## Town of Cornish Selectmen's Meeting March 19, 2014

Nancy Perkins, Dan Sherman and Emily Ward were present for the meeting.

First order of business following the Annual Town Meeting is to elect a Chair of Selectmen. Motion made to Nominate Nancy Perkins as Chair of Selectmen. Seconded and approved.

Warrants for Accounts Payable and Payroll and the meeting minutes from March 5<sup>th</sup> were read. Motion made to approve and sign warrants and minutes. Seconded and approved.

Two requests to use the fire station presented:

- Lisa Pease asks for May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to hold a baby shower. Motion made to approve the request with stipulations, \$100 refundable security deposit and provide a Certificate of Insurance for the date.
- Kay Blake requests use of the fire station to hold Sewing/Quilting workshops the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month for 2 hrs in the evening. Kay will be asked for alternatives to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays.

Town Mowing Specifications updated for the 2014 bid process. Motion made to accept the specification changes to the contract and advertise request for bids in the Shopping Guide. Bids will be due back April 9<sup>th</sup>. Seconded and approved.

Tentative dates of April 5<sup>th</sup> or April 12<sup>th</sup> set for Selectmen site visits to review of properties for April 1<sup>st</sup> valuation.

Bay Haven II liquor license application submitted by Rob Norris reviewed against prior year's application. Changes noted were manager's place of birth and birth date need to be corrected. Motion made to approve the application with corrections made. Seconded and approved.

4H wrote the Town to request funds. Response letter that explains the Town Budget process will be drafted and sent.

Dan Sherman proposed that Selectmen Meetings start at 6pm instead of 7pm. Motion made to change the regular Selectmen meeting time from 7pm to 6pm every other week. Seconded and approved.

Nancy proposed that selectmen rotate being available to townspeople the first Saturday of the month while the office is open. Will be an agenda item for next meeting.

Confirmation received from Ron Silvia that Time Warner agreed to pay the District \$5,000 to satisfy the outstanding claim for the communication devices (know as the black box) that were never delivered by Adelphia when they had the contract. TV2 will purchase a mobile device to broadcast from any location with Internet connection.

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The settlement opens the door to Contract Negotiations with Time Warner. The 5 Towns asked Time Warner to reduce the current density requirement to something less than the 15 houses per mile allowing more homes potentially to have access to cable.

Ron Collins and Jonathan Kinney's letters will be added to the application for grant monies that are available from Connect ME. The next round of the application process will be in April. Mr. Kinney suggested getting a petition from residents that live on roads that do not have the ability for access. Dan will stay on top of it.

An additional source of grant monies through the FCC to expand broadband in underserved areas is being pursued through Colin Haley of GWI in Biddeford on our behalf.

Road resurfacing work is planned for Long Pond Road, Pound Hill Road, and Pavilion Road this year. Bob Sturgeon will be asked to the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting to revisit tree trimming.

Selectmen will pursue signing a 1-year contract with Sacopee Rescue. MMA Legal weighed in on Sacopee Rescue retaining the Capital Account funds. The law states the Town is to retain the funds raised, per Statute Title 30A 5801 and 5802. Language needs to be written that specifies the purpose of the Capital Account; i.e. for a vehicle or equipment (set specific dollar amount on equipment).

Van Gundy Insurance has not replied to our inquiry regarding their coverage for amateur riders/participant in events. Fairgrounds Committee asked to revisit the policy of the rent including heat. Fence installation to be done as weather permits at the fairgrounds. Dan plans to set up a site walk/inspection of the rental property by selectmen at the next Fairgrounds meeting.

Matt Cama is scheduled to meet with DOT representative and review the signage that will be installed at Krista's and Bonney Memorial Library. Additional trouble spots were identified that require installation of signage at Thompson Park (the last slot before the fire hydrant on Route 25 is NO Parking and needs to be marked), the High Road (one side of the road needs to be NO Parking), the corner of Thompson St. and Fiddle Lane (going up Fiddle Lane the 1<sup>st</sup> place needs to be NO Parking). Dan will meet with Matt to see if additional locations will be included in DOT's installation of signage.

As soon as weather permits, railing needs to be installed along one side of the back entrance walkway of Pike Memorial Hall.

Selectmen were asked to review the Wadsworth abatement application and support documents ahead of the next meeting.

Outstanding real estate taxes discussed briefly and will be revisited in the near future.

Motion made that the Town recognize Vinal's 24 years of service to the town in the next issue of Your Weekly Shopping Guide. Seconded and approved.

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Motion made to adjourn meeting.

Nancy S. Perkins

Daniel Sherman

Emily A. Ward