

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Business Meeting  
February 17, 2016**

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

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants along with the February 3rd Business Meeting Minutes were reviewed and signed.

Selectman questioned the ABS Computer invoice; it was labor for help with receipt printer issues, CMP bills were verified for the lower rate, Dan reports the Fire department's two generators are back up units, still in their boxes.

ACO expenses are shared 50/50 between Towns of Parsonsfield and Cornish. The rabies shots have been placed on hold pending a conversation with Parsonsfield Selectmen due to approval of a maximum of \$250 toward rabies shots. Cornish Selectmen approved to pay the one half amount of \$600.

Disclosures for Fairgrounds rental property have been signed by tenant and are on file.

2016 Town Report's progress was reviewed. Asked if any of the financial information has been given to Karen, Kaye responded no. Selectmen requested that anything to date be forwarded to Karen to format. Kaye reports she's ready to begin work on the tax information. Karen expects the report will be ready for February 27<sup>th</sup> but the date is dependent on when she receives the data. The Town Report will be available on the website when completed. Selectmen ask that people bring their laptops to the Town Meeting.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes were discussed. The Committee, ideally, is to be comprised of 9 people; 3 patients, 3 concerned public citizens, and 3 caregivers. The patient perspective is not currently represented on the Committee and they want to run an ad to ask for interested patients willing to serve on the committee. Motion made to approve posting the MMOC minutes on the website. Motion made to advertise for patients members to serve on the committee. Seconded and approved.

Abatements – Greg Wilfert will receive a letter stating the house's date of construction was changed, it does affect his taxes, and the amount will be abated.

Dan Sherman spoke to Stephen Prescott and explained the reason for the increase was due to a correction in the depreciation code. Mr. Prescott will be sent a letter stating his abatement was denied.

The MEMIC Policy through Clark Insurance was approved for payment. Emily will follow up with Clark Insurance on the status of competitive underwriter bids.

The Fire Station Rental account balance is \$202.41. Selectmen plan to use the funds to have the floors professionally striped and sealed and carpets cleaned.

Use Tax for public services used by tax exempt properties was investigated by Emily Ward. It benefits large cities but not small towns because you cannot impose a Use Tax unless the property is used for some type of income i.e. rent.

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Team building progress discussed. New office hours are working so far. Use of the window for transactions is an adjustment. Suggestion made to lock the door, put chairs at the window and keep window closed during processing of transaction. Communication between Kay and Elaine regarding work demands is improving. A list of duties being done by each Kay and Elaine has not been developed to date.

Dan spoke with Kyle Hall of DOT today. Dan shared that the level of cooperation is not as good as it has been with KAMIN Realty. Kyle suggested we give it time knowing that the financial arrangement with the State is good for two years. So a call was placed to Jay Ouellette, the person the town started with at Rite Aid originally and is awaiting a call back. Rob Lang of KAMIN is not returning calls. Provision was added to Road Commissioner's article raising funds for the project to make it a perpetual account until the project is completed.

Cornish CEO attended a class on Legal Writing of Ordinances where he received an Ordinance Drafting Sequence document that he felt was timely and handed out a copy to the chairman of the MMO Committee, the Planning Board and to the Selectmen.

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

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Emily Ward

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Dan Sherman

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Karen James