

## Selectmen's Meeting March 1, 2006

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present.

Steve Mellen was on the agenda for tonight's meeting to review the terms of his contract and discuss compensation for excessive diesel fuel costs. Vinal read the clause in the contract for those present and explained that the burden of proof falls to Mr. Mellen. Steve Mellen presented the 18 month usage/ cost increase statistics for the selectmen. Selectmen requested time to go over the figures before making a determination in the matter. Mr. Mellen requested a report of MERC tonnage totals for the 18 months he's been under contract with the town.

The selectmen and Steve Mellen discussed the white goods vs brown goods collection and what each entails as well as a possible electronics goods pick up being scheduled for this year.

Steve Mellen asked the selectmen to review an ad he'd like to run reminding residents to put their trash curbside in order to be picked up. He has experienced problems in getting people to put their trash at the side of the road rather than 10 to 15 ft into their yard. Selectmen agreed.

The Cornish Parks and Recreation Committee has asked David Brandt to draft a proposed lease for the Cemetery's property that the committee has been investing monies into upgrading. The selectmen read the draft and discussed the details of the proposed lease agreement. A motion to support the letter to Riverside Cemetery was made. Seconded and approved. Vinal will call David Brandt to let him know the selectmen voted to support the letter.

Robert Millard submitted a letter of response to the request of Terri Matthews (discussed at our 02/15/06 meeting) for review by the selectmen prior to sending it out. The letter was read and discussed. A motion was made to approve R. Millard's letter to be sent out. Seconded and approved.

Grey Barn Nurseries wrote the selectmen a letter of concern regarding the revaluation letter he received for commercial property. Vinal said he'd call Ed Klosowski.

Bids received in response to the ad to clean Pike Hall were reviewed. A discussion of needed maintenance of the main floor ceiling of Pike Hall pursued. The motion was made to accept Dora Day's bid to clean Pike Hall. Seconded and approved.

Peggi Aspinall presented the results of her research on the Oreck vacuum being considered for ongoing use at Pike Hall. The selectmen put the decision on hold pending further investigation.

John Palmer will work to coordinate a time with the family of Ethel Osgood and the selectmen to determine when to present the Boston Post Cane to her.

The selectmen reviewed several requests for use of Pike Hall and the new Fire Barn. Permission was granted for the Sacopee Performing Arts to use Pike Hall May 13/14 – with a requested donation from the group to be put into the town's ADA fund for improvements.

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Debra Baker's requested use of the Fire Barn as a drop off location for the area's Girl Scout Cookie delivery and distribution to troop leaders was approved. The selectmen declined use of the Fire Barn for a nonresident's request for an April 1<sup>st</sup> bridal shower. It was suggested that she contact the S. Hiram Fire Department and request use of their facility.

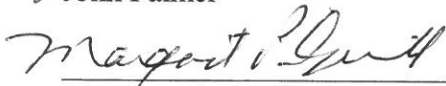
Debra Ross would like to rent the wooden chairs from Pike Hall. The selectmen discussed the matter and decided not to rent out the chairs.

Diane presented a draft of the town report to the selectmen and asked them to review it. She also gave the selectmen the current status report from Vision Appraisal for their information.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by all.

  
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Vinal Pendexter

  
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John Palmer

  
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Margaret Aspinall