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CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
February 16, 2021

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: Sue Johnson, Don Burns, Jordan Young, Stu Johnson, Michael Sunderland, Bill Goodman, Mike Winslow, David Berno, Conor Stinson

CAPITAL COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING

The hearing was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Quorum - established

Sue Johnson referenced the written Capital Plan and Program document previously circulated. The Capital budget for the 5-year period beginning July 2021 has already been approved by the Select Board, at level funding. The plan covers anticipated capital needs for equipment, Town buildings, and one new line item - paving. Members of the Capital Committee include Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Magna Dodge, Dave Berno, Mike Sunderland, Mary Conlon, and Ben Wood. Ben Wood said that he plans to remain on the Capital Committee as a citizen, once his term on the Select Board ends in March.

After discussion, Ben W. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the hearing.

Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm.

Recording of meeting - announced

Quorum - established

General Fund and Highway Orders - signed

AGENDA - Magna D. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as modified - moving Discussion and Possible Vote on Highway Mutual Aid Agreement to follow the Town Clerk's Report. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

MINUTES - February 2, 2021

Ben W. MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes with addition of the newsletter disclaimer and with typos corrected. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Annual Certificate of Highway Mileage - needs to be signed. Sue will place in the email boxes of Select Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Goodman introduced himself and expressed his interest in serving as an Assistant Zoning Administrator. He previously provided his resume to the Board. After discussion, Magna D.

MOVED / John R. SECONDED a motion to appoint Bill Goodman as Assistant Zoning Administrator. Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Ben W. as he is related to Bill G.) Magna D. suggested that Bill G. peruse the Town website to become familiar with the various forms and procedural rules that relate to Zoning and that he meet Barbara Greenwood, Chair of the Development Review Board. Ben M. offered to set up a zoom meeting for that meeting.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

Special newsletter has been sent out that includes sample ballots and budgets, as Town Meeting Day is coming up on March 2. In Cornwall, everyone is getting a Town ballot by mail but not a School ballot. School ballots can only be sent by mail to those who request them. Sue J. confirmed that voters who wish to vote in person or submit their completed ballots in person on March 2 can still do so, by coming to the Town Hall before the polls close at 7 pm.

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

- **Road Maintenance** - supply of salt and sand is holding up. Mike S. reported that his goal is to leave the shed empty at the end of the season.
- **Equipment** - New truck is expected to be done soon.
- **Plow from Town pick up truck** - Brian K. said he and his son will remove the plow from the truck he purchased and will handle the sale of the plow - suggested sale price is \$4,000. Potential buyers have expressed interest.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Status of Maple Broadband** - Magna Dodge

Interviewing of vendors continues, with focus now on two vendors as potential operators. OTELCO could not commit to anything given its pending acquisition. The Maple Broadband website is now live at www.maplebroadband.net. Magna D. added that Maple Broadband has been providing input to recent hearings of the House Energy and Technology Committee.

- **Addison County Highway Mutual Aid Agreement** - Mike Winslow reported on the purpose, development, and current status of the agreement. The document itself is based on Rutland's mutual aid agreement. The document serves to formalize the handshake agreement that Addison County town highway departments have followed to provide mutual aid during times of emergency. FEMA will not reimburse towns that provide mutual aid unless a formal agreement is in place. Ten towns have signed on to date. Towns that do not have road crews have opted out, because they cannot provide mutual aid. This is a one-year renewable agreement and does not require a Town to provide mutual aid. Renewal of the agreement will be tied to the annual update of the Local Emergency Management Plan. During discussion, Magna D. said she was opposed in principle because the paperwork was extensive and represented more bureaucracy. Sue J. replied that in the case of any FEMA declaration, there is no shortage of paperwork. John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the signing of the agreement. Motion passed - 5 in favor, 0 opposed. Ben M. said he would like to work on simplifying the agreement document. Brian Kemp and Mike Sunderland will be the contacts from Cornwall. Mike Winslow said he will need a copy of the tonight's minutes for his records. Ben M. will follow up with Mike Winslow to sign the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

Format and Planning - Town-wide Informational Meeting

Cy Tall has agreed to act as moderator. There will be general instructions at the beginning of the meeting on zoom navigation and meeting rules, and practice in using zoom tools, such as the raised hand. Jordan Young will act as the "bouncer," using zoom tools to place someone

not abiding by the rules into the waiting room, where he can have a conversation with them. There are two presentations planned, by the Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission. It was agreed that there should be multiple co-hosts and that people calling in should be asked to identify themselves. Jordan Y. suggested a pre-roll, as people are entering the meeting, such as photos of Cornwall. Sue J. will take the minutes, assisted by the zoom recording of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

John R. reminded the Board that this is Ben Wood's last meeting as a Select Board member. The Board warmly thanked Ben W. for his 10 years of service to the Town on the Select Board and said that he will be greatly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board