

## Selectmen's Meeting December 22, 2004

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Meeting was called to order at 7p.m.

Meeting opened with a review of the warrant and approval of minutes from 12/08/04 meeting.

First item on the agenda was the Thompson Park Grille application for their liquor license. The restaurant will be adding a breakfast shift increasing the hours of operation. Grease trap system has been installed and inspected by the DEP. The electrical and gas has been updated or improved for safety and ease of cleaning. Will have a physical report from the Health Inspector on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Will open December 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Peggi Aspinall made a motion to approve Jeremiah Winters' liquor license for Thompson Park Grille subject to the approval of all State inspections being acceptable. Approved by all.

Scott Pingree updated the Selectmen on the pending questions regarding the Tower Grant acquired by Sam Gilpatrick. The Fire Department will not be required to have a Town Meeting for a Town vote. The project will need to be invoiced by mid-March, but does not require funds be dispersed at that time. Expected start of project is 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January. The small tower has already been taken down and the big tower will remain until new tower is completed. Contractors will be presenting supplements to Sam Gilpatrick.

Discussion of the Fire Barn project touched on the exterior lights being too bright, the additional money the Fire Department is using for the heating of 3 bldgs. Suggestion made to move the truck up to the new barn to reduce number of building being heated.

Cindy and Harry Eddy owners of Heli Modified met with the Selectmen to discuss their new lease agreement for 2005. Negotiations pursued. Motion made to revise the contract to a .50 increase to \$4.00/sq.ft. the first year and .25 per year thereafter. The contract will have a 2 year lease with 3 consecutive 1 year options. Also to be included in the contract will be a clause for purchase of the facility. The Selectmen will have the authority to sign the contract at a later date. Motion approved by those present.

The Eddy's requested an appraisal of the facility be done. It was agreed to split the expense of an appraisal 50/50 between the Eddys and the Town. A draft of the new terms for the contract will be drawn up by John Cleveland.

A review of the letter drafted by Peggi Aspinall regarding unauthorized sand/salt use brought up the issue of liability to the Town in case of an accident at the shed. Vinal Pendexter indicated four requirements need to be met; 1. Certificate of Liability Insurance and Workman's Comp insurance proof must be provided. 2. Honor system to be installed for quantity used. 3. Users to pay the Town a specified rate per yard. 4. Post a sign up sheet at the shed to be filled out by people taking sand/salt to be used for billing purposes. Peggi made a motion that the Selectmen send out a letter to the individuals notifying them that they will be charged for the use of the sand/salt.

A meeting needs to be set up for all to meet with Howard Hanning regarding the Planning for Mass Destruction. The plan is to schedule for a Tuesday or Thursday meeting.

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Vinal Pendexter proposed the Selectmen sponsor an article for the Town Warrant to set aside \$5000 per year to work on repairing or replacing the sidewalks in Cornish that are in need of work. Vinal agreed to write the article.

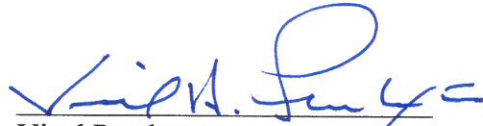
Peggi asked for an update on the parking issues with High Street that had been raised earlier and were awaiting a response from DOT. Vinal was not able to get a response from DOT. Currently the people parking on both sides of the street has created problems for cars trying to get through. During a snow storm the snow plows need both sides of High Street clear for the plows to get through. NO PARKING signs to be made and put on the park side of High Street.

Diane presented an ordinance for General Assistance that will require a Public Hearing to be voted on. A notice of Public Hearing on agenda for the next Selectman's meeting was approved.

An article for the warrant submitted by a resident of Cornish was reviewed by the Selectmen. The Selectmen refused the article because the action being requested is illegal. MMA suggested a course of action to be followed in responding to the article request. Diane will send the resident a letter of response to inform him of his options in pursuing his request.

A review of the current invoices requiring approval for the Fire Barn were presented by Diane.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

  
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Vinal Pendexter

  
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John Palmer

  
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Margaret Aspinall