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## TOWN CLERK—TREASURER UPDATES!

I hope this finds you all safe and well. The office is open for regular business, regular hours. We are asking unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask when entering the building and as always, please do not visit if you are not feeling well.

## TOWN MEETING INFORMATION!!!

The legislature has voted to allow the towns to once again move their town meeting to a later date or vote on all issues and officials by Australian ballot. The Selectboard will discuss and vote on whether to hold town meeting in person or remotely this year. If the Selectboard decides to hold the town meeting remotely with all voting by Australian ballot, there is a requirement to hold an informational meeting related to the warning within 10 days of Town Meeting day.

It has not been determined yet whether or not signatures will be needed on nominating petitions this year. The legislature is discussing that at this time. If you decide to run for office or you have a petition for office already, you are welcome to bring the petition here to the town hall and you can let people know that it is here for signatures.

If it is decided to vote only by Australian ballot and to send every voter a ballot, we will use the tabulator again this year for town meeting. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 from 7 am—7 pm, but I encourage you to request an early ballot and vote in the comfort of your home to protect yourself and others. The same early/absentee ballot process as last year will be in place. If we do send each voter a ballot, you can complete it and bring it in to the polls to deposit it in the tabulator. You can of course mail it back, drop it in the green box on the front porch, or return it in person. More information will be forth coming as I get it.

## TOWN OFFICIAL VACANCIES:

As we prepare for town meeting, and with the deadline looming, here are the positions that are currently vacant or will be vacant for elected officials: Selectboard Member, 3 year term, Cemetery Commission, 5 year term. Openings for appointed officials are: 2 Alternates to the Regional Planning Commission, Rep. and Alternate to the Solid Waste District, several openings on the Conservation Commission, Several openings on the Development Review Board, Assistant Fire Warden and Assistant Zoning Administrator. Contact Sue Johnson with any questions or concerns or contact the board or commission Chair.

## AN EARLY SPRING REMINDER:

Dog licenses due on or by April 1, 2022. A valid rabies certificate is required and will be kept on file. The fee for the license remains the same at \$9.00 for a spayed or neutered dog and \$11.00 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered. Feel free to mail in your payment and certificate and I will return the license to you. Remember, this is a state requirement and our goal is to keep the Rabies disease at bay!!

# **MESSAGE FROM STEVEN RHEAUME, ROAD FOREMAN**

Hello Residents of Cornwall,

I would first like to introduce myself; my name is Steven Rheaume and I am Cornwall's new town Road Foreman. I have lived in Cornwall for 28 of my 33-year life and have a lot of history here – but I will keep that short and sweet! I am the son of Dennis and Elizabeth (Liza) Rheaume. My father grew up on a dairy farm in Cornwall and my mom grew up in Middlebury. I have very close ties to the Addison County community, mainly Cornwall. I attended Cornwall Elementary school K-6 and graduated from Middlebury Union High School in 2006. I met my wife, Kaitlin in high school and we got married in 2011, the same year she Kaitlin graduated from nursing school. We have 3 amazing (and energetic) children: Austin, Cassidy and Maevis. My family is my everything. My one major hobby is that I am an avid outdoorsman. I enjoy hunting, fishing, hiking and camping. I try to spend as much time outside as I can. My experience of plowing at Middlebury College for the last 10 years has helped in my transition to plowing for the Town of Cornwall. Thank you all for your patience, guidance and welcoming in this time of transition.

I started working for the Town of Cornwall on November 22, 2021 and was thrown into the thick of it with our first plowable snow of the 2021-2022 winter falling that week. This was my first time plowing with a wing and I am happy to report that no mailboxes were harmed. I want to thank Ken Manchester for tagging along and showing me the ropes. Ken is an asset to the town and his vast knowledge is going to make my transition easier. I also want to thank Brian Kemp, Stu and Sue Johnson, as they have all been super helpful in assisting to get my feet under me during this new job transition. Stu was very helpful in filling in to get some last-minute grading of the gravel roads before the winter snow arrived. I appreciate everyone's patience and offerings to help me in any way that they can. I look forward to working closely with them and learning all the ins and outs of the Road Foreman position.

