

Approved November 17, 2020

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
October 20, 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: Brian Kemp, Ben Wood, Magna Dodge, Ben Marks, and John Roberts
ALSO PRESENT: Mike Sunderland, Don Burns, Randy Martin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
Recording of meeting - announced
Quorum - established
General Fund and Highway Orders - signed

AGENDA - Brian K. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as amended, by omitting the Town Clerk / Town Treasurer's Report, as Sue Johnson will not be present tonight. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES

- **October 6, 2020** - Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- **September 28, 2020** - Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 1 abstention (Brian K.)

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Invitation from Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ADRPC) to participate in the **Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Program** (see Road Commissioner's Report for action on this and related matters)

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

ROAD COMMISSIONER / ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT - Brian Kemp and Michael Sunderland

- **Caution Signs** - "Children at Play" - Mike S. described proposed signs. Once Brian K. confirms with ACRPC that these signs are acceptable to Vermont Agency of Transportation, Mike S. will order them.
- **Road Work** - Mike S. outlined plans to lay down a shoulder on Swamp Road with the assistance of road crews from 4 neighboring towns with 6 tandem trucks.
- **Preparation for Winter** - salt and sand has been hauled in quantities expected to be sufficient for the winter season. Equipment still needs to be readied for winter.
- **Driveway Culverts** - there are two more to replace.
- **Line Striping** - 3 quotes have been received. Mike S. recommends the lowest bidder at \$1,500 for the work. Before proceeding, the Board agreed to notify the residents on West Street that the Town is considering striping the road, to give them a chance to provide feedback.
- **Large Tree Leaning Over Parkhill Road** - After discussion, the Board suggested that Mike S. contact the landowner to see if she has made arrangements for removal. The Tree Warden, Stu Johnson, will need to approve removal, if he has not already done so. The Board

also told Mike S. that if he were to be hired by the landowner to remove the tree in his spare time, it would not be a conflict of interest.

- **Highway Paperwork for the Select Board to sign** - after discussion, John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion that Ben W. sign the following documents:

1. Letter of intent to participate in the Municipal Roads Grants in Aid Program
2. Annual financial plan for Town Highways (requested by the Agency of Transportation)
3. Certificate of compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory

Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

- **Salt and Sand Shed Discussion** - the capital plan calls for construction of a salt and sand shed in the fiscal year 2021-2022. After discussion, the Board agreed that an assessment of all the building needs at the Town Garage is needed in order to make a comprehensive plan. It was decided to contact the same company that did the building needs assessment for the Town Garage previously (when Bruce Hiland was chair of the Select Board), and request that they come again to update that assessment.

- **Discussion of changes in Town Highway Department choice of capital equipment** in the coming year - the Road Foreman and Road Commissioner are proposing a change in the capital plan for road equipment. After discussion, John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion that the Select Board make the appropriate changes to the Cornwall capital budget plan that will enable us to trade in the Town pickup truck on the purchase of a Dodge 5500 truck with a dump body and a plow/sanding mechanism and that we move ahead with ordering a tandem truck in the next fiscal year. . Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Status of planning speed limit on Route 74** - Ben M. has spoken with Mike Winslow from ACRPC and has another call with him scheduled this Friday, with Planning Commissioners Conor Stinson, Don Burns and North Bingham resident Sarah Pelkey invited to participate. An integrated approach is planned that will include concerns of road safety on Route 125 near the Middlebury town line, Route 30 between the Town Hall and Cider Mill Road (where most of the traffic accidents in Cornwall occur), the intersection of Route 30 and Morse Road, and the West Cornwall village area, including the intersection of Route 74 and South and North Bingham.
- **Discussion and vote on requests to throw up the Class IV portion of Audet Road and to change the name of Audet Road to Hibernia Farm Road** - Ben M. reported on the results of the investigation into the matter, including his visit to the site, discussions with Mr. Doyle's neighbors, and consideration of how approving one or both of these requests would benefit the Town as a whole. Each member expressed their opinion as to whether to proceed or not, with Ben M. expressing his opinion last. By unanimous agreement, the Board decided not to proceed with throwing up the Class IV portion of Audet Road and not to proceed in changing the name from Audet Road to Hibernia Farm Road. Factors in the decision: none of the neighbors support the proposed name change or throwing up the portion of the road, the name Audet Road has deep historical and cultural significance to the Town and the neighborhood, the Class IV portion of the road is actively used, and it would not benefit the Town as a whole to relinquish control of that portion of Audet Road.
- **Status of Addison County Communications Union District (ACCUD)** - Magna D. provided an update on progress. A portion of the Cornwall Town website is now dedicated to ACCUD, and includes meeting minutes, agendas, presentations, links, and resources, so that citizens can be informed. A firm has been retained to do a feasibility study, another firm has been retained to make a business plan, and requests for proposals for marketing, legal work, and other services have gone out.
- **Status of Zoning Bylaw Amendments** - the draft document continues to be reviewed by the ad hoc group of Select Board, Planning Commission and Development Review Board members (Ben Marks, Conor Stinson, Don Burns, Barbara Greenwood), with feedback from former Zoning Administrator Jim Duclos. Ben M. said that modest, easy to understand

changes are being made to the current Zoning Regulations as a result of this collaborative work.

OTHER BUSINESS

It has been brought to the attention of the Board that there is a new sign proclaiming “God is Love” next to the road, apparently on private property. Ben M. said that the property owner may or may not know their property is being used in this way. Either way, it is a private matter between the property owner and whomever put the sign there.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board