

Approved January 3, 2012

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
SELECT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, December 20, 2011**

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

Guests: Dave Berno, Assistant Fire Chief; Dennis Rheume, Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 pm

Agenda – approved.

General fund and highway orders - signed.

MINUTES – December 6 Minutes—Judy MOVED, Ben SECONDED, to accept as presented. *Motion passed.*

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- From Town Attorney - copy of closing arguments in Burton case.
- Notice from Groves – rejection of proposed out-of-court settlement
- VLCT – article on open meetings – Bruce recommends

PUBLIC COMMENTS—None

NOTED – the passing of Jud Brand, former Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK/TOWN TREASURER’S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- **Common Level of Appraisal** - Report from PVR Dept of Taxes that Cornwall’s common level of appraisal has increased to 98.04
- **Francis Boardman Day** - Thank you from the family of Francis Boardman for proclaiming Nov 14, 2011 Francis Boardman day in Cornwall
- **Speed limit on Route 30** - Jeff Noordsy suggested that a solar powered radar box would be very helpful in making people slow down in the village on Route 30. The board would like to have his suggestion in writing – Sue will ask him.

ROAD COMMISSIONER’S REPORT – Stu Johnson

- **Shared purchase/use of excavator** - Stu met with Jason Pasquette, the Road Foreman of Shoreham to discuss a joint purchase of a used excavator. Funds from Cornwall would come out of current highway budget. Stu will come back at a future meeting with a formal MOU for the board to review. Bruce suggested that Stu contact the town attorney directly if he has questions on the wording.
- **Brush cutting** - continues

Old Business:

- **LFICD Appointments** – Christine Chapline, Lew Castle - approved.
- **Lavalley Survey Results** – Judy and Sue will draft a warning item ready for review at next meeting. Sue will check with VLCT about procedure for Town Meeting discussion followed by Australian ballot on Tuesday for this article.
- **CVFD West Cornwall Project Update:** Dave Berno and Dennis Rheaume updated the board on progress and challenges of the Fire Department's efforts to obtain/maintain needed equipment and suitable housing for it. New State mandates have greatly increased projected costs for the building project in West Cornwall. Priority: a new utility truck (which is in capital budget) and suitable housing for it. Fire Department will submit Article for the Town Meeting warning. Dave Sears will call VLCT to determine if there needs to be a town vote to transfer the land to the Fire Dept.
- **Town Garage Sodium Chloride Issue** – Dave Anderson sent a report with a list of recommendations from Helen Mango. Bruce will follow up with Dave to clarify.
- **Budget Development** – working session on FY 2013 budget. If final numbers are not ready by January 17, there will be a special meeting of the board the following week to approve the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- **SB Item for Winter Newsletter** – accepted with changes from Judy.
- **Sheriff Patrols** - Deputy intercepted an overweight agricultural vehicle on the covered bridge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Tierra, Clerk of the Selectboard