Looking ahead – here are some of the upcoming plans to the winter of 2021-2022. There is a lot of tree work that Ken and I are hoping to complete. Most of this work includes clearing dead trees that are still standing (or some trees that are leaning over the roadway) and pose a hazard or will block the road if they fall over. Additionally, there are some trees that need more immediate attention as there are limbs that have broken off and are still hanging. Our main priority in immediate tree management is going to be Swamp Rd. If you have traveled down that road recently you have probably noticed the number of trees that look like they are ready to fall over and require prompt attention. Some are leaning so low that it is possible for passing tall vehicles to hit them. One barrier that will delay swamp road tree management is that we must wait for the swamp to freeze before we have full accessibility of those trees. Lastly, in addition to tree work - winter is the perfect time of year to do some regular maintenance on our equipment (such as the grader and payloader) - and regular checks of the plow equipment to make sure that it is all operational for the next snowstorm.

Additionally, the Town applied for and was awarded a grant for equipment. Currently the Town of Cornwall and the Town of Shoreham share a 3-point hitch turbine blower that mounts to the back of a tractor. Cornwall and Shoreham purchased this piece of equipment collaboratively (4-5 years ago) and have 50/50 ownership of it. Although it is a form of efficiency to share equipment, it does come with some downsides. It is my understanding that there have been many occasions that both towns have needed the same piece of equipment at the same time. This specific blower is mainly used to blow debris such as leaves, grass and small sticks off the road before grading can be completed. Leaving that material in the roadway makes for a messy problem when trying to grade and can create bigger long-term problems. In short, because of this grant - the two towns have agreed that a new blower will be purchased and used by the Town of Cornwall. The current blower will be purchased by the Town of Shoreham. The blower has been ordered and is expected to be in the town's possession within the next couple of months.

A friendly reminder during these winter months when plowing out residential driveways - please do not plow the snow into the town roadway. This is especially important after the town plow truck has already gone through and cleared off one or both lanes of the roadway. It is against the law to put snow in the town road and or state roadway. In addition, please continue to keep a decent distance away from the plow trucks for the safety of everyone. There are many instances where the Town plow stops and needs to back up multiple times at an intersection or on the roadway in order to ensure all areas are cleared. Lastly, allow yourself extra time to get where you need to be this time of

## **ROAD FOREMAN'S MESSAGE CONTINUED**

year and stay home if you don't need to be out traveling during a storm. See link below for Vermont Law description:

### **Depositing snow onto or across certain highways prohibited**

Thank you for your patience and gratitude while we try and clear the roads in the quickest and safest way possible. Happy New Year and safe travels!

Foreman Steven Rheume

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR FIRE WARDEN, TOMMY FRANKOVIC**

Hello to All!

The 2021 outdoor permitted burn season has passed, and a total of 213 burn permits were issued throughout the course of the year. Thank you to all who've reached out to me for permits, questions, and concerns.

The Cornwall Fire Department did respond to suppress wildland fires throughout the year. Most notably, the 46 acres that burned on the western side of West Street in the spring at Sunset Orchard Road. Middlebury Fire Department provided mutual aid, and the fire was contained and extinguished. Both tasks required a very well coordinated group effort from both Departments with multiple personnel resources on scene. The cause of the fire was undetermined, but it hopefully raises awareness that any outdoor burning, especially in the Spring, is inherently dangerous.

I've received several inquiries about outdoor burning in the winter when snow is covering the ground as of late. According to the State of Vermont, an issued outdoor burn permit is not required so long as there is snow cover surrounding the burn site. However, I would suggest that letting me know of any outdoor burn, regardless of the time of year, is always a good idea.

Thank you, again, to Cornwall for your support. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, as always.

Yours, in service.....

Tommy Frankovic, Jr.

Captain, Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department

Cornwall Forest Fire Warden

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**[tommyfrankovic831@gmail.com](mailto:tommyfrankovic831@gmail.com)**

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

## Conservation Reserve Fund Receives Donations from Citizens

The Cornwall Conservation Reserve Fund is growing, thanks to several donations from private citizens. In addition to the initial Town appropriation of \$3500, approved by more than 85% of Town residents on the March 2021 ballot, an additional \$800 in gifts has been received in 2021. The Fund's purpose is to support, in whole or in part, significant conservation opportunities serving the public good. As such, it has many potential objectives including conserving land and conservation-related technical assistance. If you would like to contribute to the fund, keep in mind that private donations may be tax deductible for the person making them as a charitable contribution under Section 170(c)(1) of the IRS Code (consult with your tax advisor for your specific situation). Checks can be written to "Town of Cornwall" with Conservation Reserve Fund on the memo line and mailed to (or dropped off): Cornwall Conservation Reserve Fund, Town of Cornwall, 2629 VT Route 30, Cornwall VT 05753. Thank you for your support!

