC is the group specifically needed to approve of this project as they are charged with oversight of planning and land use throughout Cornwall. The SB itself is generally in favor of the trails project

When asked what the group will do if the grant fails to materialize, Mary indicated that they will continue as best they can with their efforts to create trails in the Douglas Pond area, but issues related to water impacts will have to be set aside. She noted that the area around the pond (i.e. the 7-acre parcel) is the easiest place to start as it is public land. Other areas they would like to include in the trail system require easements with each landowner involved and are thus more time and effort consuming.

Mary will approach the PC about presenting at their next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **LFICD**—Magna The District has signed a spray contract with JBI Helicopter and is looking for fields with access to the Lemon Fair and Swamp so the helicopter can reload material that can be trucked in closer to the areas to be sprayed. This will lessen the costs significantly by reducing non-productive air time. The Board was able to make several suggestions about property owners who might be contacted.
- **Town Office Punch List**—Several items noted for the punch list, including dirt removal and seedig around the Hall, other landscaping? Also, the base under the heat pump needs attention as the sand base is eroding. Magna noted that the stairs to the second floor are in need of significant cleaning, possibly repainting but that can not be determined until they get scrubbed.

John MOVED/Magna SECONDED to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Robin Conway, Substitute Minute-Taker