

## Selectmen's Meeting April 12, 2006

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present.

The Code Enforcement Officer was informed by the State Electrical Inspector that we as a Town do not have the right to issue electrical permits because we have not adopted Title 30A. Town documentation shows a history of permits being issued by the town for over 10 years. The State has informed CMP that Cornish no longer has authority to issue electrical permits. Electricians will contact CMP directly and gain authorization to do a hook up with out our knowledge or input.

Rob Millard did some research on the statutes and will get clarification from Maine Municipal Association. He feels we as a Town, have the right to appoint an electrical inspector. There are a few reasons why we should keep the electrical inspections in house, most importantly is the ability of the town to regulate authorization of electric service to property. Rob admitted he is not an electrician but does have the ability to recognize dangerous situations and know enough about the code to know what people are required to do. He doesn't feel the people of the town will get electrical inspections from the State because there is only one inspector for all of York County and Cumberland County.

Rob stated that he was not advocating that he do the inspections. He suggested that maybe the Town raise the fee so that a local electrician can do the inspections, although he was doubtful someone would be willing to give up \$60.00/hour for the permit fee of \$7.50.

Vinal asked Rob what he was able to find out from his conversations with other towns to see how they are handling the situation. As yet Rob has not had not spoken with any other towns but does plan to talk with a contact that covers Cumberland and Yarmouth, which do have electrical inspectors.

The selectmen were asked if they feel this is important enough to pursue or is this something to let go. The selectmen agree that the town needs to issue electrical permits because it's the last opportunity to get in the building and make sure it's safe before people move in. They were not comfortable making a decision prior to reviewing the comments from MMA and details of how other towns are handling the problem. Until a decision is made the selectmen asked Rob to work with the way the process is set up.

The warrants for payroll and accounts payable were reviewed along with the minutes from the last meeting. All were approved.

Peggi Aspinall asked for a status report on the ADA committee. On April 5<sup>th</sup> the ADA committee met with the engineering company and went over their plan for making the hall compliant to the ADA requirements. The group did a fact-finding tour of Pike Memorial Hall. Their engineering proposal will be forthcoming.

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York County Commissioners Court sent out a survey for the E911 PSAP and Emergency Services Dispatch. The selectmen designated it be completed by Scott Pingree.

Peggi Aspinall reviewed the minutes from the last SAD 55 Board meeting.

Selectmen read the official notification from York County Commissioners relative to our county tax. The amount due this year is \$50,711. It amounts to an increase of just over \$2,000 above last year.

Discussion of a beautification plan for the entrance at the back of the town office highlighted several issues to be addressed. Items to be addressed include power wash of backside of building, finish the trim around the entrance door and area above that is still missing the clapboard, possibly painting the cement the same color as the clapboard, and plant some shrubs. It was suggested Diane call Bill Hoxie to take a look at it and see if he would be interested and available to do the project.

A request for use of Pike hall by Terry Bolduc for a rehearsal dinner on 9/29/06 was reviewed. A possible conflict with the Historical Society use of the building for Apple Festival was noted. Diane will talk with the Historical Society to determine their needs before a decision is made whether or not to grant approval to Terry Bolduc.

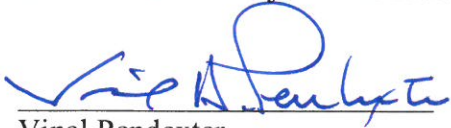
John Palmer noted that the State of Maine flag is looking tattered and needs replacing.


The chimney was inspected at the Odd Fellows Hall and did not pass inspection. A decision was made to install an alternative heat source.

Diane Harrington informed the selectmen that the Trio software upgrade to Windows is scheduled for the town office computers on April 20 and 21.

Diane also let them know she is talking with David Rowe of MERC to discuss the Town's options regarding the GAT as it currently stands.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by all.

  
Vinal Pendexter

  
John Palmer

  
Margaret Aspinall