## Spotting and Tracking Wild Animals in our Midst

In early May 2020, the Cornwall Conservation Commission began its Trail Camera project with four cameras, with a fifth one added in the summer. At the invitation of the landowners, the cameras were placed in locations where wildlife had often been spotted. Taking pictures 24/7, the project's goal is to document travel corridors used by wildlife, especially larger predators, as they move between the Town's undeveloped forest areas. These large forest blocks offer food, shelter and safety to wild animals, but they are not contiguous, and animals must find ways to pass safely to the next block. To do so, wild animals, often traveling by night, try to find cover using vegetated stream banks, hedgerows, fences and more lightly wooded areas. But sometimes, without an adequate linkage between forest blocks, animals must use roads and risk potentially very dangerous crossings. To date the Trail Camera project has collected data from 16 placements, recording a wide range of wildlife, including sightings of frequent bobcat and coyote as well as several bear.

If you have never used a trail camera, the Conservation Commission can share tips on finding a good one online and guide you through the first steps in learning how to use it. Please contact Mary Dodge at [mdodge@middlebury.edu](mailto:mdodge@middlebury.edu) for more information. If you do spot wildlife, the CCC has set up a special web page to use at: <http://www.inaturalist.org/projects/cornwall-vermont-wildlife-observation> You can record pictures of the wildlife (plant and animal) you see in our town, meet other nature lovers, and learn about the natural world. Post your own sightings and see what others have already posted.



## Keeping Bees, Birds and Butterflies Healthy and Active

On October 16, 2021, the CCC sponsored a "Get Pollinated" presentation by UVM Pollinator Specialist Laura Johnson. Here are some highlights gleaned from Laura's talk and other sources:

**Keep it messy!** Because native species nest both on the ground (about 70%) and in wood or plant stem cavities (30%), try to reduce the amount of autumn clean-up you do in your yard. Let piles of brush, bunch grasses, rock piles, yard waste, hollow plant stems and twigs remain undisturbed at least until spring.

**Keep it nearby!** Many smaller native pollinator species will only travel a few hundred feet or less, so try to create habitat for them as close as possible to the flowers, plantings or crops that you want pollinated.

**Go no or low-mow!** Try not to mow when plants are in flower. Mow just 1/3rd to 1/2 of your lawn or field at any given time. Leave one or more patches unmown for the whole year or make a mosaic where no one area

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is mowed more than once a year.

**Celebrate “no-mow May”!** This allows dandelions and other similar flowering plants to provide food to pollinators in the early season.

**Be lazy!** If you practice “lazy mowing” and mow only every two to three weeks, you will save time and money and you will allow for clover, dandelions and other native flowering plants to emerge.

**Aim high!** If you do have to mow, mow at least 5 inches from the ground. Mowing as high as possible helps prevent disturbing established nests or overwintering queens. In fact, when haying, a minimum of 12-16 inches is ideal for bumblebees.

**Go inside-out!** When you mow or brush-hog, start from the inside and move outwards. This pushes insects and wildlife to field edges with each pass while minimizing their exposure and flight distance to protected areas, like a hedgerow or fence.

**Don’t be afraid!** Remember, solitary bees are docile and do not aggressively defend their nests. In fact, their stinger actually helps them lay their eggs and they only sting when threatened.

Some pollinator fun facts: Honeybees, which were imported from Europe and are not native to Vermont, aren’t necessarily a reliable means of promoting pollination. By contrast, native bees and other pollinators such as flies and wasps are extremely resilient and varied, ranging from 1/8<sup>th</sup> inch long to more than an inch long. Vermont has almost 300 species of wild bees and 60- 80% of wild plants in our state depend on animals, mostly bees, for the ecosystem service of pollination.

### Pollinator Pathways Group Formed in Cornwall

A note from former CCC member Bethany Barry and current CCC member Andrea Landsberg: A number of Addison County residents have been inspired by the CCC’s October 16th Get Pollinated presentation, as well as other recent pollinator presentations, to start a “Pollinator Pathways and Re-wilding Addison County” group. The purpose of the group is to learn more about pollination, explore the local environment, and inspire each other to take action to help endangered pollinators, which pollinate 70% of our foods and feed on native plants that flourish when pesticide-free. This is better for our wildlife, waters and soils as well. Here’s a link to a Zoom meeting held on November 21st about pollinator gardens with presentations by Cornwall Conservation Commission member Andrea Landsberg and Brett Gilman who is active in the Connecticut Pollinator Pathway project and is a Landscape Architecture student at Middlebury College):

<https://middlebury.zoom.us/rec/share/4C1XxbOawWWYWr-4KG5PoMaLB23R1b3voAmClxcr1Z6fD1muvFU76XbghHRgbw8K.xuAuBGU6rcdq50a6?startTime=1637516993000>  
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Passcode is #Time2Rewild

Bethany Barry, who is spearheading this group, invites anyone who is interested to email her ([bethanybarryvt@comcast.com](mailto:bethanybarryvt@comcast.com) with Pollinator Group in the subject line) to get on the local Pollinator Pathways of Addison County email list. There will be a book club, more speaking events, possible yard and garden tours to see how others are providing for pollinators, and lots more.

