

Approved November 19, 2013

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Present: Judy Watts, Ben Wood, Abi Sessions, Dave Sears, Sue Johnson

Guests: Joan Lynch, Bobbie Carnwath, Ben Marks

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

General Fund and Highway Orders - *signed*

Reconciled October Bank Statement - *reviewed*

MINUTES

October 15 meeting – Ben MOVED/Dave SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Letter from Governor Shumlin in response to letter from Cornwall Selectboard
- Packet of material about pipeline issues from John Madden
- Groves letter in support of the pipeline
- Addison County Economic Development Corporation asking for a donation – Sue advised that this organization has not received Town funds in the past. Organizations have appropriate channels for approaching towns for funds – just sending a letter to request money is not one of these channels. Therefore, no action is needed by the board.
- VLCT news
- Addison County Solid Waste Management District report
- Notice from VLCT about an increase in dues in 2014

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Clerk days off:** Sue J. will be away November 6-8, with Joan B. covering the office
- **DER for drug testing process:** VLCT has subcontracted with a different company that performs random drug tests for municipal employees who operate vehicles. In Cornwall, Sue J. is the Designated Employer Representative (DER) for the random testing process. VLCT has requested there be an alternate DER in each town (in case the DER is not available on the day when a random test is performed). Dave Sears volunteered to be the alternate DER.
- **Taxes:** Tax collection went as normal. There are 33 people who have not paid, for a total of \$26,000 not paid. Sue reviewed the process of what happens next concerning unpaid taxes. In May if the 2nd payment not made, Sue forwards that information to the delinquent tax collector.

- **Computer conversion** is going well. Sue is still keeping both software programs (on two computers) up to date, which is extra work but needs to be done until conversion is complete.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson for Stu Johnson

- Paving and all big projects are done
- Stu may try to do one more culvert on Galvin Road before winter
- New truck is ordered – the Town will be paying in full for it through the capital fund
- Sue just made the last payment on the 2009 truck. Town now owns all vehicles/highway equipment outright.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Pipeline Update** – Ben Marks.
These last few weeks before the filing of the CPG application is a relatively quiet period. The Town needs to focus on identifying those who will read the Vermont Gas testimony and determine what discovery questions the Town should ask. At the prehearing conference, we will see who all the parties in the process are. Ben said that he is looking for experts to bring into the process.
- **Town Health Care** – Ben Wood.
We have selected a health care plan for Town employees. It will cost both the Town and the employees more per month than last year. Next week Sue will attempt to sign up using the Vermont Health Connect website.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Town Hall Greenspace** – Joan Lynch
Joan Lynch of Inner Gardens is here by invitation from Krissa Bolton and Bruce Hiland to discuss ideas for a greenspace to beautify the land where the Lavalley Store used to be, and also to deter the space from being used for parking, which creates a traffic hazard. It is a small space, about ¼ acre. Space needs to be reserved at the far edge of the property for a well to be dug at a later date, and also space reserved next to the Town Hall for possible expansion in the future. The Trustees of public funds have money available now for this type of project. Joan and the board discussed a few ideas, such as small trees, something that would be bicyclist - friendly, something that looks good to people driving by. The board will think more about it and get back to Joan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard