

Approved October 16, 2018

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
September 18, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Marks, Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Brian Kemp (arrived at 7:40 pm, after vote on highway ordinance)

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, David Dodge

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.
Quorum - established.

AGENDA Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed.
Report of Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed.

MINUTES - September 4, 2018

Minutes were tabled until Brian K. arrived, to make a quorum of members present at the September 4th meeting. Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with one change: Under Old Business, Update on Norinsberg Dam, first sentence, delete "Brian K." and replace with "John R." Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Ben M.)

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

No new correspondence to review.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

- **Meetings/Trainings** - Sue J. attended a Vermont Local Roads meeting today, on the topic of generational values in the workplace. Sue said it was very interested and relevant to her work with people of all ages in Cornwall . She will be attending the annual meeting of the Association of Town Clerks / Town Treasurers on September 20-21, and is reading a book about leadership that the group will be discussing.
- **Closing the Grand List** - Sue J. passed out Grand List closure sheets signed by the Listers. one for each year from 2008-2016. The Select Board added their signatures to retroactively close the Grand List for these years - something that should have been done at the time, but no official in Cornwall was aware and no feedback was received from the State when it was not done. On the first Tuesday in February, the Select Board should evaluate the Grand List. As long as no appeals or lawsuits are pending, the Select Board can sign off and close the Grand List for the previous year, which means that no more appeals will be allowed for that year. There is an appeal pending for 2017, so the Grand List cannot be closed for 2017.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Brian K. reported that the road crew has been recently focused on tree cutting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Appointment of Deputy Health Officer** - The Board agreed to re-appoint Sue Johnson as Deputy Health Officer. No other citizen has expressed interest in the position.
- **Amendments to highway ordinance** - Magna D. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the amendments to the highway ordinance as posted. Motion passed - 3 in favor, 0 opposed.
- **Route 74 Speed Limit** - The Board discussed a petition the Town has received, from citizens concerned with the speed limit on Route 74. Brian K. said he will be attending a meeting at Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ACRPC) on September 19 and will ask about a traffic study or other options as next steps.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Lemon Fair Insect Control District (LFICD) presentation**- David Dodge. David Dodge shared information discussed in meetings between the Lemon Fair Insect Control District, the Brandon Insect Control District, and the State of Vermont Agency of Agriculture, including changes in funding to the districts from the State, and the recommendation from the State that the two districts merge. No decisions have been made by the districts. Mr. Dodge said he would keep the towns (Cornwall, Bridport and Weybridge) in the LFICD informed, as talks progress.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Recent Fatal Accident on Route 125** - The recent tragic accident on Route 125 at the Middlebury/Cornwall Town line, is only the latest in a list of several fatalities that have occurred at that same spot over the past two decades. Brian K. said he intends to talk about the dangerousness of the spot and what can be done about it, at the ACRPC meeting tomorrow.

Ben W. MOVED /Magna D. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board

