

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Business Meeting
January 6, 2016**

Emily Ward, Daniel Sherman, and Karen James were present for the Business Meeting.

Selectmen went into Executive Session to do a Performance Evaluation per M.R.S.A. 405 6A. Exited Executive Session and resumed Regular Business Meeting.

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants along with the December 23rd Meeting Minutes were reviewed and signed.

CBDG award letters are done and will be mailed out by the Town Clerk. The final version of the award letters are on file at the town office. Motion made selectmen adopt the CDBG Funding Model and Awards letter. Seconded and approved.

Kaye gave an update on articles and reports that have come in for the 2016 Town Report.

Two requests to use the fire station were presented for discussion. First request for Saturday, January 16th for a wedding/reception was approved with proof of insurance covering the event and refundable cleaning deposit received beforehand. Second was use of the fire station every other Tuesday from 6 -7:30pm for Boy Scout meetings through May was approved with proof of insurance.

Brianne Hasting, Training Coordinator had incorrect email address for Wes Sunderland, CEO and will resend all emails to correct address and copy to selectmen as well.

Selectmen plan to review Cornish ACO's December report in light of 2016 Budget allocation and discuss selectmen guidelines/perimeters for ACO at the January 20th Business Meeting. The ACO will be invited to the February 3rd Selectmen's Business Meeting at 6 pm.

A Monument Article by Tom Pingree was insufficient and incomplete as submitted. Tom was instructed on petition process and number of signatures needed. Tom will resubmit Article with appropriate number of signatures.

Emily presented research she did on construction loans. John Moore, Vice President of Community Development Financing for all of Bangor Savings Bank gave two different names of people he'd recommend for Bond Councils. Patrick Hastings, though not on the State's List, is up in Fryeburg and does it so that's who selectmen should contact. The other is Lee Bragg of Bernstein & Shur in Augusta. Selectmen were in agreement to contact Patrick Hastings. John insisted selectmen needed to have an article that's broad enough that gave the selectmen permission to move forward with the process until a final version is ready to go before the people. John gave break downs for \$300,000 and \$350,000.

A General Resolution Bond application was printed off from Maine Bond Bank website.

Selectmen agreed with closing the town office on Friday, January 22nd and place notice ad in the January 20th edition of the Shopping Guide. Christina Howe of RHR Auditors will be meeting with Kaye Blake to review the end of year processes and answer questions.

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The Code Enforcement Officer submitted two letters for review and approval of selectmen prior to mailing them out. The approved letters were mailed by Kaye Blake.

Workers Compensation application from Clark Insurance was given to Kaye Blake for completion.

Concerns of the sand and salt shed gate being left open for a number of days while awaiting a road salt delivery. Suggestion was made to install a combination lock box that holds a key to the pad lock onto the gate. Karen James will provide one.

The current Heli Modified, Inc. building lease with the Town of Cornish is due to expire on June 30, 2016. Selectmen will revisit the Heli lease the first part of May.

Year to date figures through 12/31/2015 of unpaid 2015 real estate taxes were compared with 2014 unpaid real estate taxes for the same period by selectmen.

Karen, unable to use her computer at the town office to send a file to a town computer, asked that the "public" access for wifi service be looked into.

Monthly revenue/expense report is a year to date format. Emily asked if it was correct and had Kaye gotten an answer to why it wouldn't breakdown into current months. Kaye reports she can do a single month but didn't think the software does a single month and then year to date.

At some point the town signed up for the energy component on Central Maine Power bills through Electricity Maine to reduce costs. Town currently pays .113 per kilowatt hour through them. The "Standard Offer" energy component through CMP is at .0649 per kilowatt hour.

Thomas Murtha, Electricity Maine stated two options; 1st option - town may opt out (a \$100 penalty per account to do so) or 2nd option - sooner than opting out, Electricity Maine can provide the town the Standard Offer rate of .0649 per kilowatt hour through the end of 2016. Motion made that in light of the \$100 fee per account selectmen accept the proposed rate reduction to .0649 through the end of 2016 with Electricity Maine. Seconded and approved. Dan will call to make the change and reconfirm that Street Lights are included.

Emily reports that inmates are tentatively scheduled to work at the fairgrounds contingent on if they have enough staffing to cover it and if they have enough inmates qualify for the program.

Request for proposals for snow plowing, curbside trash pick up, and mowing of town properties have been scheduled for a first review at the February 10th Workshop.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

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