

Approved November 20, 2012

TOWN OF CORNWALL  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
Cornwall Town Office  
Tuesday, October 16, 2012

**Present:** Judy Watts, Bruce Hilland, Abi Sessions, Ben Wood, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

**Guests:** Lew Castle, LFICD board member

Meeting called to order—6:55 pm

General fund and highway orders—*signed*

### MINUTES

**October 2 Meeting**—Abi MOVED / Ben SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

### CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- VLCT newsletter
- Quarterly test for salt at the Town Shed– results satisfactory : both numbers are under the State limit

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

### TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Park and Ride Program Grant** - Sue applied for a grant to get parking lot repaved. Site visit scheduled for this Monday.
- **Quarterly Community Advisory Board meeting** – Sue attended last night at VT State Police barracks. Quarterly report July – Sept 2012 included – in Cornwall: 7 crimes against property. 2 crimes against persons, and 5 crimes against society. Discussion included initiatives for law enforcement. For example, one State trooper looks only for impaired drivers. Sheriff's Department has a license plate reader, but officers still need to have probable cause to stop a vehicle. The northwest corner of the county (Ferrisburg area) currently has the highest rate of crime in the county, so enforcement efforts are being focused there. Sue said that there is a good working relationship between law enforcement agencies in Addison County.
- **Nov 6 election** - 100 absentee ballots sent out so far, tabulator has been tested, coverage for polls sufficient. Single ballot simplifies the process.

### ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- **Sustainability Conference** – Stu attended - overall a good experience, and well attended by government leaders. Stu attended the Infrastructure session along with people from VTrans, utilities, broadband etc. Stu said that it has been suggested that the Office of Recovery become a permanent State office.
- **Big Mower** - ½ day left
- **Gravel situation** – ongoing problem with no resolution yet
- **Internships on road crews** - will be discussed at county meeting tomorrow
- **Clark Road / North Bingham** – Stu is signing off on paperwork for State and federal funds to reimburse for emergency repair on Clark Road and permanent repair on North Bingham.
- **Septic at Town Garage** - considering pumping this year – it's time

## OLD BUSINESS

- **LFICD update** – Lew Castle, Cornwall representative to Lemon Fair Insect Control District board, reported on the activities of the LFICD in the past year, and provided the SB with a letter from Tom Baskett to the Health Department. Because it was a dry year, there were excess funds, which were refunded to the towns. LFICD treated 4,200 acres with larvicide, dropped as a solid product into bodies of water. The year was quiet until the fall, when two persons in the area died from EEE virus. The mosquito that carries the EEE virus is a woodland mosquito and the larvicide treatment does not work on this type of mosquito. The State brought in a company from Texas that sprayed 10,000 acres to kill the mosquitos in the early evening when they are in the air. Ongoing concerns: potential for cross contamination between types of mosquitos, increased risk for volunteers, liability issues, lag time due to out-of-state testing, how to achieve effective coverage (“painting” an area). Lew will continue to keep the SB informed. Mosquito control after EEE outbreak is a very large work in progress.
- **Lavalley building update** – last week Ben met with Joe from TMC to discuss details of removal of asbestos. Expect that to be done in 1-2 weeks. Once the Town identifies and removes items it wants to keep (in the back room at Town Office), auctioneer will come in and take items to auction off. Ben contacted Burnham and he is ready to go on demolition of the structure. Ben will also call CVPS to notify them, because there is a power line going to the building.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Appointment to LFICD board** - Due to the fact that Raph Worrick resigned, Abi MOVED / Judy SECONDED a motion to appoint David Dodge to the LFICD board. Motion passed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Selectboard Tours Town Hall and Town Garage – October 17, 3 pm
- Planning Commission hearing on Town Plan update – November 14, 7 pm
- Next SB meeting: November 20, 7 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard