

TOWN OF CORNISH
SELECTMEN BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 19, 2017

Present were Selectmen: Daniel Sherman, Mathieu Cama and Carlton Candage, Town Clerk; Katherine Blake, Deputy Clerk and Secretary; Desirae Bachelder.

Guests present: Scott and Tom Pingree of the Parks and Recreation Council, Planning Board Chair Jessica Larson, CEO Wes Sunderland, Laura Carr, Tiffany Parent, Bill and Maggie Hoxie, Jack and Ernestine Bash, Nancy Perkins, Lee and Jan Goldsberry, Norman Harding, Ann MacIntyre, Shannon Surette, Lisa Trombly, Diann Perkins, Eric Fox, Steve Smith, Mike and Lisa Fulginiti.

Desirae made note that the recorder was not working.

1. The Selectmen asked Scott and Tom if they were aware of the bill submitted by Aaron Parker c/o Rich Ruhlin. They had no knowledge of the bill or the work being done at the ball fields. The Selectmen will plan to meet with Rich to further discuss the bill.
2. Jessica Larson discussed the Cornish Inn. She stressed that she would not be discussing the “special event”. She researched the Inn as a private citizen, and has contacted authorities in Augusta concerning the Innkeepers License and the Liquor License. She advised the Selectmen to retain a lawyer, and if possible revoke the innkeeper’s license due to the Inn being classified as a hotel not a bed and breakfast as advertised. Wes Sunderland would like to sit down with property owner, Richard DeCoursey and discuss a solution. If no solution can be met, Wes advised to get an injunction, so that the owner cannot continue to do business. Once negotiations begin, Wes will issue a stop order for the business.
3. The Selectmen are waiting for feedback from Wes on Mr. Traunig’s Action Request Form.
- 3.1 Carlton and Wes visited 70 Maple St, where there are rocks across Little River. The rocks are in no way restricting migration or water flow.
- 3.2 The E-911 address for Matthew Cormier has been taken care of.
4. Mr. Moser submitted an ARF last fall. Dan will talk to Road Commissioner Bob Sturgeon about following up on Mr. Moser’s request.
- 4.1 ARF from Sharon Beaver, requesting that the Selectmen stop the Laughing Grass Inn, the attached letter is available for review at the Town Office. The ARF will be handled in conjunction with the ARF from Jan Goldsberry.
5. Norton St. The original concern has been addressed. Mat has pulled language from the Roads Manual that will help with Norton St and its status as a Right of Way. He will present the information at the next workshop.
6. Motion to approve Tree Growth recertification for Map R04-023A. Seconded, all in favor.

At this time there were comments from the public. The Selectboard Chair brought the meeting back to order.

7. The Selectmen recognized the resignation letter of Water District Trustee, William Pease dated July 11, 2017.
8. Motion to appoint Larry Meggison and Todd Tufts to the Water District. Seconded, all in favor. The Selectmen retracted the appointment for Mr. Tufts until he has been sworn in at Town Office.
- 8.1 Motion to reappoint Richard Guilbault as Animal Control Officer. Seconded, all in favor.
- 8.2 Motion to appoint Brad Perkins to the MSAD 55 School Board, term ending March 2018.
9. C.A.B. is requesting use of Thompson Park September 23 and 24 for the Apple Festival. They are expecting 3000-4000 people to attend. The Selectmen briefly discussed the idea of moving the Apple Festival to the Fairgrounds. Diann Perkins spoke up that there is to be an event at the Fairgrounds that weekend and they are discussing having people park at the Fairgrounds and bus them down to the Apple Festival. Motion to approve the use of Thompson Park for the Apple Festival. Seconded, all in favor.
10. Harvest Hills Animal Shelter sent a revised agreement. ACO's issues with HHAS have been resolved. Motion to approve the agreement. Seconded, all in favor.
11. The Annual York County Tax Assessment was received, \$72,964.53 total. Motion to make payment on the tax assessment from York County. Seconded, all in favor.
12. Desirae updated the Selectmen on the Facebook page. There has been some engagement. Desirae would like to continue to take pictures of the renovation, and post them to Facebook. As well as a comparison when construction is finished.
13. No word about a date for General Assistance training.
14. Foreclosure notifications were sent out by certified mail on July 14, 2017. There has been no correspondence or phone calls to discuss the letters.
15. ARF from Steve Smith concerning 22 Main St. Wes has visited the site and cited violations, the owner would not sign the citation. He will be going before the Planning Board, and he assured Wes that the people living at that address will be moving out. Carlton will continue to monitor activity there. 22 Main will be on the next Planning Board workshop. Steve asked that the Selectmen hire an attorney. Dan explained that the present board was following the same approach as previous boards. Contacting Maine Municipal Association, and State Representatives, often the board has had a successful outcome by going through those channels. Dan asked those present to consider that the Laughing Grass Inn has been advertised and that Trinity Madison has an attorney on board, which would suggest that they feel that they are within their legal rights. A handful of citizens have asked that the Town hire an attorney, but in a Town with 1,403 citizens, a citizen's petition would show what the whole Town thinks. Steve: I thought that's what a Town attorney was for. Dan: We do not have an attorney on retainer, but we have a good relation with prior attorneys. State Representatives have been in contact with local law enforcement. If local law enforcement has not been able to

address the issue, what other legal entity can. Suggests an article next year for more than \$1,000 for legal counsel. Mat: We need to be prepared to go to a lawyer. For this and the dam (Millpond) issue.

16. W.L. Sturgeon sent an email about a Recycling Agreement for the recycle containers on their property at 92 School St. The Certificate of Insurance was sent. Mellen & Sons has transitioned to hauling the recycle containers. Jack Bash of the Recycling Committee stated that he and the Committee would be happy to inform the Town Office when the container gets full.
18. Ben Thompson, CMA, was in attendance to discuss his contract proposal for the remainder of the year. Motion to sign the contract with Ben Thompson. Seconded, all in favor. Ben also signed the contract.
17. ARF's from Jan Goldsberry, 2 dated July 18, 2017 and 1 dated July 19, 2017. First she requested that the recycling container be changed more frequently. Jack Bash already agreed to have the Committee monitor the container. Her second and third request was to have the Laughing Grass Inn on the next agenda, and have the Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting. The Selectmen agreed that if the citizen's petition has enough signatures, a Special Town Meeting will be called as soon as possible. If the petition goes to vote and is successful the moratorium will be lifted, if it is unsuccessful the moratorium will stay in place until December 21, 2017.

MSAD 55 sent their approved budget for July 2017 thru June 2018, a grand total of \$1,360,954.63.

The Selectmen recognized the resignation letter of Desirae Bachelder, dated July 5, 2017, effective July 21, 2017.

Meeting adjourned 6:46 PM