

## **Selectmen's Meeting March 16, 2005**

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Meeting was called to order at 7:15p.m.

Sylvia Pease, Superintendent of Schools, informed the Selectmen of a 4.6% increase over the '04/'05 school budget. Cornish's portion for the '05/'06 school budget will be increasing by 3.8%.

Phil Lovejoy of Lovejoy Insurance reviewed the Town's coverage on municipal buildings. Mr. Lovejoy to investigate the replacement cost of: the Grandstand at the fair grounds and Heli Modified and present the figures to the Selectmen for a determination. Old fire station's coverage is currently on the Fire department but will revert to the Town as soon as the new fire station is occupied. Discussion of liability coverage for the Cornish Recreation field ended up with Mr. Lovejoy to talk with Rich Ruhlin.

John Cleveland provided overview of the fire station. The carpenter's work remaining was discussed. John recommended the Town tell Finnen to stay home and hire another carpenter to complete the remaining work. Scott, Vinal, and a contractor to finish the work will do a "punch list" of remaining items to be done. Vinal will get the list to John Cleveland in the next few days. A motion was made to stop paying Finnen Contruction as he's defaulted on his contract and use remaining money from contract to pay a carpenter to finish remaining work. Seconded and approved.

A discussion followed on Wadsworth Electric's invoices. He has been asked to submit a detailed breakdown on his invoices and of yet has not complied. Vinal told Mr. Cleveland not the pay the invoices until required breakdown of costs is received from Mr. Wadsworth. The invoice for the generator, which is on site and hooked up, was approved for payment.

Selectmen reviewed warrants for payroll and accounts payable. The minutes of meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> were read and approved.

Vinal received the bill of sale for the tower on Hessian Hill Road that the Fire department is taking over from DOT. Proposal has changed from what it was in the beginning; whereas we were going to get the tower and the land. Now we are only to get the tower. There is also an agreement here with the DOT that we maintain the tower and DOT has the right to use it if they want to. There is also a third agreement that a cell phone company (that has something on the tower) and the DOT's prior agreement with them that goes on for another 45 years. The DOT believes it will be taken off the tower in the next year or so as it provides analog service which is obsolete. Vinal has some concerns and wants to show the documents to the town's attorney before signing off on any of it.

The Selectmen received a letter of complaint from Rodney Gilpatrick regarding an incident with Diane Perkins and her voicing publicly her displeasure with their use of the fairgrounds. It had been used for a charitable snowmobile benefit.

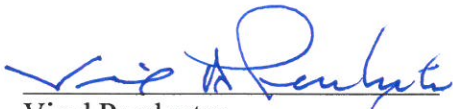
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The deed for the fire house lot was received along with a commitment for title insurance and a bill for \$1,725 for the title insurance. Diane asked where to take the money from and Vinal told her to use Contingency account from the new fire station.

Diane informed the Selectmen that she had received a Homestead Exemption Reimbursement and Ratio application. This year we have gone down again. The most we can take is 72.6% of the \$7,000. She told them the Town may contest the amount of the percentage if the Selectmen so desire.

In 2004 two items were paid out of the Contingency account that Diane felt should have been taken out of the designated funds for Heli Modified and asked permission to make correcting entries. She was told to go ahead and take the money out of the designated account for Heli Modified and put it in Contingency account.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and approved.

  
Vinal Pendexter

  
John Palmer

  
Margaret Aspinall