### New CCC Member Andrea Landsberg

The Conservation Commission is pleased to welcome Andrea Landsberg as a new member. Andrea moved to an amazing 75-acre property on Snake Mountain with her husband in 2016. They are currently in the process of protecting the land with a conservation easement. Andrea is learning about the natural communities of the Champlain Valley through participation in the Middlebury Area Vermont Master Naturalist program and looks forward to using this knowledge to help other Cornwall residents protect native species and preserve the beauty of our land.

Submitted by Katherine Branch, CCC member

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

The biggest change at the end of 2021 relates to the replacement of the Swamp Road Bridge. Many of you will remember that the Swamp Road Bridge over Otter Creek was severely damaged, and ultimately removed, as a result of a fire in 2016. Since then, Cornwall and Salisbury have rented a temporary “Bailey Bridge” from the state at a modest cost in order to keep an Otter Creek crossing open. Cornwall and Salisbury requested that the original bridge be placed on Vermont’s list of construction priorities. This fall, the Vermont Agency of Transportation notified the Select Boards of the two towns that the scoping phase has begun to decide the form of bridge to be built in replacement. Inclusion on the state’s priority list means that Cornwall and Salisbury will split a match of between 5-10% of the final bridge replacement costs, which the Select Board expects will be covered by insurance. A copy of the Agency of Transportation study, including three design options currently being considered by them, may be found on Cornwall’s website. Input from Cornwall and Salisbury will be critical to the selection of a design, and the Cornwall Select Board invites you to comment on the report.

In COVID-19 news, the Select Board has watched Addison County’s COVID numbers climb as the year ended. The Select Board did consider a mask mandate, as allowed by the legislature, but instead decided to trust in the good sense and neighborly behavior that has stood us in good stead over the past two years. We have authorized the chairs of our various boards and commissions to require masking at public hearings if they deem it necessary for public safety.

On that note, this year, the Select Board has been meeting in a “hybrid” model since the installation of a large monitor and a microphone at the Town Hall. What is a “hybrid” model, you ask? Vermont’s public meeting law allows the Select Board to meet remotely (via Zoom, or telephone conference) as long as there is at least one member in a public place that can accommodate citizens who wish to participate or observe a public meeting. Most Select Board members have been meeting via Zoom, with Sue Johnson joining as Town Clerk at the Town Hall. Our meetings continue to be open to the public and there are Zoom links available on our agendas, posted on Cornwall’s web site. All are welcome.

The town has hired longtime Cornwall resident Steve Rheaume as the town’s new Road Foreman. It isn’t easy to start that job at the beginning of winter, but Steve has acquitted himself well in our early snow-falls. In addition, Ian Gill has filled the vacant Town Auditor position. Please join me in welcoming Steve and Ian to their positions! They join a long tradition of public service to the town by Cornwall residents, and we are lucky to have them.

Benjamin Marks

Cornwall Select Board Chair

Bmarkscornwall@gmail.com

# FROM THE TOWN POET, GARY MARGOLIS

## **I am the Constable** **By Gary Margolis**

When I called the police  
to report a herd of horses  
grazing my backyard,  
they told me to call my  
local constable.

I AM my town's first  
constable, I said.  
I've never lassoed any-  
thing.  
Ridden into a high pasture  
to round up a herd

of winter-overing  
studs and mares.  
Or tried to coax them back  
to my grain-filled hand.  
By writing them a poem.

Reading it to them  
in its first draft form.  
Hoping they'd amble over,  
prick up their ears.  
Catch an equine phrase.

Enough to please

a thoroughbred. If not  
these rodeo and  
summer

camp horses, I've  
learned,  
broke loose, because  
they could

cross fence line after  
fence line.

Graze their way  
from field-to-field.  
Before the heavy snows  
arrive.

Before anyone calls  
me,

our town's poet consta-  
ble.

Expecting I would  
know how  
to approach  
at least the black and  
white one.

Without her bolting,

kicking up her heels.  
Showing me what it is  
I never learned.  
What I could do,  
waking up first thing

in the morning--  
dreaming--seeing the  
real horses  
composing themselves  
into wild  
stanzas  
on my lawn.

## MANY THANKS FROM THE LIBRARY

The Trustees of the Cornwall Free Public Library thank all of you who supported our 2021 Book Sale. It was a great success thanks to everyone who donated books, shoppers and volunteers who helped with setup, sale and take down. We are also pleased to acknowledge a grant of \$1000 that was received from the Holmes Advised Fund at the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, Inc. Thank you for your continued support of the Cornwall Free Public Library. AND, thank you to the Middlebury American Legion Post 27 for the \$500 donation they made to the library. Many thanks for supporting our library.

### WANTED

We are now welcoming donations of books, audio books, and DVDs, new or used. BUT PLEASE, no musty, smelly, damaged, mildewed or broken/warped books. Also, no encyclopedias, textbooks or magazines. Textbooks, technical manuals, how-to guides, and travel guides from years past aren't going to be very helpful to readers. Please recycle them instead. Thanks.

### CAN'T FIND A BOOK

Can't find the book you're looking for at our library? Interlibrary loans make it possible for us get a book for you from another library when we don't have it ourselves. Contact Sue Johnson at 802-462-2775, [cornwallvt@shoreham.net](mailto:cornwallvt@shoreham.net), or stop by Town Hall with the title and author, and we'll let you know if they have it and when it arrives.

### NEW MATERIALS

New additions to the library shelves await Cornwall residents for your reading pleasure! So, drop in and check our always changing selection of books, audio books and DVDs. If you want to see the latest offerings from the comfort of your home, look over the complete list of new materials on our website [cornwallvt.com](http://cornwallvt.com) under the library drop down box. This is updated on a regular basis so you will find all our current materials there.

A sampling of new materials include:

#### FICTION

*The Stranger in the Lifeboat* – Mitch Albom, *Night Came with Many Stars* – Simon Van Booy\*, *The School for Good Mothers* – Jessica Chan, *The Sentence* – Louise Erdrich, *Crossroads* – Jonathan Franzen, *Anthem* – Noah Hawley, *Fiona and Jane* – Jean Chen Ho, *The Book of Magic* – Alice Hoffman, *Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone* – Diane Gabaldon, *Three Sisters* – Heather Morris\*, *Wish You Were Here* – Jodi Picoult, *The Maid* – Nita Prose, *Gold Diggers* – Sanjena Sathian\*, *Our Country Friends* – Gary Shteyngart, *Oh William* – Elizabeth Strout, *The Lincoln Highway* – Amor Towles

#### MYSTERY/THRILLER

*Better Off Dead* – Lee Child and Andrew Child, *The Dark Hours* – Michael Connelly, *State of Terror* – Hilary Clinton and Louise Penny, *The Every* – Dave Eggers, *Never* – Ken Follett, *These Silent Woods* – Kimi Cunningham Grant, *The Judge's List* – John Grisham, *A Line to Kill* – Anthony Horowitz, *Silverview* – John LeCarre and Lisa Unger

#### NONFICTION

*Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty* – Anderson Cooper and Katharine Howe, *Invisible Child* – Andrea Elliot\*, *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story* – Nikole Hannah-Jones, *These Precious Days* – Ann Patchett, *Will* – Will Smith, *Taste: My Life Through Food* – Stanley Tucci



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### YOUNG ADULT

*Beasts of Prey* – Ayana Gray, *Gilded* – Marissa Meyer, *The Gilded Cage* – Lynette Noni\*

### CHILDREN

*Aaron Slater, Illustrator* – Andrea Beaty, *The Beatryce Prophecy* – Kate DiCamillo, *Over, Bear! Under, Where?* – Julie Hedlund, *The Smart Cookie* – Jory John, *The 1619 Project: Born on the Water* – Nikole Hannah-Jones, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot* – Jeff Kinney, *Tristan Strong Keeps Punching* – Kwame Mbalia, *The Swallows' Flight* – Hilary McKay, *Daughter of the Deep* – Rick Riordan, *The Christmas Pig* – JK Rowling

### AUDIO

*The Sentence* – Louise Erdrich, *The Judge's List* – John Grisham, *The Taste of Ginger* – Mansi Shah

### DVDs

*The Green Knight, Here Today, The Hitman's Wife's Bodyguard, No Time to Die, Spectre, Spirit Untamed, Zack Snyder's Justice League,*

## PLANNING COMMISSION NEWS!

The Planning Commission has been hard at work on our municipal planning grant-funded update to the Town Plan including the addition of Flood Resilience and Forest Integrity sections. Our October Public Information Meeting about the draft Flood Resilience language was productive and good practice for a Planning Commission that hasn't had many opportunities for broader public meetings.

