

Approved December 5, 2017

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
November 21, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Marks, Ben Wood, Brian Kemp, Magna Dodge, John Roberts

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Sunderland, Sue Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
Quorum – established
General Fund and Highway Orders – signed
Report on Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed

AGENDA

John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to add to the Road Commissioner/Road Foreman's Report the matter of a request for a chipper.
Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES – November 17, 2017

Ben W. MOVED / Brian SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with two typos corrected on page 2. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Communication from Addison County Regional Planning Commission regarding amendments to the transportation section of their plan
- Addison County Solid Waste Management District annual report

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Tax season more challenging this year due to the State being later with property tax adjustments. In response, the Town is giving property owners more time to pay their taxes, until November 30.
- Town Office is closed rest of the week for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Emergency lights at the fire exit stay on at 20% power at all times.

ROAD COMMISSIONER / ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT – Brian Kemp / Michael Sunderland

- Select Board commended Michael S. for the recent grading on Morse Road. Michael S. reported that Peet Road will also be graded as soon as conditions allow.
- Current tasks - transitioning from fall to winter, housekeeping at shop.
- In March, Michael S. plans to purchase a blower jointly with Shoreham

- Sand and salt are in, preparing equipment for plowing.
- A used 2016 diesel chipper is currently available for \$27,500 from Essex Equipment in Essex Junction. It has seen 300 hours of use and is still under warranty. By comparison, a new chipper would cost \$40,000. Michael S. stated that such a chipper would be very useful for vegetation management in Cornwall and for cleaning up debris. The chips could be made available for local residents' use. The Town could wait longer, but the price is not likely to go down, and other towns are interested and could purchase first. Sue J. said that there are options for paying for the chipper such as the Municipal equipment fund or by using highway surplus funds from the previous year.

John R. MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED a motion to use surplus highway funds to purchase the chipper for \$27,500 from Essex Equipment, Essex Junction, VT. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion : One Year Extension Cornwall Solar Screening Ordinance**
Ben M. said that he and Jamie McKenna have been discussing extending the ordinance in its' current form for one year.
John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to place the required notice in the paper to set a public hearing on the matter for December 19. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- **Discussion of Joint Salisbury Bridge Status Letter** – Brian K. will check in with Salisbury regarding status of joint letter. Salisbury and Cornwall need to decide on a date for getting their joint letter out to the townspeople of both towns.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Consideration of upcoming Select Board vacancy.** Magna D. has been appointed to the Development Review Board. She is stepping down from the Select Board. Select Board members are encouraged to talk to potential candidates for the open seat. The position would be an appointment until March and then would be on the ballot as a two-year position.

John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board