

MINUTES: SELECTMEN'S MEETING - MARCH 23, 1992

Present: Carlton Candage, Vinal Pendexter, Donald Jack, Bob D'Alessandro, Ann Bennett, Laurie Downey

1. Meeting called to order by Carlton Candage.
2. Ann Bennett and Laurie Downey proposed starting a Farmers' Market at Thompson Park on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. starting Memorial Day until Halloween, weather permitting. They would form a Farmers' Market Association which would meet and be responsible for spaces and upkeep. Fees from Association memberships would be used for overhead costs. They see this as a way to sell some locally grown produce, crafts and prepared foods (jams, jellies, pickles) on market day. The intention is to keep the vendors local, i.e., S.A.D. #55 area. There is a Farmers' Market in Limerick, but people from this area rarely go as it is a little too far away. For the first year it is estimated that there would be six to ten vendors; probably 10-20 total. They request the Park because it is a central location. Selectmen suggested that it might be a traffic hazard and expressed concern that others have commented on other occasions where people crush flowers and run through the Park. Ms. Bennett and Ms. Downey then suggested closing off the connecting road between the Park and High Road. Selectmen wondered who would direct where traffic parks and what would happen during Apple Festival. Ms. Bennett and Ms. Downey said that Apple Festival weekend would mean seeking another location. Board wondered if Pike Hall lawn would be a better choice resulting in reduced traffic congestion and affording parking in lot. But first the Selectmen would have to determine if there are any stipulations about designated Town Hall usage. Using the building would require a fee, but an outdoor market would not. The Planning Board would be consulted. The Farmers' Market would have their own liability insurance of \$500,000 with a \$500 deductible. In ten years of farmers' markets in Maine there has only been one lawsuit where one elderly person broke a leg stepping in a pot hole. Selectmen said they would entertain the proposal in about two weeks.
3. Veteran Exempt for Property Tax Form was accepted for Wesley Candage.
4. Carlton Candage made motion to appoint Charlene Humphrey Registrar of Voters. Seconded. Unanimous.
5. Carlton Candage made motion to appoint himself Chairperson of Board of Selectmen. Board discussed duties of the chairperson: make sure deposits are timely; correspondence; agenda items; taxes and educational funding;

revenue sharing; taxation (with equal time shared by all); new building permits; abatements divided equally. Vinal Pendexter nominated himself. Tabled until later in evening.

6. Abatement for Robert Richmond signed by Selectmen.

7. Town has been asked by Dean Richards if they would take on some girls from Merrymeeting Farms to help around Town Hall washing windows and such. In the past they helped as filing clerks. Objective is to mainstream them into society. They would not be hired by the Town; no fee would be levied on the Town; no liability to Town. Selectmen suggested receiving State and Federal guidelines for release form before they come here. Donald Jack wondered if they would ask Town for a donation further in the future because they will be saving the Town money.

8. Proposal submitted from Bob's Landscaping for mowing Town Hall lawn and Park. It was pointed out that Frederick Hayes has been shoveling walkways to help pay off his taxes. The Selectmen must talk with Mr. Hayes to see if he will be mowing lawns also. Carry over until Mr. Hayes is contacted.

9. The decision to waive the appointment of an Animal Control Officer has been repealed by the State.

10. The Bicentennial Committee has asked permission to use the Town's Bulk Rate Permit for mailing their fliers. The cost would be covered by their account. They merely want to take advantage of the reduced rate the Bulk Rate Permit affords. Further requests for using the Bulk Rate Permit would need to be considered case by case. Donald Jack suggested looking at the 1983 or 1984 Annual Town Meeting report for specifics on how the bicentennial money is to be spent. Motion made to allow Bicentennial Committee to use Bulk Rate Permit for their mailings at their expense. Seconded. Unanimous.

11. On March 13 the Town received voter registration notification from a community in Florida for Marilyn McCulloch. On March 20 Ken Leavitt wrote to Board of Selectmen asking if this transfer of voter registration meant that Mrs. McCulloch was no longer a resident of Cornish and subsequently no longer eligible to serve on the Planning Board. Mr. Leavitt requested (1) that the Selectmen contact Mrs. McCulloch about her status; (2) that they appoint Barbara Ricker (who is currently alternate member of the Planning Board) to fill the remaining term in place of Mrs. McCulloch; (3) that Judy Matheson be reappointed to a five year term on the Board; and (4) that Selectmen

advertise for candidates to fill the two positions of alternates to the Planning Board. Selectmen determined that they must notify Marilyn McCulloch about her status and then contact Ken Leavitt. The Selectmen will have to advertise for all positions and consider all interested parties for two positions for alternate members and two other Planning Board members.

12. On March 13 Norm Watson called about two holes in a sewage pipe. Donald Jack said he would talk with him to determine further what he wants and to bring the Selectmen up to date at the next meeting.

13. Bolduc property R2-25-3 has duplicate assessment on property for 1991. Paid \$198.00 in taxes and shows \$198.00 tax due in error. Selectmen said they will get back to the Bolducs.

14. Commercial Union Insurance wants a response to a survey they did during an inspection on 2-12-92: (1) have a qualified fire extinguisher service contractor inspect all fire extinguishers in the Town Hall on an annual basis and tag them with the service date (this was assured by the Fire Department to be taken care of); (2) when the meeting/function room and balcony area of the Town Hall are to be used, make sure the two rear balcony stair doors are unlocked and stairways clear of debris to allow unobstructed means of egress to the outside of the building. Carlton Candage will take care of this item.

15. R 3-18A Love property assessed at \$20,000 more than purchase price of house. Not quite sure if there is new interest here. Carlton had called her.

16. Millard Solomon R8-9&9A wants his assessment reviewed; was told by his accountant he should be taxed as a farm.

17. Irving Sawyer called back about "pay by the bag for garbage." Vinal will call him.

18. Quit Claim Deed signed for Sharon Barriault.

19. Need an update from Dennis Mowry to help with Surplus figures; he will be invited to next meeting, April 6 by Carlton Candage.

20. Return to Appointment of Chairman of Board of Selectmen. Form must be filed with Secretary of State by April 15. Postpone decision until April 6 meeting.

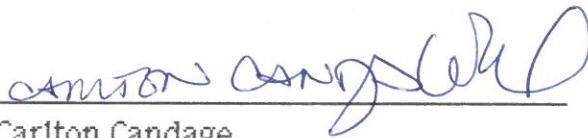
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21. New business: goals for year, set aside time for new ideas, concerns, information gathering; e.g., computer costs \$3,500/year, why, and what's the alternatives.

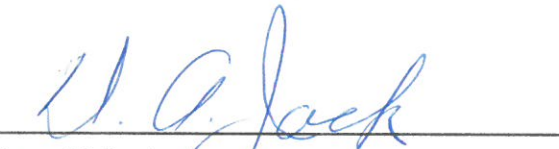
22. Oliver Proposal will require looking closely at documents.

23. Motion to adjourn meeting. Seconded. Unanimous.


Kathryn D. Albert
Secretary



Carlton Candage



Donald Jack



Vinal Pendexter