

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting  
December 10, 2014**

Nancy Perkins, Dan Sherman and Emily Ward were present for the meeting.

Selectmen Minutes, Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants reviewed and accepted.

WL Sturgeon will do snow removal from Thompson Park on an hourly basis for 2014-15 Season.

Town Office took numerous calls from residents wanting access to the sand mix. All were told they could walk in and fill 2 5-gallon pails per household. Nancy Perkins volunteered to call the individuals and meet them at the facility on Saturday. Nancy plans to be there at 10 am the first Saturday of the month for Cornish residents.

The 2015 Budget Committee will meet at 7 pm on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the fire station. Volunteers wanting to serve on the Committee have until 6 pm December 26<sup>th</sup> to call the office. Articles for the 2015 Budget are due by that deadline as well.

Selectmen developed a process to handle a complaint from an individual. Person is to ask for an Incident Report form at the Town Office, complete the form and return it to the Town Office for selectmen to resolve.

Nancy Perkins and Sam Gilpatrick, head of the PSAP for the 4 towns, will compose a letter to the Public Utilities Commission regarding issues with cell phone call going to Dispatch in Gray, not to the individual Counties responsible. Sam Gilpatrick will assist Rob Heard in composing a letter to Cliff Wells to request a change in protocol. Area Fire Chiefs want dispatched calls to come to the fire stations.

The Treasurer position of the Fairgrounds Committee will be vacant in March. The future Town Treasurer will serve as the active Treasurer for the Fairgrounds Committee checkbook. Balance in their checkbook approximately \$12,000. Repair work continues with plans to refurbish the bathroom and put siding on the exterior of the rental property. Diann Perkins will set a time with Diane Harrington before March to go through 7 years worth of Fairgrounds Committee documentation.

Information on area emergency shelters along with emergency contract information to be added to the town website. Both Dan Sherman and Emily Ward, as new selectmen, are required to complete NIMS training. Matt Cama will be asked to research information on classes.

Deborah Johnson of CDBG noted their file on Cornish has documented that the town cannot spend any of the CDBG money on Pike Memorial Hall. Ms. Johnson recommends selectmen form a Community Development Committee that identifies the needs of the town. CBDG will sit down with selectmen, review the needs, flesh out whatever needs there are and expend that money. If no economic development requests exist you can use it to enhance the town. Selectmen tabled until January or February.

Researched area towns' policy on delinquent real estate taxes; Property is foreclosed, town enters into repurchase agreement (opportunity to get property back), owner pay rent to town and it is

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applied towards taxes. First missed payment and the repurchase agreement voided. Maine Municipal Association Manual lists three options for foreclosed property owned by the town. 1. Offer the property back to the owner, in which case the person pays in full all back taxes/interest/legal fees on the spot and they get the property back. 2. The town takes the property once it's foreclosed and offers it at public sale by sealed bid. 3. Offer a repurchase agreement by way of payment plan.

Selectmen requested that individuals delinquent in paying on their payment plans be sent a copy of the signed plan with a note from the selectmen stating next step is foreclosure.

Dan indicates he plans to take the required 911 Officer Training while on vacation in December.

Elaine was asked to take any necessary training needed prior to March 16. Training with BMV on Truck, Certification for Vital Records, and eligibility of appointment as a Notary for the Town Office identified. All training costs and expenses need to be included in the budget.

Nancy presented a letter to notify selectmen that she is resigning the last year of her term. She informed Emily and Dan that the title Overseer of the Poor is part of the selectman duties and one of them would have to fill the vacancy and take required training for General Assistance Administrator.

Motion made to adjourn meeting.

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Nancy S. Perkins

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Daniel Sherman

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Emily Ward