

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting
December 23, 2014**

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

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

Motion made Matt Bennett is approved to use fire station for scout meetings. Stipulations are; to complete a Request for Use of Town Property form and return it, provide a Certificate of Insurance to the town and schedule of meeting dates. Seconded and approved.

Motion made Mark Call is approved to use fire station on January 10th to have an Open House for retiring Sheriff Maurice Ouellette. Stipulations are; a refundable \$100 security deposit and a Certificate of Insurance for the day.

Diann W. Perkins received several requests to plow the fairgrounds track for walkers. Discussion pointed out several alternatives for places to walk and damage concerns of new track surface concerns. Subject will be discussed at next Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board meeting on January 8, 2015. Motion made not to plow the track this year. Seconded and approved.

An Incident Report form submitted by Linda Holston requests 6 buckets of sand mix per storm due to a mile and a half driveway. Motion made selectmen adhere to the current policy of 1-2 buckets per house per storm. Seconded and approved. Emily will call Linda with outcome.

Abatement request for reduction of house value at R01-039 reviewed. Motion made we accept the \$54,200 assessment on the house. Seconded and approved.

Reviewed Abatement requests on Personal Property to correct error in billing, account is inactive. Motion made to abate \$17.47 to correct error. Seconded and Approved.

Request to abate Personal Property taxes for Diamond Cuts and Plain and Fancy for 2004,05,06 and 07 tax years due to minimal account balances. Motion made to clear 2004 – 2007 Personal Property taxes for Diamond Cuts and Plain and Fancy. Seconded and approved.

A discrepancy in expectations of MMA job descriptions for Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer and the current work load of the positions will be clarified at the December 30th Workshop.

Christine Sullivan replaced Jim Mulligan as the Town's representative at Clark Insurance. She will be asked to meet with selectmen late afternoon on a Friday to discuss the outstanding questions Jim was to address.

Selectmen entertained discussion on putting the Town's Property and Casualty Insurance out to bid this year. A decision will be made after meeting with Christine Sullivan.

Two additional articles identified for the 2015 Town Warrant. First Article is for \$500 to move the Cornish Elementary bell. The second Article is to raise \$1,400 to purchase a marble marker

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including lettering for remains moved from Pike Memorial Hall to Riverside Cemetery. Any remaining funds to be spent on a marker/sign at Pike Memorial Hall.

A Francis Small Heritage Land Trust Newsletter article stated that like many other Land Trusts, the Trust has offered to pay either taxes or make payments in lieu of taxes PILOT in all of the towns where they own property as long as the Trust has the resources to do so. The Newsletter will be on file with tax information for future reference.

The installation of the guardrail at Pike Memorial Hall has been completed.

Selectmen tabled several Old Business items until Spring 2015 that include coordinating Memorial Day programs, Outlying Cemetery maintenance, and the classification of 4 roads - DOT or Town.

Revisited the RHR meeting for January 16 in light of the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for January 13, 2015. Will attempt to reschedule the RHR meeting to January 6th and compile a list of questions to submit ahead of the meeting for response from the auditor.

DOT erected the speed limit signs on South Hiram Road requested by Cheri Watson and Major King.

Dan Vaillancourt offered to meet with Selectmen to discuss renovation work downstairs of Pike Memorial Hall. The meeting will be coordinated with the Pike Hall Committee.

Motion made to adjourn meeting.

Nancy S. Perkins

Daniel Sherman

Emily Ward