

Selectmen's Meeting October 12, 2005

Vinal Pendexter, Peggi Aspinall and John Palmer were present for the meeting. Minutes of prior meeting and the accounts payable and payroll warrant were reviewed and signed.

Selectmen read letter of complaint from Kenneth Donnell to Cornish Association of Businesses regarding incidents that occurred during the preparations for the Apple Festival.

Reviewed estimate of HVAC Services of Westbrook for work to straighten out the furnace problems at Heli Modified. Selectmen noted that the furnace has not worked properly since the time of installation. Motion was made to approve the work to be done on the heating system at Heli Modified. Seconded and approved by all.

Board of Selectmen reviewed a new consent decree drafted by Shepard & Read, Attorneys at Law representing Carl and Sharon Roney. The Selectmen decided to have the consent decree reviewed by the lawyer that drafted the original consent decree between the Town and Hanscom-Bathe. A motion was made to have the decree reviewed by the lawyer that handled the original decree for his review prior to the Selectmen signing the decree. Seconded and approved.

The Selectmen accepted a letter of resignation from Mr. Tom Carper. He will no longer be available to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Motion was made to accept Mr. Carper's resignation. Seconded and approved.

Selectmen discussed removal of a dead tree in the road in back of Steven Smith's property on Main Street. John Palmer took a look at the tree and Vinal as well. Vinal contacted Jim Price to look at it and get back to Vinal with an estimate to take it down.

Peggi Aspinall asked for an update since last meeting on the Call's Enterprises outstanding balances. Vinal said he saw Mark Call and asked him to pay the bills. Mark said he'd consider it.

The Board of Selectmen set a date of Thursday, October 27, 2005 for the initial meeting of the Americans With Disabilities Act Committee. The meeting will be held at Pike Memorial Hall.

Two separate requests for rental of Pike Hall and the Fire Station were discussed. A motion was made to decline permission for use of Pike Hall for a Haunted House fundraiser for 4-H Club due to it being potentially abusive to the Hall and too many liability issues. Seconded and approved. Additionally, discussion of use of the Fire Barn's Truck Bay for a Halloween Dance was reviewed. It was decided not to let the Truck Bay be used for any purpose other than the Fire Department's use.

The Selectmen determined that due to rising costs of fuel oil a surcharge needs to be required with any request for use of both for Pike Hall and the Fire Barn. A motion was made effective October 1st there will be a surcharge of \$100 for fuel costs for any use of Pike Hall or the Fire Barn for months of October through May. Seconded and approved.

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A tree in an outlying cemetery which had been identified by Mr. Bleakney to be taken down has been taken care of by Price Tree Removal for \$200.

Diane Harrington presented a proposal in conjunction with neighboring towns for a one time recycling collection of "universal waste" and related hard to dispose of items. All towns participating will share in the advertising expense for the program. Selectmen approved the one time effort.

The criteria to be used in the process of determining the recipient of the Boston Post Cane was discussed and agreed upon by the Selectmen. A motion was made that the holder of the Boston Post Cane has to be a present resident of Cornish and have lived in Cornish for at least 20 years. A named Cane holder will continue to hold the cane if confined to a nursing facility.


Adoption of the General Assistance Ordinance Appendixes A-C 2005-2006 will take place at the October 26th Selectmen Meeting.

Dennis Mowry, Auditor for the Town submitted a draft of the audit for the Selectmen's review and input for the Selectmen's Forecast of Town Operation.

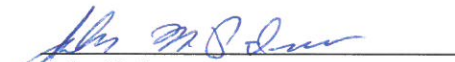
Diane presented Personal Property Rebate 801 forms for 2003 and 2004 New England Tool and Scientific Games which required Selectmen signature.

The status of the revaluation by Vision Appraisal was discussed.


Motion made to adjourn meeting. Seconded and approved.



Vinal Pendexter



John Palmer



Margaret Aspinall