

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Business Meeting
November 9, 2016**

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

Accounts payable, payroll and October 26, 2016 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with correction.

The Selectmen met with Sandy Howe, Diann Perkins and Calista Cross concerning the Boston Post Cane. Dan motioned to accept the new list of Boston cane holders as is. Mat seconded, all in favor. Following Gerald Barney's death there will be an ad in the Shopping Guide to find the new cane holder.

Diann would like to thank the Selectmen for their work on the Boston Post Cane.

The Abatement Appeal for 48 Maple Street will be added to the next Business Meeting agenda.

Planning Board Chair position, John Morrissey is resigning at the end of this year. Desirae will contact him about advertising for a planning board position and if they will be promoting from within for the chair position.

Dan received an answer from the Maine Municipal Association, concerning the ARF from the Cornish Sno-cruisers about selling raffle tickets at the Town Office. The answer was yes since the Town allows other organizations to use the Town Office. Dan motioned to let the Sno-Cruisers sell the raffle tickets. Mat seconded, all in favor. Dan will contact The Dubois's.

Electricity Maine Renewal for the 2017 year. Dan will call about the rate and would like to add the renewal to the April 2017 agenda for review. Mat motioned to accept Electricity Maine's offer, unless a lower rate is found by the next Business Meeting. Dan seconded, all in favor.

Tree Growth recertifications were received from, Francis and Donna Day, Gregory Wilfert, and Verne Blake. Mat motioned to accept the Tree Growth plans. Dan seconded, all in favor.

David Fitzpatrick, on recommendation from Peter Fleweling, completed the work on the Fire Barn roof ridge cap on Friday, November 4. The work was completed in a day.

Nancy Perkins was present to let the Selectmen know that she has been in contact with the State's Fire Marshall's office. She is still unsure that a sprinkler system is needed for both floors of Pike Hall. She will report back after further contact with Fire Marshalls office.

Action Request Form from Bob and Heidi McAuliffe about the Time Warner Cable update. Dan talked to the person in charge about the work. The materials have been ordered for the CATV expansion for the grant area of South Cornish, and work can be expected to start when the materials are received. Desirae will contact them about the update.

ARF from Calista Cross about putting a list of Boston Post Cane recipients in the Town Report. The Selectmen are considering a possible dedication for the Town Report. Desirae will contact Calista with this information.

A Town Building Use Request was received from Jacob and Andrea Roberts. They would like to have a farm stand in Thompson Park during the Summer. The Selectmen advised that they approach the Fairgrounds Committee for use there. Desirae will contact them with this response.

Millpond and dry hydrant update. Emily talked to Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and they have no recognition of the dam. She also contacted Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and due to the volume of the Millpond it is not within their jurisdiction. The DEP cannot establish water levels or flow rates, but they would be happy to help the Town through the process of writing a Dam Ordinance to establish the water level and flow rates. Dan motioned to request a meeting with DEP representative to draft the ordinance. Mat seconded, all in favor. Emily will contact DEP to have them meet with the Selectmen and Firemen. Emily will ask Bob Sturgeon to come to next weeks workshop meeting to talk about the dry hydrants.

Ken Hall received a Spirit of America Foundation Tribute for outstanding community service on November 2 at the York County Commissioners office in Alfred. The Selectmen would like to express their sincerity and gratitude for the recognition.

Tower leases. Emily would like everyone to review the leases before meeting with the Firemen next week.

Maine Townsman Article p.45 Public proceedings and posting. The Town has been very efficient about posting about Town Meetings ahead of time.

Sand and Salt Shed repairs. Mat motioned to contact Rick Reinhardt about reattaching sheet metal on the front of the building. Dan seconded, all in favor.

After the passage of the Article concerning the Harrington Lot, Emily tried to contact Lorinda Connolly at Maine Department of Transportation (DOT). Mat motioned to offer a dollar based on the Assessors recommendation and response from Maine DOT. Dan seconded, all in favor. Emily will continue to contact Lorinda and find out if an offer is made will the DOT counter.

The foreclosure policy was approved at Special Town Meeting.

The Selectmen are going to take the sign moratorium to the Planning Board to decide how to move forward with an ordinance. Mat will contact Bill Hoxie about the Selectmen being on the next Planning Board agenda.

The Cornish Water District did a flow test from the hydrant across the street from Pike Hall. Conclusion, a pump will be needed to pump water for the sprinkler system. Karen James has talked to Heidi Cates at the water district about this. Dan Vaillancourt has been unsuccessful finding someone to do the work as everyone is busy. The Selectmen would like to Meet with Karen and Dan about a dollar figure for the work they have done.

Budget preparation is on next weeks workshop agenda.

The Roads and Bridges Article, changing language to reflect selectmen involvement in decision making of expenditures, was just a heads up for the Warrant and Budget for the 2017 year.

Desirae's evaluation will be added to the next Business Meeting.

Mat motioned to approve the request for the bicyclists traveling through Cornish to use Thompson Park or the Fairgrounds depending on the weather. Dan seconded, all in favor.

VISION Software Version 6, new contract for the 2017 to 2018 year was received and will be put into the Budget file.

The Selectmen received a letter about money available through MEMA for farm operators, small businesses, and small non-profit organizations with dry wells.

Gerald Day will stop by the Town Office soon about shoveling snow this winter.

Dan motioned to approve \$600 plus the cost of maintenance to have the TRIO software installed to allow the use of credit/debit cards at the Town office. Mat seconded, all in favor. The Selectmen would like Kaye to have this in place by the next Business Meeting.

The Selectmen received an email from Joyce Siracuse, a Selectperson in Hiram, about South Hiram Road. Her email was forwarded to Bob Sturgeon, and she was advised to fill out an ARF. Emily will follow up with Bob.

Blais Whitney will be at the meeting with the firemen next week to consider two way radios in the plow trucks. Kaye or Des need to contact Chalmers Insurance to make sure the right business is covered for the snow plow contract.

The Selectmen asked Kaye to look into the Rank Choice Voting that was passed at yesterday's election, and how it will affect voting at a Town level.

Motion to adjourn 7PM

Emily Ward

Daniel Sherman

Mathieu Cama