

Approved November 15, 2022

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Location: via Zoom and at Town
Hall

November 1, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Rheame, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson, Annie Wilson

Recording of meeting—announced

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

QUORUM—established

AGENDA - Tanya B. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as posted. **Motion passed**—4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders - circulated for signing

Reconciled Bank Statement - not available until later in the month

MINUTES

- **October 4, 2022** - John R. MOVED / Tanya B. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. **Motion passed**—4 in favor, 0 opposed.
- **October 18, 2022** - Tanya B. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as posted. **Motion passed**—3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (John R.).

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Salt Report - high levels consistent with the last two months

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Annie Wilson from the Recreation Committee with the news that the Recreation Committee is leading a 30-day November Reading Challenge in Cornwall. At the end of the Reading Challenge, the Committee would like to mount a Little Free Library on a post in West Cornwall. Being considered as the best spot is the grassy triangle at the intersection of Parkhill Road and South Bingham Street. Annie W. has spoken with all the neighbors, who have no objection. The Board by consensus supports this project, if sited thoughtfully. Annie said she plans to put the post right in the middle of the triangle. Steven R. said that would be the right place to avoid damage from the plow in winter.
- Don B. conveyed a message from the Conservation Commission (CCC) that if the Select Board would like the CCC to provide comments on the FEMA Mapping Project

that the Select Board can then provide to FEMA, the CCC would be glad to do so. Ben M. said that the Board would like to hear from the CCC regarding the FEMA Mapping Project.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

- Tax payment deadline was changed from November 1 to November 15, to give the Town Clerk more time this week to prepare for the election. Nevertheless, people came in today to pay their taxes.
- Completed ballots continue to come in - 350 to date. General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8.
- The office will be closed on November 2 and for a couple of hours on November 4.
- Town Clerk trainee is engaged in all the basic tasks.
- County ARPA funds were received.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Steven Rheume

- Stu Johnson has been assisting with grading and Ken has been operating the brush hog.
- New employee is in his second week and working out well. Steve R. has been training him. He has his CDL permit, has been getting driving experience, and has the CDL test scheduled.
- Current tires on the grader are well worn. New tires have been ordered.
- Limited capacity for storing salt means that salt cannot be stockpiled to last more than a couple of months - Steve R. looks forward to next year and the new salt/sand shed that will resolve the stockpile supply issue in Cornwall.
- Town Office parking lot needs to be repainted. Steve R. has the skills to do the job and plans to borrow or rent a painting machine. After discussion, all agreed this is a project for early spring of 2023.
- Steve R. obtained quotes for the same model of solar powered speed sign used in Bristol with good success. This model can be programmed with a laptop, can collect speed and traffic data (not license plates), mounts to a square post, and is moveable. Can be moved in 20 minutes. Discounted rate for purchase of two. After discussion, John R. MOVED / Tanya B. SECONDED a motion to approve the purchase of two solar powered speed signs to be utilized within reason at the discretion of the Highway Department, at a cost of \$6,500 in ARPA funds. **Motion passed—4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion of Salt Shed Anticipated Costs** - The quote from Breadloaf greatly exceeds the amount available to construct a new salt/sand shed. The Capital Committee asked Stu Johnson to look into an alternative way to get the job done. He presented his findings on the construction of a salt/sand hoop structure, and discussed the details with the Select Board. Expenses will include demolition, materials, preparation of the site, construction contractor, paving contractor, and a project manager to oversee it all.

Bottom line - there are sufficient funds with the \$355,000 currently in the Capital Fund for buildings plus another \$100,000 anticipated to be added to the Capital Fund in the coming fiscal year, to build a new salt/sand shed hoop structure with the materials and services described by Stu J. tonight. All agreed to move forward with the first step being finding a Project Manager/Construction Manager. John R. will reach out to knowledgeable people for recommendations.

It was generally agreed that the other building project, adding another bay to the existing garage, is a project for a the future. The focus for 2023 is the salt/sand shed.

- **Discussion of ARPA funding alternatives/priorities** - tabled until future meeting

NEW BUSINESS - none

OTHER BUSINESS - none

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board