Selectmen's Meeting January 2, 2008

Vinal Pendexter, Nancy Perkins, and Peggi Aspinall were present for the meeting.

Accounts payable and payroll warrants and the minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and signed.

The Fire Chief informed the Selectmen that the newly appointed EMA Director has received the EMA pager from outgoing director Mark Laigle.

Reviewed the volunteers for the Budget Committee that will meet on January 15th at 7 pm. The selectmen will meet on Tuesday, January 8th to review the drafts of warrant articles submitted to the office for the Budget Committee. An article submitted requesting the board of selectmen be increased from 3 to 5 was discussed. Selectmen asked for clarification from MMA based on the fact that Cornish does have a Charter; is a 5 member board typical for a population the size of Cornish; the selectmen's control over articles submitted.

Selectmen set Sunday January 6th to meet to review and process the abatements.

An 801 Assessors Notification for Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services was signed.

General Assistance reports covering November and December activity were signed.

Diane relayed a complaint she received to the selectmen regarding large amount of salt being taken from the sand/salt shed. A discussion of the procedure in place for tracking sand/salt taken by individual contractors followed. Vinal was asked to inform the individual to log their usage and submit payment at the end of the plowing season.

Nancy will meet with Norm MacIntyre on Monday and will update selectmen at next meeting.

Nancy asked why the towers in town are not fenced in per state regulation. She will investigate and report back.

Survey of surrounding towns found that they are paying planning board members \$10 per meeting or nothing at all. A discussion followed of the article amount approved to pay their stipends, how the amount of \$30 Chairman/\$20 Full time member was determined, and if they are to be paid for meetings and workshops or meetings only. Motion was made to pay the planning board members \$10.00 per monthly meeting and workshop which is the norm for the surrounding area. Seconded and approved.

The articles submitted to the town office for consideration of the Budget Committee meeting were read and discussed by the selectmen.

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Dennis Mowry submitted the contract for the 2008 town audit. Motion made to enter into this agreement. Seconded and approved.

A letter of complaint from Leona Chasse regarding emissions from an outside wood furnace was addressed. Mrs. Chasse will be sent a letter informing her to contact the D.E.P. with her issues and a copy of newly passed legislation regarding outside wood furnaces to be enclosed.

Nancy was informed of the Heli Modified letter discussed at the prior meeting. A letter will be sent to Heli Modified stating they are not to take any action until the selectmen have clarification/authorization from the Director of the CBDG Program.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Margaret Aspinall

Nancy Ferkins