

TOWN OF CORNISH
SELECTMEN BUSINESS MEETING

June 7, 2017

Selectmen Daniel Sherman, Mathieu Cama and Carlton Candage were present for the business meeting. Also present was Diann Perkins.

May 24, 2017 meeting minutes, Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants were approved and signed.

Carlton motioned to extend the Recreational Marijuana Moratorium another 180 days. Mat seconded, all in favor.

Carlton motioned to extend the Dam moratorium another 180 days. Mat seconded. Discussion: Cliff Whitney voiced concerns that no solution to the Mill Pond dilemma would be found until after the moratorium is lifted. The selectmen made note that the moratorium can be rescinded if a solution is found earlier. Motion carried, all in favor.

Mat motioned to accept the Trash Hauling Contract from Steve Mellen of Mellen and Sons Disposal for three years with the opportunity to extend another two years. Carlton seconded, all in favor.

ARF (Action Request Form) from Kaye concerning a Facebook page. The selectmen discussed the pros and cons of a page. Mat motioned to approve a Facebook page for a three month probationary period with the stipulation that if it becomes harmful that it be dismantled. Carlton seconded, all in favor.

Motion to accept the contract proposal from W. L. Sturgeon to replace the water line from the road to Pike Hall to accommodate the sprinkler system. Carlton seconded, all in favor.

Tower Lease discussion, MMA (Maine Municipal Association) was unwilling to offer a legal opinion on the lease. Motion to accept the Tower lease as is. Seconded, all in favor.

Amerigas Contract renewal will be added to the next business meeting. A representative from Amerigas will be stopping by the office to estimate needs for the coming year.

Personal Property letters, Peter Pawlowski, Assessor, will be looking into any businesses that haven't responded to the letters sent March 1, 2017 and May 23, 2017 requesting an itemized listing of personal property.

The website has been updated recently.

School Bell in Thompson Park. The Cornish Historical Society would like to order a plaque that says, "Cornish School Bell 1887-1976". Motion to approve the plaque as is. Seconded, all in favor. Des will make up a "Keep off" sign for the bell.

The selectmen met with volunteers willing to serve on the Water Level Ordinance Committee on May 31, 2017. The selectmen requested that the committee submit a new draft of the ordinance within 90 days. Selectmen have agreed to attend committee meetings periodically. Jessica Larson was voted as chair of the committee, and Diann Perkins will be secretary.

An email response was received from Clarks Insurance concerning whether the Steward of the Dam would need to be bonded. The answer was no, because the steward positions is not a fiduciary of town funds.

Electricity ME is under new management. Carlton is working on the rate change and will have an answer at the next meeting.

Shannon Surette submitted a Town Building Use Request for CAB to use Thompson Park on Saturday June 24, 2017. Motion to approve her request. Seconded, all in favor.

Denise Day submitted a Town Building Use Request to use the Fire Station for Porter's Class Reunion. Linda Wadsworth was also on the form. Kaye will contact Ms. Day let her know that the Fire Station is available to residents, Ms. Wadsworth can fill out the form as a resident. Tabled until the next business meeting.

ARF from Jay Traunig, he is concerned about his neighbor Bruce Smith constructing a driveway next to his property boundary. CEO Wes Sunderland has drafted a letter to Mr. Traunig for the selectmen to review. The selectmen have questions concerning the setbacks per the Land Use Ordinance. Dan will contact Wes to revisit the situation.

ARF from Margaret Aspinal asking the selectmen to appoint two members to the Sacopee Valley Rescue Board. There has been no response from the ad; Mat has posted it on the website. The Board will be contacted if any responses are received.

ARF from John and Victoria Perry, they need a E-911 address so that they can have telephone poles delivered. Carlton has called Erica Sterry at the E-911 office about training, and will call again.

Letter from Calista Cross concerning grants for historic preservation with a deadline of June 15. Des will draft a letter thanking her for the information and reminding her of the ARF process.

Clark Insurance comparison, properties have increased in value. Dave Nadeau from Clarks will be in contact again this week. The selectmen discussed putting the insurance out for bid and agreed that next year they would put together a bid package.

Wes Sunderland arrived with a report on 37 Sokokis Trail, stating that no cleanup will be done until the foreclosure is finalized, and even then there is no guarantee that it will be done. While Wes was here the selectmen asked him to revisit Mr. Traunig's ARF.

Maine DOT Roads list, the selectmen will meet with Road Commissioner Bob Sturgeon about the roads.

Kaye is working on the foreclosure process and will contact the surrounding towns about what they use as a template for 45 day notices.

General Assistance training, Carlton will talk to Des and Des will contact GA about any local workshops.

The selectmen signed the lien discharges for Gary Hamelin; Kaye will take them to the Registry of Deeds tomorrow.

Adam Charles, 272 Joe Berry Rd, property has been taxed as 8 acres, the deed was sent to O'Donnell's Mapping for them to read, and Mr. Charles only owns 2.75 acres. Motion to abate Mr. Charles's taxes for one year. Seconded, all in favor.

Motion to accept the estimates from Tucker & Tucker Associates for the IT and cabling of Pike Hall, with the camera and recorders struck from the estimate. Seconded, all in favor.

Mowing contract, Diann has questions about what Brandon Fenderson is supposed to do at the Fairgrounds per the contract.

Preparations for the Olde Time Baseball games are going well. Diann is following up about a beer garden. She has lots of sponsors lined up. Nora Nelson will be catering, as the firemen will be at the Strawberry Festival during the Saturday games. She has turned the water on and will get the shower up and running. Diann will ask the Fairgrounds Committee if they would like to have flags on the poles leading into the Fairgrounds.

Dan motioned to enter Executive Session, Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) to Discuss a Personnel Matter at 7:10pm. Carlton seconded, all in favor.

The selectmen returned to regular session at 7:34pm.

Motion to adjourn 7:35pm. All in favor.