

# **Town of Cornish**

## **Selectmen's Business Meeting**

### **November 30, 2016**

Emily Ward, Daniel Sherman and Mathieu Cama were present for the Business Meeting.

Accounts payable, payroll and November 9, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

The Selectmen met with John Morrissey, Cornish Planning Board Chair, about the Recreational Marijuana Moratorium. John stated that Cornish Planning Board (CPB) would be working on this at their next Business meeting. John also updated the Selectmen on the hard cider brewery, Cornish Cider Company, LLC, operated by Jared and Jacqueline Carr at their residence 135 High Rd. There will be a site walk before the next CPB Business Meeting. John also presented a statement that he will be placing the Shopper's Guide and with the Selectmen's approval would also like to place on the Cornish website. The Selectmen approved posting a link to his statement "Passing the Baton". John also informed the Selectmen that Bill Hoxie will be resigning from the CPB soon. No formal resignation has been received.

The Assessor Peter Pawlowski and Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) Wes Sunderland were present to discuss the abatement appeal for 48 Maple Street owner James Hilliard. They visited the premises to assess the valuation of the property. Peter determined that an abatement was due. He will contact Mr. Hilliard with the figures. Desirae will draft a letter authorizing Peter to represent the Town and negotiate on behalf of the Selectmen at the pending abatement hearing next Wednesday December 7.

Boston Post Cane, no one has stepped forward as oldest living resident of the Town of Cornish. Dan motioned to contact Mr. Carr about accepting the Cane. Mat seconded, all in favor. Emily will ask Linc Carr if he will accept the Boston Post Cane as best documented oldest living resident.

Action Request Form (ARF) from Calista Cross about contacting the Boston Post Cane Information Center Website and updating the Cornish section. Also an ARF about the rules concerning the Cane. Mat will draft a letter addressing her concerns.

Calista submitted another ARF concerning a petition for the Positive Reentry Program. She would like to leave a petition at the Town Office for citizens to sign. The petition circulator must be present for all signatures therefore the Selectmen are denying her request. Kaye will draft a letter to her explaining the Selectmen's decision.

The Selectmen set dates for the next Public Informational Meeting to be on December 14, 2016 at 6:00PM at the Fire barn and the Special Town meeting to be December 21, 2016 also at 6:00PM at the Fire barn. The topics will be 2 Moratoriums and Town Office Plans. Emily will contact Dan Vaillancourt and Karen James about price figures, Kaye

will advertise. Desirae will talk to Scott Pingree about changing the meeting with the firemen set for December 14 6:00PM to 5:00PM.

Credit/Debit software through INFORME, Kaye is still working on this, and will have it up and running soon.

An updated plan was received from Thomas Morin. Dan motioned to accept the new plan. Mat seconded, all in favor.

A new Tree Growth plan from Brandon Williams and Melissa Rundin was received. Before they approve the plan the Selectmen asked Desirae to call the forester and ask how much of the property is set aside as buildable/having structures.

The Comprehensive Plan should be updated every 10 years. Mat will email the Planning Board and ask them what the plan is and what the Selectmen can do to help.

A email asking for use of Pike Hall was received from Tylor McKenzie, who would like to hold a book fair here. Desirae will let him know that due to Fire Marshall limitations Pike Hall is unavailable, and to approach the church or the Masonic Hall.

Flag Insurance and liability coverage will be added as a budget item for Town approval. Desirae will check on rental prices for a lift for installation. Dan will contact Baldwin to see how they handle insurance and installation.

Doug Hawkins a former Selectmen passed away last week. Kaye will send a sympathy card to the family.

The Town has locked in to a six moth rate plan with Electricity Maine.

Emily has been in contact with Lucinda Connelly at Maine Department of Transportation (DOT). She stated that the curb cut is not on the schedule until 2019. Mat motioned to purchase the Harrington Lot with the amended agreement with Maine DOT 2019 date of removing the curb cut. Dan seconded, all in favor.

An email was received from Diane Hartford concerning River Road. The Selectmen responded to the email directing Ms. Hartford to State statute Title 23, Part 3, Chapter 304, Section 3028. Where it states that a public easement automatically remains on any road abandoned after September 3, 1965 unless dictated otherwise. River Road was abandoned in 1987 and there is no reference to terms of an easement. The email will be filed in the road book.

The Fire barn roof is leaking. Dan talked to Dave Fitzpatrick. He said that he would need to talk to his foreman and get back to us with the plan moving forward.

Roads and Bridges article for the Warrant. The Selectmen would like to meet with Bob Sturgeon before changing the language of the article. Desirae will call and ask Bob to meet with the Selectmen next Wednesday December 7 at 6:00PM.

Emily contacted the Sherriff's department about towing cars that are in the way for the snow plows. They stated that since we do not have a contract with them they cannot enforce the Ordinance. However the Town Constable or Town Official can mandate towing.

The Selectmen entered Executive Session 1M.R.S.A § 405(6) (F) at 7:15PM.

Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. § (6) (A) at 7:40PM.

Executive Session ended at 8:00PM

The Selectmen asked Desirae to cross check the road list with the snow plow road list.

The formal resignation of John Morrissey has been received and will be filed.

Safety Works! Maine Department of Labor has removed the Town of Cornish from the routine programmed inspection for six months. As Safety and Training Officer Mat has eliminated hazards from the Fire Department workplace. The letter will be filed.

The Selectmen discussed, reviewed and revised the Dam Moratorium in preparation for the upcoming Public Info Meeting and Special Town Meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:15PM