

## Selectmen's Meeting February 16, 2005

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Meeting was called to order at 7p.m. The minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting along with the payroll and accounts payable warrants were reviewed and approved.

Russell Bleakney, president of the Cemetery Commission presented the Selectmen with three items to be discussed and approved. 1. Pease cemetery is a perpetual care cemetery and has a large tree that needs to come down. He requested the funds to have the tree taken down. Vinal wants to use a local person to do the work i.e. Chris Calnan rather than a tree service. 2. To have some maintenance work done at the cemetery throughout the summer. David was proposed as the person to do the work. Vinal proposed that the monies be used from the Outlying Cemetery fund. 3. Veteran's flag holders needed for the gravesites with a cost of \$5.00 for plastic or \$25.00 for metal. Plastic will not rust and is actually preferred. Russell Bleakney requested the Town absorb the cost of the flag holders. John Palmer made a motion to accept all three proposals and allow Russell to move ahead with it. Motion seconded and approved.

Greg Wilfert and Ed Klosowski, representing CAB, presented a proposal to install seasonal restrooms in village area. CAB is seeking the Town's approval for the project and the cost of the excavation work to be covered by the Town. The remaining expenses of the project along with the ongoing maintenance, cleaning, and sewer/water fees to be absorbed by CAB. Mr. Wilfert proposed that the water bill go to the Cornish Sewer System and they would then get CAB to pay and also the Sewer bill above the minimum (the Town pays \$270) will be paid by CAB. Mr. Wilfert estimates the cost of excavation to be no more than \$500 (the cost of a water line to a house). John Palmer would like to include a dry hydrant in the facilities and Greg Wilfert didn't see a problem with including the dry hydrant in the project. Vinal requested that CAB speak to the Woman's Guild and discuss the proposals with them and gain their approval. CAB to also provide the Selectmen with estimates of the excavation work to dig only for the sewer and water lines. Tabled until the requests have been met and they are ready to present their findings to the Selectmen.

Next on the agenda was to take some action on the revaluation bid as presented by VISION Appraisal Technology. Discussion pursued with Peggi Aspinall confirming that VISION does all the bridge work. She was concerned about that aspect of the project, but those concerns have been laid to rest. John Palmer made a motion that the Town employ the services of VISION Appraisal Technology. Vinal asked that Elaine draft a letter to notifying them.

Vinal Pendexter informed that Selectmen of a letter received by the Planning Board notifying them that Henry Holmes' Village Station Project has met all the requirements necessary to go ahead with his project.

Vinal presented an ad created by Tom Carper for the Comprehensive Plan to be put into the Shopping Guide.

Vinal was approached by someone asking permission to go ahead with a plan to take down and burn a shack that the Parkers and Nelsons abutt. The families indicate the dwelling has been abandoned for many years and is falling apart and unsafe. Vinal asked the Selectmen to deem the property "condemned" which would legally allow them to take it down for safety reasons.

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Peggi made a motion that the Selectmen condemn the shack on the property and allow the families to proceed with plans to tear it down and have the Fire Department use it as a practice burn.

John Palmer asked if a decision had been made on whom to dedicate the Town Report to this year. After some discussion on the subject, it was decided to put some more thought into it. Frank Smith provided some additional photographs for the Selectmen to review for the cover of the Annual Report. The Selectmen were able to agree on a photograph.

Diane Harrington asked for clarification on use of the money from the Thompson Park accounts. Peggi made a motion that all money from the accounts is grant money and must be used for capital improvements only. Motion seconded and approved.

The Fire Department's Maintenance Account was not listed in the town report as a perpetual account the past two years but the account balance was actually carried forward. Diane questioned this discrepancy. Vinal said the account was made a perpetual account some time ago and continues to be so until it is voted down at some point in time. Diane asked that it be stated as such in all future articles of the Town Warrant.

John Cleveland and Scott Pingree were present. John began with a discussion of the balance of work remaining on the new Fire Station. John Cleveland reviewed the current invoices due for the Selectmen approval. Invoices included; WL Sturgeon (snow plowing thru 12/31/04), True Value Hardware (paint and supplies), KAMCO (Door and Glass for Door), CMP, Mike's Drywall and Blo Bros. A decision on preference of floor tile layout was needed in order for the contractor to begin work on the floor layout. It was decided to lay the tile on a 90 degree angle. Communications room requires a decision on whether to build in work surfaces or use free-standing furniture. No decision was made at this time and will get back to John Cleveland once it is reached. Additionally, the air line needs to be run for the compressor and fire trucks to access. The status of Finnen Construction work remaining was also reviewed. John Cleveland presented lien waiver forms for both vendor and contractor for the Selectmen to review and approve for use. He requested that all vendors/contractors be required to sign off on the waiver, Diane can notarize them before we make final payments. A motion was made to authorize John Cleveland to work with Diane Harrington to pay vendors and process the lien waivers. Motion seconded and approved.

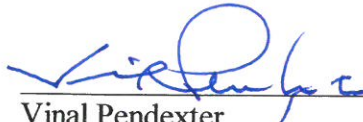
Diane had two questions requiring the Selectmen's input on the town's budget. First question was regarding amount of money raised for Thompson Park's care (we only asked for \$350). Expenses have exceeded that each year. Selectmen said it is too late for anything to be done this year, need to bring it up next year before the Budget Committee meets.

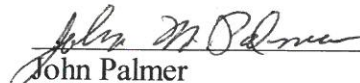
Secondly, the snow removal from around Thompson Park has not had money raised to pay the expenses. Diane asked the Selectmen for their direction on what account to draw from to pay it. Vinal told her to pay it the same way it had been paid last year, which was out of Road Snow Removal account.

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A review of outstanding items from prior meetings showed that Vinal will still need to talk with Bobby Libby regarding property abutting Industrial Park land, Scott Pingree has the EMA Survey and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Survey to complete and turn over to office for typing, and Diane Harrington to complete a search of UCC for possible liens on new Fire Station property.

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