

Approved February 5, 2019

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Regular Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
January 15, 2019

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson

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

AGENDA - Magna D. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda, amended as follows: delete "Cybersecurity Presentation" and delete "Presentation by Susan Gross, Addison County Regional Planning". Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

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

MINUTES – January 4, 2019 - John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Letter from Vermont Department of Transportation regarding Route 125. Brian K. said he will be attending the Transportation Advisory Council meeting this week and will continue to discuss concerns about Route 125 with the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

- Newsletter was distributed, postcard notice of Planning Commission hearing on proposed updated by-laws was mailed.
- Copies of the draft new by-laws have been available in the Town office, and people have been coming in to pick them.
- Sue J. met with the Auditors, Telling and Associates.
- Agenda for the February 5 Select Board meeting will include approving the Town Meeting warning, the budgets, and a Capital Plan/Budget hearing.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Brian Kemp

- **Road Maintenance** - recent focus has been on sanding the roads
- **Bridge** - no new developments in Swamp Road bridge

- **Paving** - Brian K. spoke with officials in Weybridge asking how they funded paving projects a few years ago. Mike Sunderland prepared a handout comparing estimated costs to maintain gravel roads versus paved roads. The Board reviewed and discussed the numbers, and will follow up with a discussion with Mike S.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Fire Warden** - Ben M. will follow up with a visit with Mr. Clark regarding the Fire Warden position.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion and Appointment of Development Review Board Members** - tabled until the appropriate time - after Town Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Fire Department News:** Sue J. reported that the Fire Department Treasurer has resigned.
- **Planning Commission hearing January 16:** Magna D. said that she received an email asking if the Planning Commission hearing should be moved to the School. Ben M. said that would be up to the Planning Commission, but logistically it would be difficult, if not impossible, to move the location at this late date. The capacity of second floor of the Town Hall is 80 persons, and should suffice.
- **Executive Session regarding 2019-2020 salaries of Town employees**
John R. MOVED/Magna D. SECONDED a motion that premature disclosure of discussions of Town employee salaries would not advantage the Town and that confidential employee information would be discussed.
Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Magna D. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to enter into executive session to discuss 2019-2020 Town employee salaries. Motion passed – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Select Board went into executive session at 8:40 pm.

The Select Board came out of executive session at 8:47 pm.

Actions Taken:

Ben W. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to raise the salaries of all Town employees by 2.5% for the fiscal year 2019-20. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Magna Dodge MOVED / Ben M. SECONDED a motion to award Brian Kemp an additional \$500 compensation in recognition for his hard work on a variety of challenging road and transportation issues over the past year. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Brian K).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board