

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Business Meeting
October 12, 2016**

Emily Ward, Daniel Sherman and Mathieu Cama were present for the Business Meeting.

The Selectmen met with Mr. Hartford concerning his Action Request Form about a letter saying that the abutters to his property on River Rd have a right of way. The Selectmen informed him that it would be in the deed, and referred him to his attorney.

Accounts payable, payroll warrant were reviewed and approved. Minutes from September 28 Business meeting where reviewed and need some correction.

The Bed Bug Report from the exterminator will be reported on at tomorrow nights Fairgrounds Meeting.

Dan asked Diann Perkins about the flood lights at the Fairgrounds. The flood lights are on and operate as motion activated.

Desirae will talk to Bill Call again about getting boxes of non perishable food for the Town Hall.

The recycling pickup was discussed and once the two containers are full they will be hauled away and we will have only one container.

The Historical Society CDBG bill for work to be done will not be paid until the work is done. The Historical Society will be reimbursed for the deposit as the work is completed.

The Selectmen discussed the wordage for the articles for the Public Informational Meeting and the Special Town meeting. Also having handouts for all the articles.

Peter Pawlowski assessed the Harrington lot at \$3300 but said that he would offer a dollar due to it being land locked, not a legal lot, and having no access to the road. Also the maintenance of the lot was discussed, the loaming, grassing, and mowing that will need to be done every year, as well as insurance.

The sign moratorium and who would work on the ordinance for the Land Use Ordinance book if this moratorium is voted in was discussed. The moratorium that Mat wrote will be used as a handout for the Informational Meeting. A draft will be sent to Maine Municipal Association for their opinion.

The draining of the Millpond was discussed. There is still water going through the dam gate and not enough water in the pond to use the dry hydrants for fire suppression purposes. Many of the dry hydrants are unusable because of the drought, causing concern

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about public safety. Emily will talk to Cliff Whitney about the water flowing through the gate.

The Selectmen met briefly with Pike Hall Committee and community members, Laura Carr, Diane Harrington, Sandra Howe, Joe Kendall, John MacIntyre, and Diann Perkins. Karen James was also in attendance to explain the Fire Marshalls plan. Dan has talked to John Watts from the Water District about the line between the water main and the building being to small. Karen is working on getting bids for the sprinkler and the fire alarm system.

Emily suggested contacting Poland Spring about contracting a tanker truck to deliver water in case of emergency. Emily also would like to meet with Bob Sturgeon about moving the dry hydrants since Bob is the person the Fire Chief deferred to as the authority on the matter. Once Bob assess the situation then there will be a meeting with the fire dept and the selectmen to formulate the plan. There was question about an easement from Maine Department of Transportation.

Mat motioned that a public update concerning the drought and how it relates to town citizens be made. It was decided the fire department should provide this update and that the town office would if none was otherwise provided. Dan seconded. All in favor. Mat is to contact the Fire chief.

The signs at the Thompson Street dry hydrants site have been covered and then uncovered, and the cones had been stacked. The draining of the Mill Pond and the tampering of the signs and cones is going to be investigated by the various state authorities.

S.A. MacLean offered to loan the Town use of a 2500 gallon tanker truck for no charge as long as the Town insured the truck. There are currently 4 trucks that carry water at the Fire Barn holding roughly 5000 gallons between them.

Mat motioned to accept S.A. MacLean's offer of loaning the tanker truck. Motion was not carried and alternative solutions such as, moving the hydrants and contracting with a supplier for a larger amount of water was to be investigated further.

Karen James spoke with the Selectmen about a handout showing the timeline of the Pike Hall plans; she will work on this. Also a handout of the plans. She also asked if the plans could be projected on the wall at the Fire Barn during the meeting. Emily will talk to Dan Vaillancourt about renovation plans cost.

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Sacopee Rescue ARF's concerns need to be addressed with the Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors. Template letter will be sent in answer to each ARF.

A generator was given to the Fire Department i.e. Town by the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP). A trailer for the generator to be placed in was also provided under a separate FEPP agreement. The generator provides 35KW of power. There is currently a generator with 30KW of power. Having two large and portable generators on hand will allow for backup power at two crucial infrastructure sites simultaneously should the need arise. The trailer will be loaned to us for two years then it will belong to the town. The insurance cost for the generator was discussed, along with annual maintenance and upkeep.

The Selectmen discussed meeting more frequently with the Firemen to better communications. Desirae will contact Scott about meeting on November 16 at 6:30PM.

It was suggested that the Selectmen's Business meeting on November 23 be moved to November 30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Mat motioned to accept this decision. Dan seconded. All in favor.

Mat motioned to secure legal counsel per MMA's and various other state and county agencies recommendation concerning the non-permitted draining of the Mill Pond, the ensuing safety emergency as a result of the draining, as well as for purpose of proactively protecting the Town's interests in the matter. Motion not carried. And discussion was that since the Town was not intending to seek legal action and was not aware of any proposed action against the Town it was not currently necessary.

Peter assessed the DiBiaso property abutting the Fairgrounds and it is only worth \$3000 because only the abutters can utilize it. This was discussed further as it is not a legal lot and can only be sold to abutters. The lot needs to be plotted on the tax maps so that it can be taxed. Emily will ask Peter to assess the lot. Dan talked to Christina Howe the auditor about the Towns financial responsibility if the lot is gifted to the Town. It would need to be recorded in accounting as an asset.

Dan talked to Peter Fleweling on Saturday evening. Gus is not an option anymore. Dan also talked to David Fitzpatrick about the work on the ridge cap at the Fire Barn. He said the materials could be used; he would have to be more diligent about applying the cocking. David might have a window of opportunity in 3 weeks to do the work, if not he would be available mid-February. There was no dollar amount discussed.

Still no word about the 4 or 5 Town meeting.

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Dan talked to Mark Richardson about the painting of the outside of Pike Hall. He said it was too late this year. The painting will be revisited sometime in April.

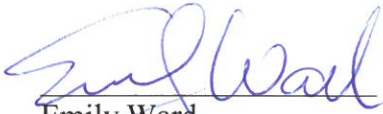
Emily asked for help painting the last 9 sections of the Thompson Park fence. She also reported that there was a broken picket and Tim will pick it up to repair it.

The Selectmen entered Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (F)

Executive Session Ended

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

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