

SELECTMEN BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Pike Hall 5:00 pm
MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dan Sherman, Chris Calnan – Selectmen, Kaye Blake, Retiring Town Clerk & Diane Harrington,
Incoming Town Clerk

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPT. 26, 2018 & OCT. 10, 2018 MINUTES & WARRANTS

GENERAL ASSISTANCE ORDINANCE – A Public Hearing was held on the adoption of Appendices (A-D) for a period Oct. 1, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019. The ordinance was adopted and paperwork submitted to DHHS to be in compliance with Title 22 MRSA 4305(4).

GUESTS:

CARL HOSKINS (ACO)

- Employed as ACO for 4 towns (Bridgton-Cornish-Parsonsfield-Sebago) and possible Harrison. Investigating future of towns coordinating to make this a full-time position. Since this is new, uncharted territory for Cornish he will update us as he obtains more info. The town would have to look at budget for next fiscal year.
- Discussed incident with loose pigs and piglets (15 total). Selectmen inquired the enlistment of 2 additional helpers and mileage. Owner will be summoned to court if this re-occurs. Chris will explore temporary places to take livestock until owners can be reached.
- E-mail is working.
- Dog Rabies Clinic & License coordinated with Parsonsfield at their town office is scheduled on Sat., Dec. 8, 10am-noon. Town Clerk will attend to license dogs residing in Cornish. Towns will split cost of advertising.
- Received an agreement from Animal Emergency Special Care via email. It appears to be 24-hour emergency care for injured animals. Cornish has never received this before. Kay will investigate if we have taken any animal in there, or if we have an agreement.

EAGLE MILLS PARK COMMITTEE

- The bill for the sign will come to the Town Office and it is to be passed on to the Historical Society for payment. Meredith submitted a worksheet on the committee's financial status.
- To have it completed the committee is (1) awaiting 4' holes to be dug to erect sign and (2) plaque to be placed on the gazebo recognizing the Eagle Scout who build the structure. Dan suggested they contact Brandon Fenderson to see if he could dig the holes.
- The Selectmen would like to recognize all the volunteers who worked on this project and is awaiting a list from the committee.
- The Selectmen suggested the need for an ongoing Park Committee to serve as advocates for Town Parks.
- A celebration for this project will be planned in Spring 2019.
- The Selectmen would like to have a fall photo of this park on the cover of the 2019 Town Report. They reached out to the committee to see if anyone could accommodate and maybe superimpose a picture of the sign also.

SANDY HOWE & ANNE MACINTYRE

- Sandy made a proposal to erect the monument with sign about the Cemetery located on Town Hall property by the entrance to the town office. After looking at the location the consensus from the Selectmen was to place it on the top of the hill by the town hall's septic system. They felt the sign might overshadow the history of the town building and use as a town hall. Also, they were concerned that the monument would be exposed to excessive amounts of snow, sand and salt resulting in water damage and deterioration. Location voted on and approved.
- Sandy made a suggestion that the Town Office should have an exterior designation sign.

The Selectmen signed the 2017 Corrected Municipal Tax Assessment Warrant and 2018 Municipal Valuation Return.

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ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED-

