

Selectmen's Meeting October 5, 2011

Vinal Pendexter and Nancy Perkins were present for the meeting. Peggi Aspinall is on vacation.

Marlene Lavonia met with Selectmen to request a letter of support to bring the railroad up to Cornish station. (Letter must be sent to DOT by October 21st.) The railroad has been improved and is usable up to South Windham. The 113 Corridor Group is going for a \$13,000,000 grant to continue improvements from South Windham up to Cornish Station. Sample letters and a packet of information left for selectmen to review. Motion made to table a decision until next meeting when Peggi returns from vacation and has an opportunity to review the materials. Seconded and approved.

Warrants and Minutes reviewed and signed.

Jay Sanborn, Senior Class Advisor requests use of Thompson Park October 29th for a Halloween fundraiser. Selectmen suggested they move to the fairgrounds. Jay Sanborn will be asked to provide additional information regarding safety and supervision before a decision is made.

The upstairs bathrooms will be disabled so the electric heaters can be shut off in Pike Hall.

Cornish Historical Society asked and was approved to use the lower level of Pike Hall for their meeting on October 18th.

Diane contacted three (3) tree removal companies with arborists to provide estimates for removal and repairing the tree in Thompson Park. The estimates for the tree repair work by Jim Price \$150-\$200 and Colonial Tree Service \$360. Jim Price was selected. Diane will get estimates from Jim Price to prune the maple in front of Steve Smith's store and remove the limbs only and/or take down the maple in front of the old fire station.

A public hearing will be advertised for October 19th to adopt the General Assistance Appendices.

801's for CN Brown and GE Capital InfoTech were signed.

Elaine Capen feels she is entitled to get the 3% discount on real estate taxes for 2011. She claims she did not receive a tax bill and missed the 30-day discount period. Diane brought the issue to the selectmen for a determination. Selectmen agreed with Diane's established policy not to grant an extension of the discount period. Mrs. Capen will be sent a letter to inform her of the selectmen's decision to support the Tax Collector's policy.

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Cliff Sargent offered to make copies of an ecomaine flyer to be handed out at the Apple Festival September 19th. Cliff gave Diane an invoice for \$237.00 asking the Town to share the expense for 100 color copies done by The Inkwell. Selectmen requested Diane take the invoice to the next Recycling meeting and get them to approve paying it out of their account.

York County EMA's Emergency Preparedness Planner will be copied and made available for residents.

A pallet has to be constructed to ship back the damaged ladder purchased from Heiman Inc. Nancy will view the ladder at the fire station for an understanding of what's needed.

Selectmen drafted a letter to DOT requesting a review of the speed limit signs between Mason's Variety and Stone Ridge Restaurant because of the volume of traffic entering from opposite sides of the road and the current speed limits. Motion made that the letter be sent to Brian Keezer to initiate DOT revisiting the location of the speed limit signs. Seconded and approved.

The Cable Franchise Negotiations Committee will meet October 24th. The town representatives have read the proposed agreement and are to set the group's negotiating strategy. Our suggestions for the negotiations; require a clear definition of density. (Houses cannot be excluded that have dishes.) Build South Cornish from the Limerick Road to the Lowd Road and up Kimball Hill Road. Have a town official ride along when the density survey is done.

The Fairgrounds Committee approved a music festival fundraiser to be held at the fairgrounds on October 15th to benefit Greenhill Farm of Parsonsfield. Selectmen asked to be informed of the Committee's activities in a timely manner. Peggi will be asked to represent the selectmen at the fairgrounds meetings. The insurance coverage for the event needs to be reviewed by Scott Lovejoy.

Superintendent Sylvia Pease will be notified to expect a call requesting a site walk through Cornish Elementary by the Pike Hall Committee.

Nancy and Vinal will draft a memo to the Pike Hall Committee to define their roles and priorities.

Selectmen Pendexter and Perkins met with the Planning Board to clarify an inconsistency in the Land Use Dimensional Table.

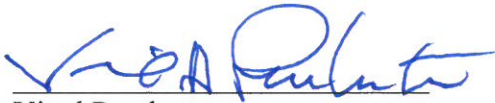
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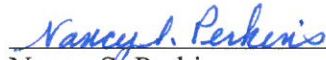
The consensus of those present at the meeting was that the "3 acres" in the Agriculture District meant "3 builders acres" not "3 conventional acres". As a result the Land Use Ordinance book has to be corrected.

When the Town Meeting happens for the Shoreland Zoning, the Planning Board can make the word modification under the Agriculture District for the "builders lot" and also make the date correction on the acceptance of the ordinance per Mike Morse.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.


Vinal Pendexter

Margaret P. Aspinall


Nancy S. Perkins