

Approved October 4, 2022

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Location: via Zoom and at Town
Hall

September 20, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Rheaume, Sue Johnson, Beth Karnes-Keefe, Tim Fisher

Recording of meeting—announced

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

QUORUM—established

AGENDA - John R. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as modified, with the addition of Correspondence Review, Town Clerk's Report, and an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. **Motion passed**—5 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - circulated for signing.

MINUTES

- **August 2, 2022** - John R. MOVED / Tanya B. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as amended, with changes to the section of Magna Dodge's presentation suggested by Magna. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed
- **September 6, 2022** - John R. MOVED / Tanya B. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. **Motion passed** - 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Brian K.)

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Request from John Graham Shelter for American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds.
- Request from Maple Broadband for American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds.

In response, Ben M. will make a chart of all ARPA requests to date. John R. proposed that a decision be made on how to spend the remaining ARPA funds by the end of this year.

- Letter from Larry Senecal regarding a driver repeatedly traveling on North Bingham at a high rate of speed. The neighbors have made numerous complaints to the Addison County Sheriff's Department about it. The patrol car's flashing lights at this driver caused him to slow down once, but did not stop his speeding after that. The neighbors know who this person is. Mr. Senecal wants something done.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Beth Karnes-Keefe spoke in support of Larry Senecal's complaint. Ben M. will follow up, obtain the name of the offender and will request that the Sheriff go to the driver's home to deliver a direct warning.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

- Carolyn Anderson is continuing her training, recently doing payroll and accounts payable. Sue J. said she is a fast learner.
- The Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) wants to close out the bridge insurance payout account. To date, the insurance from VLCT has paid out a total of \$90,919.21. The final payout will be \$827,235.00, with no restrictions on how the Town spends those funds. Once VLCT closes the Cornwall bridge account, the Town will be responsible for the monthly temporary bridge payments. Insurance coverage from VLCT remains available for the new bridge.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Brian Kemp and Steven Rheaume

- There are 3 applicants for the highway crew position and interviews have begun.
- The Cutting Hill project is complete and the paperwork filed with the State.
- Hauling winter sand has been achieved with mutual aid and 1,000 pounds are now in the shed.
- The bucket loader now has a new cutting edge.
- Grading is ongoing.
- Of great concern is a leak in the garage roof. Brian K. will follow up with assessment.
- Grading is ongoing.
- There has been some difficulty in obtaining salt, but this is not unusual.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion of Bridge Replacement Process / Status** - Steve R. has not heard any update from the State on plans to replace the Swamp Road bridge. Brian K. will follow up with the Select Board Chair from Salisbury.
- **Discussion - Capital Committee Update - Salt Shed** - Stu Johnson is in charge of next steps. Ben M. will follow up with Stu on progress.
- **Discussion - Salt Contamination Update** - Don Burns - tabled until future meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion - Maintenance of Town Highway 29/Fisher Road** - The Board had a long discussion with Tim Fisher regarding the issue of the responsibility for the maintenance of Fisher Road. Since the September 6 meeting, the Board consulted with the Town Attorney. The clear conclusion is that Town Highway 29/Fisher Road has always been and continues to be classified by the Town as a Class 4 road. The Town does not maintain Class 4 roads. The Board was in unanimous agreement that the Town should

not intervene to resolve the current situation where only two landowners using the road have taken responsibility for maintaining it. The Board advised Mr. Fisher that the landowners should meet and agree on a fair sharing of the maintenance of the road. Since the Town does not maintain Class 4 roads, an agreement among the users of the road (including the owners of the latest property in development), is the only solution to the problem that Mr. Fisher has endured for many years.

OTHER BUSINESS - none

- **Executive Session**

- John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion that premature public knowledge of employee benefit packages would clearly place the Town and/or the employees at a substantial disadvantage. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed
- John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of purpose of discussing Town employee benefit packages. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:55 pm. The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm. No further action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed** - 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm.
Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board