

Selectmen's Meeting January 19, 2005

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Meeting was called to order at 7p.m.

Scott Pingree made a request for Fire Department's 10% cost share of Homeland Security Grant totaling \$26,250.00. The monies are to be taken from Article 22 of 2004 Town Report. Bill Hoxie is the treasurer for the Fire department and will keep a line item account for the FY04 Assistance to Firefighters Grant. Vinal requested that Bill run expenditures by the Town Office as they happen because they need to go through the Town's audit. Peggi made a motion that we allow the Fire Department to take the \$2625.00 from the money appropriated for that purpose in Article #22 of the 2004 Town Report. Seconded and approved.

Additionally, the request was made to transfer the monies for turn-out gear approved in Article #38 of 2004 Town Report to the Fire Department to purchase the gear by January 31, 2005. Equipment costs have increased since the article was approved in March of 2004 and will not get as much equipment. Peggi made a motion that the Selectmen appropriate the \$2,400 that was approved in Article #38 to the Fire Department for purchase of turn-out gear.

Scott Pingree also presented an invoice from Northeast Paging for payment. The pager is a requirement of the EMA Grant and will be carried by Scott, as he is the designated Emergency Management Contact. Funds will be used from Article 40 of Town Report. A question was raised regarding who will be paying the new fire station's electric bill. The Selectmen decided to use money from surplus to pay the electric bills for this year.

Linda Hanscom presented Consent Agreement between the Town of Cornish and Linda C. Hanscom and Francis L. Bathe for the High Street property. Selectmen reviewed and signed the Consent Agreement and Mrs. Hanscom will secure an attorney to register it.

Mr. Rick Osann, Drama Teacher at Sacopee Valley High School came before the Selectmen to request use of Pike Hall for the performance of a play written by a student at the high school. The performances will be over the first weekend in February with a few additional days for setup and practices. Peggi made a motion to allow High School Drama Club to use the Pike Hall for 3 evenings of performances plus days for setup and practices. Seconded and approved by all.

Vinal presented the Municipal Count of Homeless People Survey sent to the Town by Maine State Housing Authority. The survey was completed at the meeting and the Selectmen requested that it be faxed back to the Maine State Housing Authority.

Peggi was presented with a request for a 911 address for AT&T Tower on Wadsworth road. Discussion of the road followed.

The Selectmen reviewed the payroll and accounts payable warrants and approved minutes from 01/05/05 meeting. A question was raised as to who should receive the 04 stipend for the position of Lieutenant. Diane contacted Scott Pingree to verify the correct person. Scott confirmed that John Bleakney was correct.

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The request for proposals submitted to the Town were discussed. It was suggested that an interview be set up with Vision to discuss their proposal and get questions answered. The Selectmen tabled the vote to select a contractor until the next Selectman meeting on February 2nd. Vinal made a motion to set up interview with Vision. Seconded and approved. Discussion of everyone's availability then took place.

Vinal informed the Selectmen of letters he received addressing various issues including; a notice from Adelphia of service fee increases; a request from Heli Modified for permission to put up 3 wall partitions in the large room currently used as a showroom, and a letter of concern from Mr. Tewksbury with regarding the speeding on High Road. A motion was made to have Elaine MacMaster contact Heli and give the Selectmen's approval for the partitions.

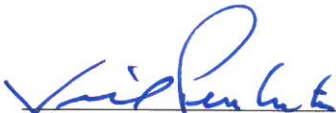
John Palmer relayed a complaint he received about the streetlight at the Parkview Salon. It is malfunctioning - intermittently on and off. Vinal explained that the car headlights are causing it and the light on High Street does the same thing.

A Public Hearing was held for the General Assistance Ordinance that the Selectmen signed off on.

Diane presented the preliminary 2005 Articles voted on at the Budget Committee meeting on Monday. She did a comparison of 2004 to the proposed 2005 budget figures for review of the Selectmen.

Elaine reviewed the status of outstanding issues that needed action from prior meetings.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.



Vinal Pendexter

John Palmer



Margaret Aspinall