

Approved December 3, 2013

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Cornwall Town Office
Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Present: Bruce Hiland, Ben Wood, Abi Sessions, Dave Sears, Judy Watts, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Ben Marks

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

General Fund and Highway Orders - *signed*

MINUTES

November 5 meeting – Judy MOVED /Abi SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- ***Vermont Enhanced 911 Board*** -letter and packet of information, including maps of Cornwall showing the locations of all homes. Bruce will pass on to Kate Gieges to respond.
- ***Addison County Solid Waste District Annual Report***
- ***VT Gas*** - letter alerting the Town about their subcontractors currently doing survey work in the public right of way.
- ***Town Road and Bridge Standards*** - document from VTrans for Selectboard to adopt/sign

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- ***Settlement of Fisher Road/Burton appeal*** - Sue updated the board on the next steps
- ***Holiday closings*** - Next week the Town Office will close at noon or 1 pm on Wednesday and will be closed for Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving. Sue discussed with the board the idea of closing the Town Office for the week of Christmas. All five members of the board support their Town Clerk's decision to close the office the week of December 23-27. Sue will inform the public ahead of time with a sign at the Town Hall, and through the newsletter. Sue will also put a note on the door asking people to call her at home if they have an urgent need.
- ***Town Audit*** continues
- ***Capital building*** information from Phelps is still coming. Sue hopes we will hear something in December with a public meeting in January.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- **Winter** - Road Department is ready!
- **Town Road and Bridge Standards** January 4 is the deadline for the Selectboard to adopt/sign the January 2013 revisions to the State approved Standards. Stu told the board that Cornwall's adoption, certification, and adherence to municipal "codes and standards" can provide the Town with the necessary FEMA funding during FEMA Public Assistance declarations.
- **VTrans staffer support** - Stu along with Road Commissioners in other towns have been advocating for a VTrans staffer whose position is at risk of being eliminated - she has been extremely helpful to the towns.
- **Intersection of DeLong Road and South Bingham** - No opposition has been expressed by members of the public to the recommendation by VTrans of redesigning this intersection as a "T."
- **Road Ordinance** - Ben Marks discussed the importance of a written road ordinance with the board. Stu said that Cornwall does have an existing road ordinance. Ben will get the ordinance from and then will propose any additional language needed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Pipeline Update** – Ben Marks
 - VT Gas filed the Phase Two 248 application with the Public Service Board on November 19, have filed their proposed timetable and will request that the PSB schedule a prehearing conference. Cornwall will go in and file our own proposed timetable.
 - Soon after the pre-hearing conference, is the time when interveners need to make a motion to intervene. Landowners in Cornwall and Shoreham will likely do something collectively or individually.
 - Ben been talking to potential expert witnesses - economic, scientific/environmental. The next decision for the Selectboard to make is the hiring of witnesses.
 - Current PSB: James Volz (Chair), John Burke, and Margaret Cheney
 - Bruce is talking with various media outlets.
 - DPS is obligated to meet with the towns.
 - PSB has been historically concerned with lack of utility infrastructure in VT. Gas projects have to be in absolute conformity with the regional plan. Board should read the regional plan.
 - The public in Cornwall needs specific information on potential tax benefits over the duration of the life of the pipeline, depreciation of land, and how much money the Town is spending on the 248 process and why.
 - The Town has received 2 hard copies of VT Gas's filing as well as the filing on disc. Ben M. will review and write up a summary for the Selectboard.
- **Health Plan** – all set, but Sue still has to sign up

- **Town Hall Greenspace** – Bruce will call Joan Lynch to get some basic information and set a time for her to come back.

NEW BUSINESS

- **ACRPC Delegate Openings** – The Planning Commission recommends the following candidates: Holly Noordsy for delegate, Stan Grzyb and Colin Kriwox for alternates. Ben MOVED / Dave SECONDED a motion to appoint the above mentioned persons as delegates and alternates. Motion passed.
- **Town Budget/Town Warning** – Next week, Sue will send the board 2 spreadsheets with 2 prior years for comparison, to review at the 2nd meeting in December they will review with the goal of finalizing the budget on December and finalizing the warning towards end of January.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Lt Mike Manley is new commander at New Haven barracks

The meeting was adjourned 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard