

Approved June 2, 2020

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
May 19, 2020

NOTE: Today's Select Board meeting was held by teleconference and all Cornwall meetings will be held by teleconference until further notice.

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Roberts, Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Ben Marks
ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson, Michael Sunderland

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

AGENDA - Magna D. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - have been circulated electronically by Sue J. to the Board members to review and sign.

MINUTES

- **May 5, 2020** - John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as amended with typos corrected. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Copy of new Vermont Statute - S.344 (Act 102) - an act relating to temporary municipal tax rate provisions in response to COVID - 19. Act 102 went into effect on May 14.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

- **Taxes** - May 1 was the deadline for paying taxes. Sue J. sent out a reminder letter to property owners who missed the deadline, which resulted in some payments. Sue provided the delinquent tax list to the Board. The Board discussed the process for tax collection. Under S.344 (Act 102) the Town has more options for setting the municipal tax rate and the collection of municipal taxes. The Board was in agreement to "stay the course" at this time, and to keep the tax collector informed if any changes are made in the future.
- **Tax Appeal** - Sue J. reported that she has been gathering information for the Burton tax appeal.
- **Office Limited Opening** - Sue J. plans to minimally re-open the office on June 2, allowing professional title searchers to make appointments to come to the office. Face coverings, gloves, own writing materials, and social distancing will be required. Other Town Clerk services continue to be provided by phone or email. Sue is looking into getting a glass sneeze guard for the counter opening, similar to the one at the Leicester Town Office.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Mike Sunderland

- Recycled asphalt shingle (RAS) hauling is complete, mixing continues
- Wooster Road project is underway and ditching and tree work should be done this week. Next step is to spread the RAS.
- Disc harrowing has begun.

- Grading and chloride is planned, and work will be based on weather conditions.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Update on Dog Incident** - Sue J. said she has received the rabies certificate and check for a license for one dog. She has not received the signed agreement. John Roberts will follow up with the dog owner about the signed agreement and possible second dog in residence.
- **Discussion of Land Use and Development Regulations (LUDR)** - Ben M. said he will be resuming work on the next draft, if Conor Stinson and Don Burns of the Planning Commission still would like him to do this.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion of Floor Amendments to Town Charitable Contributions** - Ben M. said that he had sent an email to Town Attorney regarding the issue of the floor vote at this years' Town Meeting that increased the allocation for one of the charitable organizations. Ben M. is waiting for his reply.
- **Discussion of the Practical Mechanics State Primary Voting in August-** Sue J. said she is waiting to hear from the Secretary of State's office. If the State decides that the primary will be conducted by mail-in voting, it is unclear where the mailing to voters will originate - from the State or the Town.

OTHER BUSINESS

May 20 meetings of interest - Ben M. encouraged Select Board members to attend by teleconference one of two events on May 20 - the presentation by Andrew L'Roe on forest fragmentation at the Planning Commission meeting, or the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board