

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
May 1, 2018

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, David Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm
Quorum - established

AGENDA – Magna D. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda, with adjusted order of items. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed
Report on Reconciled Bank Statement

MINUTES – April 17, 2018 – Ben W. MOVED/John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda with typos corrected. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Magna D.)

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Information on spring Vermont Local Roads workshops for municipal officials
- Information on spring Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) workshops

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT – Sue Johnson

- Property taxes were paid today – in high volume
- The elevator inspection company is offering a set price of \$150 annually for 2 or 3 years if Town signs agreement. Annual inspection is mandatory. \$150 is the same price as last year. John R. MOVED/Ben M. SECONDED a motion to sign agreement with above company for 3 years. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – none

OLD BUSINESS

- **Continued discussion of proposed updates to Zoning and Subdivision Regulations**

- Board members have begun reading the draft document.
- Ben Wood attended the Planning Commission public meeting on April 21 where presentation of proposed updated regulations was made.
- May 1st (today) is the official last day for public comments on the current draft.
- Barbara Greenwood, Chair of Development Review Board (DRB,) has compiled comments from all the DRB members into a summary document. The document does not purport to be a summary of all the changes.
- Ben M. remarked that Barbara's document is thorough and was very helpful to his understanding.
- Ben W suggested the Planning Commission may make changes as a result of the DRB review, and the Planning Commission has indicated that the document is still in process.
- Concerns were expressed that the proposed regulations describe a dramatically different role and additional work for the DRB and the Zoning Administrator.
- Concerns about internal inconsistencies were expressed.
- It was suggested that the public could be educated on the content by doing a mailing, including some scenarios and letting people compare. For example, what a landowner could do with her/his property under the current regulations compared with the proposed regulations.
- Question: How do we encourage public involvement in the process?
Ben M. suggested that there is not much public awareness of what is being proposed.
- The Board would like to know what part of the proposed regulations is required by State statutes and what is not, to make their review more efficient, not spend time critically examining parts that are required by statute.

- **Approval of 2018 Emergency Operations Plan** –John R. MOVED /Magna D. SECONDED a motion to reauthorize the 2017 Cornwall Local Emergency Operations Plan for the current 2018 year, until updated forms are available from the State of Vermont. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Opening of 2018 Town Mowing Bids**
 - S & J Stearns Inc
 - VT's Finest Lawncare and Snowplowing
 - Lawn Cuts for Less - was the winning bid of \$4,500 for the year
- **Applications to cater malt, vinous, or spiritous liquors**
 1. From the Mad Taco to cater a graduation party at 382 Robbins Road, for 130 people on May 24. John R. MOVED/ Magna D. SECONDED a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the request. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed

2. From American Flatbread to cater an event at 299 Ridge Road, for 70 people on May 11. John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the request. Motion passed – 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

At 8:30 pm, Magna D. left the Select Board meeting.

Follow up to Dog Bite Hearing Held April 27, 2018

Select Board members Ben Marks, John Roberts and Ben Wood then discussed the facts presented to them at the April 27, 2018 special meeting regarding the attack on Natalie Brannon by Quimby, a 45-pound coon-hound mix owned by Mr. and Mrs. Durham. After a discussion of the facts, and of the wording of Cornwall's Dog Ordinance, John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion that Ben M. circulate a draft decision for John R. and Ben W. to review later in the week. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

Ben W. MOVED, John R. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed – 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board