

Approved February 7, 2023

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD

Regular Meeting

Location: via Zoom and at Town

Hall

January 17, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Steven Rheaume, Sue Johnson, Stu Johnson

Recording of meeting—announced

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

QUORUM—established

AGENDA - John R. MOVED / Brian K. SECONDED a motion to approve the agenda as modified, with matter of update of website added to OTHER BUSINESS. **Motion passed**—4 in favor, 0 opposed.

General Fund and Highway Orders (the orders that were not yet available for the last meeting) - signed.

Reconciled Bank Statement - reviewed

MINUTES

- **January 3, 2023** - John R. MOVED / Don B. SECONDED a motion to approve the minutes as amended, with correction, striking “Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) and replacing with “All Hazards Mitigation Plan”. **Motion passed**—4 in favor, 0 opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

- Received an email with feedback on the past storm from residents on South Bingham.
- Notification from the Vermont Department of Health. Term of the Cornwall Health Officer will expire on February 28. Ben M. will contact the Health Officer Bill Johnson to see if he wants to continue for another year.
- Communication from the Addison County Central School District (ACCSD) regarding the recent vacancy on the ACCSD board, and asking if the Town wants to recommend a candidate to be appointed to serve until the election in March. Two candidates have told the Town of their interest in serving on the ACCSD Board. All agreed that the Town not make a recommendation for an appointment, but to just let the voters decide in March. Ben M. will inform ACCSD.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Stan Gryzb, one of Cornwall's representatives to the Addison County Regional Planning Commission (ADRPC) spoke about the opportunity to apply for a Village Center Designation from the State, the requirements and the benefits of having such a designation. The requirements include that the village center of the Town have at least one historic structure, at least one civic building, and at least one commercial entity. The Town also must have an adopted Town Plan, approved by the ACRPC. If a Town has a village green and school, those are also counted as assets in an application. There is no cost to apply and Katie Raycroft-Meyer of the ACRPC is available to assist with the application. Towns with Downtown or Village Center designations can apply for grants that are not available to other towns, including grants for residences. Ben M. said the Board would like more information. Are there any drawbacks? Stan G. will ask Katie R-M. The Town of Monkton recently went through the application process and received a Village Center Designation. Sue Johnson is also reaching out to the Town Clerk in Monkton to gather information.

TOWN CLERK / TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT - Sue Johnson

Sue J. unexpectedly needs a leave of absence for the rest of the week, due to health reasons. Carolyn will cover the office Wednesday - Friday.

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT - Steven Rheume

- Crew has been doing a lot of tree work since last meeting.
- Provided mutual to Weybridge with the chipper.
- Nick has completed his CDL training and is scheduled to take the test on February 1.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion of 2023-2024 budget** - discussed the Highway Budget and the General Fund budget in light of current needs, and increased costs for some line items.

- **Sand/Salt Shed Update - vote on specific make/model of hoop structure**

The Board discussed options and prices with Stu Johnson, who has been doing the research and meeting with contractors. The preferred option is a 80' x 72' structure that provides space for 30% more volume than the current structure.

- John R. MOVED / Tanya B. SECONDED a motion that Lussier Barn Builders' quote for a 72' x 80' HT series superstructure at a cost of \$97,551 installed is the best and least expensive of the options researched. **Motion passed**—5 in favor, 0 opposed.

- John R. MOVED/ Don B. SECONDED a motion to authorize Road Commissioner Brian Kemp to make a deposit as specified in the contract and further that the Road Commissioner be empowered to negotiate and execute the necessary contracts, after legal review, to fulfill the construction of the Lussier Barn Builders structure. **Motion passed**—4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained (Brian K.).

NEW BUSINESS - none

OTHER BUSINESS

Website update - John R. reported that he called Peter McCormack, who has been volunteering to upload information to the website, as his time permits, for several years. Peter said that the Town website was set up 10-12 years ago and it is a very good idea to upgrade it at this time. He will be happy to step down from his role as a website volunteer. John R. would like to continue to explore options and features, and get quotes from some of the companies that nearby towns have used. The Board is in agreement that John R. continue.

Investing the funds from the bridge insurance payout - John R. posed the idea of looking into different banks to compare interest rates.

ADJOURNMENT

Tanya B. MOVED / Brian K SECONDED a motion to adjourn the meeting. ***Motion passed*** —5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Tierra, Secretary of the Select Board