

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting  
December 11, 2013**

Vinal Pendexter and Dan Sherman were present for the meeting. Nancy participated by phone conference.

The Assessors Return for Tax Commitment – Six Months Transitional Budget January 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013 that Cornish selectmen voted to pay in five (5) yearly installments of \$7,340.96 is due. Motion made to follow through with the town commitment and pay the first installment and sign the Assessors Return. Seconded and approved.

Matt Bennett requested permission to move his meeting to the large room at the fire station (instead of the small conference room) citing behavioral problems of 3 of the Bear Scouts in his den. Selectmen asked Matt to meet with them to discuss the issues and continue use the small conference room until that time.

Lisa Libby requests use of the kitchen and large room at the fire station for the Sacopee Valley Health Center Holiday party for staff and their families on 1/11 or 1/25. Selectmen questioned what activities planned, alcohol served, number attending, supervision of children and residency. It was suggested she contact the school district.

Selectmen asked to run an ad to notify residents that the updated FEMA Flood maps are available for review at the town office. Diane asked selectmen for clarification on the wording of the ad before running it. Matt Cama, our EMA Director, will be asked for his input. Matt will be asked to attend the York County EMA meeting to familiarize himself with the maps and schedule a couple of sessions to meet with residents.

No Selectmen Meeting on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Selectmen and Diane scheduled Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to review the articles and budget items for 2014 budget.

Nancy proposed establishment of a "User Fee/Tax" in the form of a percentage or flat fee for Exempt properties to generate some income for the town. Each Exempt property will have its status reviewed as of April 1<sup>st</sup> using a form Selectmen will develop.

The abatement request for Exempt status on U03-027 from Cornish Library Association was discussed. Motion made based on MMA Legal response to our inquiry concerning the abatement the library requested, we proceed with the abatement, contingent upon having a Use Tax assessed to the property. Seconded and approved. Vinal will write the abatement response letter that is to include the stipulation that the library has definite plans to use property for a future expansion, if at any point that changes the exemption will be withdrawn, yours will be reviewed April<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The Town has \$350,000 to \$400,000 of tax revenue that has not come in yet. Selectmen discussed the need to be vigilant in collections.

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The date was set for Public Hearing and adoption of the Parking Ordinance on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm contingent upon Planning Board availability. A second Public Meeting will be held as well that night to discuss selection and location of a Cornish Veteran Monument.

The Pike Hall Drainage Project has not progressed since last meeting. Vinal spoke very briefly to Bob Sturgeon and Dan relayed that Pete Simard was emailed all the current information from Ken Wood to review but has not received a response. Consideration being given to Bob and Pete's feedback on whether or not the project needs a comprehensive RFP, at a cost of \$2,000 from ATTAR Engineering, Inc., or use of the plans and materials list already drawn up, or possibly a combination of both.


Beth Bonanno of New Settlement Road in Hiram wrote to express her view on the deteriorating condition of 2 glaring eyesores along Main Street and requested any explanation of why it's allowed to continue. Vinal offered to write an amiable letter to each property owners. Our code enforcement officer will be given a copy of B. Bonanno's letter to research our Land Use Ordinance under the Historic District code for enforcement suggestions.

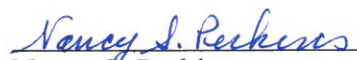
Maine Municipal Employee Health Insurance premium increased \$22.23 per month for 2014. The increase will be addressed at the employee review in January.


David Whitney asked why last year's brush issue on Hessian Hill Road hasn't been addressed by the Road Commissioner. He proposed he'd do the trimming and invoice the Road Commissioner if the Road Commissioner doesn't have time to do it. David will be asked to mark locations requiring attention for the Road Commissioner.

Warrants for Accounts payable and Payroll along with the 12/11 Meeting minutes were reviewed and signed.

Meeting adjourned.

  
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Vinal Pendexter

  
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Nancy S. Perkins

  
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Daniel Sherman