- Brookside Heating – Contact them concerning one year maintenance program and inquire about further maintenance required for heating system (filters, etc.)
- JP Carroll – Review contract and propane price. Currently \$1,799.
- Insurance – Selectmen review equipment list, last year's costs, etc.
- Sand/Salt Mixture – 2 loads of salt delivered. No sand delivered. Dan will check with Bob Sturgeon.
- High Road Parking – Need to schedule public hearing and comments. Bob Sturgeon explained a need to revise curb cut by Odd Fellows Hall parking lot to change traffic flow exiting that location. DOT needs to be informed of this proposed change in traffic flow. The roads decision is a Selectmen responsibility.
- The estimate cost of the By-Pass still need to obtain from Bob Sturgeon.
- Selectmen are going to reach out to Carlton to inquire about his continuing position as Selectmen.
- Chris spoke with Dan Vaillancourt concerning outstanding renovations of Pike Hall. He will contact Dan Sherman.
- 3 "DANGER FALLING ICE" Signs for Fulginiti's building. Diane will contact Jean at WL Sturgeon's.
- Peter Coughlin from DOT will place order for Speed Signs. They will give us a call. Chris will need to attend training on use and set-up for the sign with use of the town's laptop.
- Spirit of America Award for Allaire Palmer is scheduled on Wed., Nov. 7 at 3:30pm. Chris will attend for Selectmen.
- 2019-2021 Mowing Contract needs revision to add Eagle Mill Park for mowing (add to item C) and add a clause for renewal option. Advertise in Nov/Dec. 2018.
- 2017 Town Audit scheduled for 1st week in November. Kaye will contact to get specific dates.
- Calista Cross is planning on soliciting signatures on a document to submit to Selectmen. The purpose of the document is to show that townspeople want to have her wallhanging displayed under the Boston Post Cane. Diane, as Registrar of Voters, will reach out to Calista and inform her of State Election rules concerning people soliciting signatures at the Election Day Polls.
- The Recycling container was contaminated with a large amount of wood and carpet. Since we have not had a Brown Goods pickup in at least 10 years the Selectmen want us to reach out to the Recycling Committee and ask them to research this issue and potentially place a warrant item in next year's budget.

WES SUNDERLAND-

- Amended Call's original building permit card to reflect actual footage of renovation. Diane will check with Wes.
- Chris met with Wes to discuss the issue, course of action and violations concerning Mr. Drake at 22 Main St. Mr. Drake is in disagreement on hemp, whether agricultural or medicinal. Chris will update Dan with any progress.

DISCUSSION OF OCT. 17 WORKSHOP-

- Planning Board Special Town Meeting Request to take funds out of surplus to update Land Use Ordinance – Date for Public Hearing is Wed., Nov. 28, 6pm; Public Meeting 6:30pm. Kaye will email Jess Larson with decision.
- Cliff Whitney – Request for relocation of above ground dry hydrants – Bob Sturgeon's concern of frozen dry hydrants and shoreland zoning (permits). They will investigate Cliff's proposal.
- Water Level – Paralegal did all research on website. Selectmen recommend meeting with Cliff Whitney and Fire Chief to work out a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement on procedure for drawdown. Goal is to maintain an acceptable level of water. After drafted need to send it to MMA for review. This is not to address current owner specifically but future owners. It was noted that our insurance excludes coverage on dams.

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OLD BUSINESS-

- The Cornish Water District's auditor sent 2 memos to Selectmen explaining the 28% increase in town's portion of increase. Essentially the town's responsibility of the increase is always higher.
- Flags on poles will be removed after Veteran's Day by Steve Ridolphe 286-5000.
- Selectmen received Sacopee Rescue 2017 Audit by email.
- Selectmen signed Council Resolution Regarding CDBG and The Inn at Cornish document for Phase 2 submission of CDBG Grant.

ARFs:

Scott Pingree – pending

Paul Lowd – Chris will contact

Kelly Newton – Trash removed. Working on 188 Cumberland St.

Steve Mellon- Scheduled meeting on Wed., Nov. 7, 2018 at 5pm concerning contract payment status. Also, need to discuss Brown Goods Pickup for 2019 costs.

USE OF TOWN PROPERTIES:

The Community Band has requested to have a Concert on Fri., Nov. 9, 2018 to raise funds to send students to the Portland Symphony. The Selectmen approved and requested proof of insurance and ask for a donation for heating.

TOWN OFFICE:

Diane Harrington has officially been compensated for Town Clerk. She will sign nomination papers.

Kaye will remain as acting Deputy Clerk until a new person is hired.

Reviewed Deputy Clerk Job Description and Ad. Will advertise next week (Oct. 31st) in Shopping Guide, MMA website, and town's website (with Dan's assistance) stating last day to accept resumes is Nov. 14th.

Diane will review personnel policy to see if anything needs to be discussed.

Diane Harrington made out application for Treasurer's Bond-required for position. Cost \$875/yr.

TOWN MEETING DATES: Dec. 17, 2018 – Nomination Papers Available

Jan. 31, 2019 – Nomination Papers Returned

Feb. 15, 2019 – Absentee Ballots Available

Town Meeting & Vote – Need to hold public hearing concerning dates

Adjournment; 8:10 pm.

Approved by Selectmen:

