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CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Location: via Zoom and at Town Hall

April 19, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tanya Byker, Ben Marks, Brian Kemp, Don Burns

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Rheaume, Ian Phair

Recording of meeting—announced

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

QUORUM—established

AGENDA - Tanya B. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted.

Motion passed—4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - orders have been circulated for signing, either by email or in person.

MINUTES

April 5, 2022 - Brian K. MOVED / Tanya B. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. ***Motion passed*** - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Letter from Robert Burton concerning his tax appeal has been forwarded to Benj Putnam for review.
- Recent chloride test report, continuing to be high. Steve R. said that the pump has been in operation only for a week and a half.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Ian Phair mentioned that his mailbox was knocked down by Town plowing after the recent snowstorm. Steve R. said that there were several mailboxes in Cornwall that also did not survive, due to the wet heavy snow from this storm. If a mailbox is not anchored securely, the action of plowing this type of snow can bring it down and the road crew is unable to prevent it.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue has CPR re-certification this evening. No Town Clerk / Town Treasurer report tonight.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Brian Kemp and Steven Rheaume

- Grader is back, after being repaired. Stu Johnson can now train Steven R. on the grader.
- Road maintenance focused on pothole repair.
- Ken M. is on vacation.
- Trees on Swamp Road are now a priority. Steve R. and Brian K. will discuss getting bids for this tree work as this job requires more than the road crew can handle.
- Steve R. said he learned at the Foremen's meeting that Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes allow

towns to close Class III roads in winter while still maintaining their status with the State. Steve has been wondering about Evergreen Lane and would like the Select Board to look into the possibility of closing this road in winter for safety reasons. First step is to find out who such a closure would affect.

- Steve reported that Ashley Atkins at VTrans was very helpful in regard to size and height requirements of signs at intersections with directional arrows.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion of OTELCO Request for Town Support in its State Grant Application** - after a long discussion, it was agreed that the Board still has several questions to ask Mr. Clark and more information is needed before the Board can respond to his request.
- **Discussion of Town Solar Project/Bid Process** - Ian Phair presented two options for paying for a Town Solar Project, with some solar panels on the ground on the south side of the building and some on the roof. The Board discussed these ideas with Ian P. Ben M. will contact John Roberts to see if he has questions for Ian P. and the matter will be continued at the next meeting when John R. is present.
- **Discussion of Bridge Replacement Process/ Status** - the Select Boards of Cornwall and Salisbury await the results of the poll of active registered voters in both towns.
- **Discussion of E911 Signage/Ordinance** - Ben M. said there is no update on this matter this evening.
- **Capital Committee update - Sand and Salt Shed** - The Capital Committee is in agreement that the old building is a liability and needs to come down, which will also open up more space for something new. The committee is working on getting some solid budget numbers, and is asking Stephen Rooney from Breadloaf to modify the quote. The Capital Committee plans to come back to the Select Board with a proposal to replace the Sand and Salt Shed.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion and Approval of Cornwall Local Emergency Management Plan** - tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.
- **Opening Lawnmower Bids** - two bids were received. R&B Lawncare bid \$11,444 for the season. Lawncuts for Less bid \$4,900 for the season. It was agreed that Lawncuts for Less did a good job last year with mowing for Cornwall. Brian K. MOVED / Tanya B. SECONDED a motion to award the mowing contract to Lawncuts for Less for the 2022 season. ***Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.***
- **Addison County Solid Waste Management District (ACSWMD) request** - ACSWMD needs a contact person to whom they can send email communication in the event that a representative from Cornwall is not appointed. Ben M. will let Sue Johnson know that she will be that contact.

OTHER BUSINESS - Tanya B. reported that she and Don B. stuffed envelopes with the poll postcards and letters, and had a good time doing it!

ADJOURNMENT

Tanya B. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion passed - 4 in favor, 0 opposed.***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board