Currently our focus is on drafting the Forest Integrity section to consider how the town plans for and considers the protection of forest blocks and habitat connectors in Cornwall. With a rough draft completed, we are working with the Select Board, Development Review Board, and the Conservation Commission. They have reviewed the draft and have offered comments. We will work from here with their suggestions to produce a more comprehensive document for the town. We are also revising the first few sections of the Town Plan under the heading of "Cornwall Today." We're doing our best to bring the demographic information in these sections up-to-date based on the recent U.S. census data.

In the next few months, we will be holding another Public Information Meeting to share our work and discuss the drafts. Your voices and opinions will be tremendously helpful in this process. Please stay tuned for shared drafts of updates to the Town Plan and public meeting information in the coming months.

# THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD AND THE CORNWALL TOWN PLAN

## *The Cornwall Development Review Board seeks new members!*

The Vision Statement in the Town of Cornwall Plan includes a goal to “Strengthen citizen participation in local government and build a greater sense of community.” With this in mind, you are invited to consider membership on the Development Review Board as a new member.

The DRB meets the first Wednesday of every month, at 7 pm. The Board reviews proposals for land use and development in Cornwall under the Town’s **Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations**. All meetings and hearings are open to the public. During the pandemic, our meetings have been held by Zoom.

Here are the sorts of matters we considered in 2021: an application for conditional use approval to allow a barn on West Street to be used as a commercial event venue for private parties; an application for approval of a minor subdivision of a property located at Route 125 and Cider Mill Road into two lots; an application for a waiver and/or variance of the requirements relating to parking for the Cornwall Country Store property on Route 30; an application for waiver for a property on Lemon Fair Road to permit the replacement of the existing balcony and ladder egress from the third floor with a new stair for safety; and an application for waiver for an interior lot on Samson Road, to reduce setback requirements.

There are currently 6 members of the DRB: Barbara Greenwood (Chair), David Anderson (Vice Chair), Shari Johnson, Cheryl Cesario, Ellen Whelan-Wuest, and Joan Lynch (Alternate). Members serve staggered three-year terms and are appointed by the Select Board.

Copies of DRB documents are available on the Town website, including our Rules of Procedure and DRB application forms (which include a description of the application process). Also available are the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations.

If you think you might be interested in serving on the Board, please reach out to one of our members to find out what is involved.



Our 2021 book sale to benefit the Cornwall Free Public Library!!



# RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

The Cornwall Recreation Committee held their end of the year meeting on December 9th. We have some fun activities and challenges planned for the upcoming year. We hope you will join in and enjoy what we have lined up for the community.

The activities are as follows:

In January, we will kick off the year with a Hydration Challenge. Information was sent out in your emails about this challenge.

In February, if we have snow, we will invite the community to come build Snow Sculptures on the property around the Town Hall.

In March, we will be sending out information for a Plank Challenge

In March/April, we are cooking up a Couch to 5K

In May, we will send out information for a Reading Challenge

In June the popular Tie Dye Day will be back

For the summer, the State sponsored Park and Historic Passes will be available. We will send out information on how you can obtain these passes.

In August, we will be promoting and supporting the Addison County Field Days

Stay tuned for more fun to come in the fall!

## *Fire Safety Reminders*

*from the*

### **Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department**

E911 Signage - In an emergency, clearly marked house numbers are *critically important* to First Responders. If you need assistance in obtaining and installing a standard green and white E911 sign at your home, do not hesitate to contact the CVFD for assistance. Captain Ken Manchester can help! Give him a call at 462-2136 or talk to any member of the department!

Alarm Systems - Do you have an alarm system at your house? If you do, please consider investing in a Knox Box to ensure timely access to your home. This device, which can only be opened by the CVFD & you, holds keys and important information about accessing your home in an emergency.

Brush Burning - If you have questions about burning brush or obtaining a burn permit, please contact Forest Fire Warden Tom Frankovic at 802-462-3137 or 989-4473.

Alarm batteries - Do your smoke and CO detectors need fresh batteries? If so, please change them twice a year. Consider doing so on solstices or time changes, it's an easy way to remember!

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NEW CORNWALL 2022 TANDEM PLOW TRUCK !