

Selectmen's Meeting January 18, 2006

Vinal Pendexter and Peggi Aspinall were present for the meeting.

Philip Lovejoy presented a review of insurance coverage for the town buildings. Currently Pike Hall is insured for \$375,000 on building and \$59,000 on contents. Vinal wanted to know what it would cost to insure the building for replacement cost versus the current coverage. Philip Lovejoy said it would run \$775 - \$800 to double the building coverage. The Odd fellows hall on High Road for 110,700, dwelling at fairground 35,500, building that has the shed and stables attached to it for \$61,800. Phil has not been able to get an estimate of replacement costs for the grandstand that is currently insured for 171,000. Judges stand is \$20,000. Additionally the Sand and Salt shed is insured for 147,000. Vinal feels the coverage is too low on the shed and wants to double the coverage. The cost would be \$230 to double the coverage. It is insured for replacement cost.

Heli Modified is insured for \$441,000 replacement cost. It has been appraised and has sufficient coverage. New fire station is insured for \$463,600 is replacement cost and they did an appraisal that verified coverage is where it should be. The antenna and building on Hessian Hill is insured for \$100,000. The coverage includes the building and antenna. The old fire station is insured for \$206,000 on actual cash value basis. Phil Lovejoy explained that for a flat fee of \$125 the town could increase all buildings values by 3%. The selectmen agreed to the upgrade in coverage.

Diann Perkins explained her request that the selectmen sign a letter of release so the hydro geologist Robert Gerber of Stratex, LLC could begin reviewing the Water Ordinance in a timely manner as a Public Meeting on the Water Ordinance is set for March 4th. The selectmen had not reviewed the letter prior to the meeting. The Selectmen were concerned with the wording of a paragraph and requested the town's lawyer review the letter prior to them signing it.

Diann requested the selectmen consider nominating three appointees whose terms are up on the Fairgrounds Committee. The nominees are Bob Lary, Joan Bettencourt, and Linwood. Perkins.

Maine Municipal Bank Bond sent a letter requesting a report for the 2003 E bond that was taken out for the new fire station. Vinal asked that John Cleveland be contacted to draft the report.

Central Maine Power asked the residents of the Town of Cornish to grant them an easement deed so they can put a guide wire on our property at the Industrial Park to run a power line to a new building site.

The Bi-Annual report for Shore land Zoning was given to Rob Millard to be completed.

The selectmen completed an Unscheduled Count of Homeless Persons survey during the meeting.

A request to rent the old fire station was presented to the Selectmen. They mentioned several issues with the building that need to be addressed prior to renting it out. They suggested that the interested party meet with them to discuss it further if they are still interested.

Selectmen's Meeting
January 18, 2006
Continued

The selectmen were informed of a telephone complaint from Walter Butler regarding road conditions on South Hiram road. Mr. Butler will be forwarding a letter to the Selectmen to follow up on his phone call.

The Selectmen reviewed a rental proposal from Call Enterprises to move the Town Offices to a space in their business complex. Discussion of the proposal followed and it was decided not to take advantage of it at this time.

Diane brought a request from Mr. Waggoner to use Pike Hall to the Selectmen. They will be putting on a performance during April vacation. Mr. Waggoner's group will contribute \$1.00 for each ticket sold to the Town's ADA fund.


Diane Harrington presented two separate requests for tax abatement: 1. Nate Perkins Plumbing had personal property tax assessed for property in 1998. They no longer owned the property in Cornish at the time and 2. M. Czarnowski/Pulsifer R08-011D for tax year 1998-1999 back taxes never paid. The lien was not put on in the necessary timeframe and as such no recourse for collecting. A motion was made to abate the taxes for both situations. Seconded and approved.


Diane Harrington explained a discrepancy she found in the 911 numbering. The house number changes will impact two residences on King Street. The 911 Officer will investigate the discrepancy and make the necessary corrections.

The Selectmen were asked to begin considering a picture for the cover of the annual report, the color choice and candidates to dedicate the report to.

The selectmen reviewed and approved the warrants, and minutes from last meeting.


Vinal Pendexter


John Palmer


Margaret Aspinall