

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Business Meeting
September 16, 2015**

Karen James, Dan Sherman and Emily Ward were present for the meeting.

Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants along with the September 2nd Business Meeting Minutes were reviewed and signed. Selectman asked and Elaine verified that the corrective measures had been done for double payment on last Accounts Payable Warrant.

Selectmen signed the 2015 York County Assessor's Return, Cornish's stipend amount is \$68706.58.

Cornish ACO has asked for selectmen's approval to attend an upcoming training. Selectmen support the training and are awaiting further details from Ms. Ricker.

CEO notified selectmen he will be away Thursday through Sunday for the next two weeks.

Steve Mellen and Son scheduled a White Goods pick up for Cornish on Friday, October 16th and they will advertise in the Shopping Guide.

Action Request Form submitted by Barry Aruda re: tanker trucks using air brakes and safety issues using Grant Pocket Road was presented and will be addressed a workshop.

Structural repair work being done on the Odd Fellows Hall steeple. Karen reports Larry Davis will work on another side so the public restrooms are accessible.

Karen James will email Heli Modified, Inc. for a status report on moving the exhaust vent.

Fairgrounds rental house repairs are down to interior walls (90% complete) and exterior painting. Cost for the rehab is \$10,000 plus cost of exterior painting. Building is on schedule for a tenant to sign October 1st rental agreement. Fairgrounds Advisory Board voted to increase rent to \$800 including heat.

Time Warner Negotiations meeting held at Porter Town Hall Monday, 9/14. Proposal on the table for \$90,000 for TV2 funding (PEG monies) 5 Towns would receive from Time Warner to be paid 60 days from signing date of the proposed Contract which would have a term of 15 years. There was lengthy discussion concerning the term. Dan Sherman suggested a counter offer of \$75,000 with a 10 year term. Time Warner's Representative, Mike Edgecomb in agreement on the counter off. It's anticipated there will be one more meeting to review, then individual contracts for all the towns.

Clark Insurance now has the requested information in hand to proceed with comparing Workers Compensation and AD&D policies. Chalmers Insurance Group invoice#570268 for AD&D policy 11VLF8148303 renewal has an effective date of 8/9/15-8/9/16 has a due date of 8/20/15. The invoice was mailed to fire department's p.o.box and then dropped off at the office for payment. First order of business is to talk with Chalmers, second is to make sure that all future correspondence from Chalmers comes to the town office, and third is to make sure Kristine Sullivan is working on a solution. Dan will call or email Kristine Sullivan on Friday.

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The Land Sales form requested from the State was downloaded, filled out by Emily Ward, reviewed by selectmen and approved for submission.

Four Tree Growth notification letters approved for mailing.

Update on conversation with Mike Rogers, Maine Revenue Services.

- Across the State 10% bottom depreciation for equipment and machinery is unheard of, 20% is considered Salvage value, and 30% he felt was average for other towns in the State.
- Mr. Rogers to email a tax table that was independent from an independent auditing to keep on hand for reference. Went over the town's Tax Tables and he said they were very fair.
- Computers do depreciate faster and harder, so they do go down to 10% after a few years, but not equipment and machinery.

Selectmen's response to Ms Hartford's inquiry on status of River Road will be "there is no plan to change the status of River Road". Dan Sherman will email her.

A length of 6 inch PVC pipe, supplied by Bob Sturgeon, will be used as a receptacle for the temporary Christmas tree in the park. Cap for the pipe available at the hardware store.

Update on the CEO's exams; one completed, and two more scheduled for 9/22 and 29.

Karen James volunteered to represent the Board of Selectmen at future MMO committee meetings.

Courtesy call from Maine's Attorney General to Selectmen indicated her office had a conversation with one of the original complainants regarding CVMO and that her office had investigated. Their recommendation to the Attorney General is to not pursue this. They felt that, without judging one way or the other whether what happened was right or wrong, there's not basis enough to file a complaint and take it any further. The investigation would not substantiate the other side.

Email sent along with latest drawings and photos of damage to property sent to Kamin Realty to follow up and hopefully stimulate faster movement from them. Karen James relayed her recent observations and safety concerns with the South Hiram road's poor set up and resulting damage to property. Selectmen discussed discouraging the traffic (including school buses) cutting through to route 25. Suggestions made by selectmen were to notify DOT of an illegal curb cut or block off area within the Town right of way by use of Jersey Barriers. Dan will have a conversation with Bob Sturgeon tomorrow for his thoughts.

Motion made to adjourn.

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