

Selectmen's Meeting March 12, 2008

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

Payroll and accounts payable warrants and minutes from meeting on 2/27 were reviewed and approved.

Fairgrounds Advisory Board requested permission to hold a bake sale during municipal elections and town meeting on March 17th. Motion made to approve the request.

Molly Nelson and John Pease submitted a Public Market Certification form stating they are residents of Cornish. Motion made to sign the form.

The Girl Scout Cookie distribution at the fire barn on March 4th was not without issues. Town Office received complaints that were brought to the selectmen's attention at the meeting. Nancy volunteered to meet with Debbie Baker and get her perspective of what happened that day before any action is taken. Motion made to contact Debbie Baker and ask her to meet with Nancy.

Capital Improvement Authorization form was approved for photocopy expense related to grant writing done by Norm MacIntyre on the ADA project.

Abatement request letters and supplementals were signed for the D. Swett/Sisson Trust legal decision, a supplemental on Jornat and J. Sanborn property (building applied to incorrect property), abatement for J. Lynch, abatement for Prescott (remove outbuildings), and Walton (reclassification of shed to outbuilding). 180-day window to process abatements has passed. Diane asked the selectmen what action she should take regarding B. Burt's abatement awaiting further information he's to supply. Selectmen advised her no action on her part is required.

Nancy asked Vinal for names of Commercial appraisers. Vinal suggested she contact Northeast Appraisal, Paul Cloutier or Brian Disken who lives up in Sweden. An RFP should be drafted and sent out in the coming weeks.

A section of Long Pond Road was blocked off for several days due to Days' logging the Creelman property creating problems for several residents on the road. The Road Commissioner was contacted and explained that he was aware of the logging work and actually assisted the loggers in the removal of troublesome trees along the edge of the Long Pond Road. Nancy suggested she call the residents impacted and apologize for the inconvenience and explain that there was miscommunication on many fronts. In the future the Town office and affected residents will be notified in advance of a road closing and the duration of the project.

Motion made to go into Executive Session I.M.R.S.A. 405(6)(F) General Assistance case#3 discussed. Motion made to resume selectmen's meeting.

Nancy Perkins expressed an interest in applying for grant program DOT monies to pay for a guardrail project at the turn on Route 25 at Towles Hill Road.

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Selectmen discussed the School Budget Meeting highlights for Peggi.

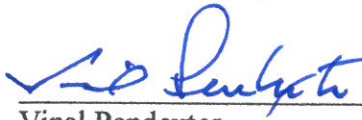
The BETR and BETY Personal Property programs and the differences between them were discussed. It was clear that more information on administering the programs is needed. The State is not providing training. The State indicated it would train a group of towns if they organized and made the request. Nancy will be at Southern Maine Regional Planning tomorrow and see what she can glean from them on the subject.

Pictures of caved in roofs due to the snow accumulations were looked at. Nancy emailed Maine Municipal with questions regarding the law pertaining to condemn a property. The "Corn Cob Shop" has incurred severe roof damage this winter and will need to be demolished. Nancy suggested a notification letter be drafted and run by MMA before sending it out to the owners of the property. Vinal's first concern is that the property owner needs to secure the building to prevent injury to anyone.

Vinal asked to discuss shingling the roof of Pike Memorial Hall. Decisions need to be made before RFP can be sent out. We need to figure out what type of materials we want to use, do we want to supply the materials or have contractor supply them, do we use local contractors, identify issues of clean up and disposal of old shingles.

Nancy asked about the status of the Roland Scott case. No verdict as yet. The Town/Code Enforcement Officer needs to ask to have added to the ruling a stipulation specifying that the legal expenses may be attached to the property.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.



Vinal Pendexter



Margaret Aspinall



Nancy Perkins