

Approved December 15, 2020

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
December 1, 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, John Roberts
ALSO PRESENT: Mike Sunderland, Don Burns, Sue Johnson, Conor Stinson, Drew Kervick
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Recording of meeting - announced
Quorum - established
General Fund and Highway Orders - signed
Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed.

AGENDA - Magna D. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as modified, moving the consideration of Drew Kervick to the Planning Commission to the top of the agenda. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction discussion and vote on appointing Drew Kervick to the Planning Commission (CPC)

Drew Kervick introduced himself, shared information about his personal and professional background, and described his interest in joining the Cornwall Planning Commission. Drew K. added that he has a particular interest in historic rehabilitation, that is, new and creative uses for historic buildings. The CPC, after meeting with Drew K, recommends he be appointed. After a short discussion, John R. MOVED / Ben W. SECONDED a motion to appoint Drew Kervick to the vacant seat on the CPC (term ending on Town Meeting Day, March 2021). Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES

- **October 30, 2020** - John R. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as thus amended - the vote on the truck was 5 in favor, 0 opposed (rather than 4 in favor, 0 opposed). Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.
- **November 17, 2020** - Ben W. MOVED / Magna D. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as amended: strike the last sentence in Magna's update on Maple Broadband and replace with "Magna added that Maple Broadband is too small and too disbursed to go it alone and will either merge with another CUD or find a public/private partnership." Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Notice from the Addison County side judges of the county budget meeting to be held Friday December 4 at 10 am via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

- **Election** - complete in Vermont

- **Sue's plan for the week:** work on budget spreadsheets, email Board with current numbers for review at December 15 meeting.
- **Online records** - As of last Monday, Cornwall land records for the past five years are now online. Five other towns in Vermont are facing a lawsuit regarding limited access to land records, as reported by Town Attorney Jim Carroll during his recent phone call to the Town Hall. Having land records online is especially important now, during the pandemic. The Board thanked Sue J. for her efforts in this project.
- **Taxes** - It is a typical year as far as unpaid taxes are concerned. 31 landowners have received letters. The next round of letters about unpaid taxes will include interest due.
- **Capital Committee** - Sue J. will arrange for a Capital Committee meeting to prepare for the Capital Plan and Budget hearing in January.

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

- **Road Work** - more grading and mowing of brush is planned.
- **Addison County Road Foremen's Proposal** - the group is working on a written agreement to formalize the mutual aid that highway departments in Addison County have been providing to one another for years. Road Foremen are concerned about capacity to maintain winter roads during the pandemic, should their crews be affected by illness or quarantine.
- Mike S. confirmed that **Covid-19 health and safety procedures** remain in effect and are being practiced by the highway department.
- **Swamp Road bridge** - Brian K. said that the right hand guardrail at the Swamp Road bridge is missing the bumper so that the guardrail has a blunt open end - a safety hazard. Mike S. said he will address. Mike S. added that the fishing access culvert at this location is starting to fail and he plans to place a plate over it, as a temporary measure.
- **Park Lane sign** - Sue J. mentioned to Mike S. that the wait sign on Park Lane is leaning toward the road. Mike S. said he would fix that.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Status of Maple Broadband (Addison County Communications Union District)** - Magna Dodge reported that the current focus is on spending the Cares money by the deadline in December. Maple Broadband continues to get organized. Feasibility study has been done. Annual report and budget are in process. Maple Broadband has need of a secretary and a bookkeeper. Timeline for first subscribers - spring of 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Potential volunteer** - a new Town resident has offered to help the Town in any way she can. Sue J. gave her name to Magna D., in case Maple Broadband has opportunities for her.
- **Agenda item for next meeting** - Options for Town Meeting

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 7:38 pm

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board