

**Special Selectmen's Meeting  
January 23, 2006**

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present.

Two meetings ago the selectmen voted to pay a hydro geologist from Stratex, LLC a \$200 fee to review the ordinance as it was written and provide feedback. Unbeknownst to the Selectmen, Stratex LLC Consulting is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bernstein Shur Sawyer and Nelson whom the town has had some interaction with in the past. When the actual contract or work agreement arrived for the selectmen to sign the relationship between Bernstein Shur and Stratex became clear. Which in and of itself was fine, but the consent agreement goes beyond this and says "In addition, it is possible that present or future clients of Bernstein Shur may in the future ask Bernstein Shur to represent them in other matters that may be adverse to you. Since Stratex is a separate legal entity from Bernstein Shur, we believe that such a situation would not create a conflict of interest for either Stratex or Bernstein Shur. However, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, Stratex requests that as part of this engagement, you consent in advance to Bernstein Shur representing clients in the future who may have matters adverse to you."

In talking with the town's attorney the possibility of this being harmful to the town or may be a situation that's not harmful to the town, maybe not have a benefit to the town to enter into this agreement because it goes further than what it looks like it says in the fact that it gives Bernstein Shur the right to use any documents exchanged between the town of Cornish in a court of law because of their affiliation with Stratex they have that right and they could use it in a court of law against the town if in fact that arose. There is no way to measure how likely that is, but it does exist. Our lawyer advises his clients not to sign anything unless it has a benefit to them. And this certainly isn't good for you.

A motion was made to not sign the letter for the reasons the lawyer stated. Seconded and approved.

A general discussion of why the committee would need a hydro geologist to review the ordinance and other possible hydro geologists followed. Vinal contacted the committee to inform them of the Selectmen's determination and advise them to search for a replacement hydro geologist.

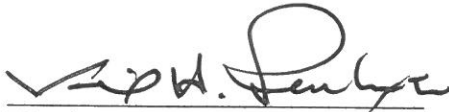
Several requests for use of Pike Hall were brought before the selectmen at this same meeting.

1. Rick Osann is the drama teacher at the high school and wants use of Pike Hall for January 30<sup>th</sup> through February 5<sup>th</sup> to perform their play. A discussion of the cost of heating Pike Hall for that length of time pursued and possible site alternatives explored. A motion was made to grant permission to Rick Osann for the requested period of time with the stipulation that he be mindful of the heating costs involved and keep the heat down during the rehearsal times. Seconded and approved.

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2. Diane presented a request from Sharon Beever for the Sacopee River Festival Association to have a fundraiser performance by Castlebay Duo on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Pike Hall with proceeds to benefit the SAD 55 music program. A determination was made not to require the \$100 surcharge for heat expenses. Diane suggested a donation jar be put out during the performance to help raise monies for the ADA compliance work at Pike Hall. A motion was made to grant permission to the Sacopee River Festival Association use of Pike Hall for their fundraiser performance. Seconded and approved.


Three names for consideration for nomination to the Fairgrounds Committee were presented. A motion was made to approve the Bob Lary, Joan Bettencourt, and Linwood Perkins for the Fairgrounds Committee positions that are open. Seconded and approved by all



Vinal Pendexter



John Palmer



Margaret Aspinall