

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 2009**

PRESENT: Joe Severy, Nancy Kemp, Mike Quesnel, Bruce Hiland

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Mike Ringey

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

The General Fund and Highway Orders were signed.

MINUTES

It was moved/seconded to approve the minutes of July 7, 2009 meeting as distributed. The motion carried on voice vote.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Notice from the Vermont Agency of Vermont that the Route125 hearing for abutting landowners will be held August 6 at 10:00am, at Cornwall Town Hall
- Notice from VLCT of annual business meeting on September 18. Sue J. offered to be the voting delegate from Cornwall
- Town attorney's letter informing the SB that documents regarding the Ledgemont Lane discontinuance have been sent to Pyne's attorney

PRESENTATION TO ROAD COMMISSIONER

Joe Severy presented Stu Johnson with a certificate from Vermont Local Roads recognizing his achievement as a Vermont Roads Scholar – Level III. Stu J. completed the required hours of training in the following categories: Technical – 48 hours, Safety – 18 hours, Equipment – 36 hours, Environmental – 12 hours, and Supervisory – 12 hours. The SB congratulated Stu J. for being as the first person in the State to achieve Level III and he thanked the Town for making it possible for him to attend the training sessions.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Stu J reported that culverts are delivered and the excavator will come in the next couple of weeks. Paving is scheduled for the first week of August, on Cider Mill Road, the short section on West Street, and part of Ridge Road. The new truck will be coming in early September.

TOWN CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT

- The security system is installed.
- Presented a letter of agreement for computer appraisal services for the SB to sign.
- After a short discussion, it was agreed that the Town Clerk/Treasurer will provide the information currently available on the general fund and education rate, so that property owners who inquire can estimate their tax before the bills go out. The tax rate will be set and bills will go out after the BCA appeal process is over.
- The Town has received a request for a caterer's license from Waybury Management – for an event in Cornwall on May 1, 2010. It was moved/seconded to issue the license for that date. The motion carried on voice vote.

- Informed the SB that the Town needs to have a drug and alcohol policy to be in compliance with the US D.O.T. drug testing program for CDL license holders.
- Presented the annual delinquent dog license list. This year there are 19 families have been sent two letters of reminder after the deadline passed. Enforcement of dog licensing is part of the job description for the Domestic Animal Control Officer. Dog owners must provide proof that shots are up to date, when they register. It was agreed that Sue J. will send a 3rd letter informing the families on the list that if they do not register their dog(s) by August 4th, the Domestic Animal Control Office will visit them. If they do not pay the visit fee of \$50 plus a late registration fee, showing proof of current shots, he can take the dogs away and have them destroyed.
- Presented a copy of audit report . Sue J. followed the recommendation of the report to purchase financial software.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Basement

After inspecting the basement, Mike Ringe reported on his findings on what needs to be done. The basement floor needs to be dug out, leveled, out and plastic put down to control moisture. Mike R. also recommended installing vents. After a short discussion on equipment and strategies for dirt removal, it was moved/seconded to have Mike R. do the work needed, up to a set amount budgeted for the project this year. The motion carried on voice vote.

Meeting with Sheriff and State Police

Bruce Hiland made arrangements with the Sheriff's department and State Police to have representatives come and talk with the SB on October 6 regarding traffic and the issue of speed limits in Cornwall.

Bike Path Request

Adam Lougee from ACRPC suggested that the Town of Cornwall send a letter to the Town of Middlebury to request funds for the bike path. Bruce H. will follow up with the Middlebury Town Manager. If a letter is needed, we will send one.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Kemp said that she heard from a person involved with the statewide Painted Curtain Project that Whiting has a historic painted curtain with no place to hang it. The estimated cost of protecting the curtain is \$250. Nancy will check with the Cornwall Historical Society to see if they might be interested in covering that cost, and having the hang at the Cornwall Town Hall on long-term loan from Whiting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Select Board