

## Selectmen's Meeting April 13, 2005

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Bobby Sturgeon came before the Selectmen in his capacity as Road Commissioner to discuss roads/sidewalks in Cornish. Norman MacIntyre was present to discuss the sidewalk in front of his home. Vinal opened the discussion by informing those present that \$5,000 had been approved at the Town Meeting to begin the repairing/replacing process of sidewalks in Town. He suggested the first step needed to be an inspection and to rate problem areas. Bobby Sturgeon inspected the MacIntyre's sidewalk and wants to address it this year. Next area he would work on this year would be the sidewalk on Bridge Street. In both cases he would remove broken concrete sidewalks and pave the area as an extension of the road. Bobby would take care of the MacIntyre's sidewalk as part of the resurfacing of Old School Street.

High Street will need to wait to be resurfaced until next year because major drainage work will need to be included for the resurfacing project. Bobby Sturgeon stated that he felt both Old School Street sidewalks and resurfacing and Bridge Street sidewalk removal and paving could be done within the \$5000 approved for the work.

Final area of discussion involved several problematic intersections that require reworking the traffic flow and parking spaces to make them safer. Vinal told those present that access management input will be needed from D.O.T. and a Town Meeting to present and discuss options will be necessary. Vinal will talk with C.A.B. and Roger Gobiell, Division Engineer to set up a meeting. The next step will be to set a date for the public meeting and advertise it.

Motion was made to set up a meeting with CAB and DOT to discuss traffic flow. Seconded and approved.

Selectmen decided a letter will be written to Dan Sherman, Planning Board Chair asking for his availability to meet with them to gather information and get clarification of concerns they have regarding the Call's project for the Dunkin Donuts and Subway. The Selectmen requested the meeting prior to the planned Public Meeting on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

John Cleveland was not able to attend the meeting to provide an update on the finances regarding the new fire station. Diane Harrington presented all outstanding bills and went over them with the Selectmen. Outstanding bills totaled \$7,066.19 but the amount doesn't include the retainage amount, nor Darrell Watson's carpentry work on the fire station.

The minutes of our prior meeting were reviewed, along with the payroll and accounts payable warrants. All were approved.

An invoice was presented for work done at Heli Modified on their heating system. Selectmen want to get clarification from Harry Eddy on whether or not the problem was fixed.

Peggi asked about the VISION contract's status with the lawyer. Vinal let her know the lawyer would not be able to look it over until the end of the week. Peggi asked about the timing for purchasing and setting up a new computer network that will be necessary to run the VISION programs.

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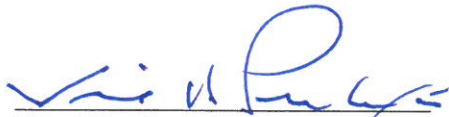
Due to budget constraints the Game Warden Department will no longer handle calls for removal of wild animal from property. Diane presented a request from the ACO and Assistant ACO that the Selectmen approve them to be used to provide the service. Vinal stipulated that they are to understand they are working as independent business men and will be responsible to collect all fees for their services. As an alternative, Vinal provided the name of a local trapper, Norm Scott, who already traps for the State and would be able to provide the services, he is already carrying the necessary insurance, and is experienced.


Update on Memorial Day Parade provided by Diane. She received a letter from the Sacopee Valley High School Band and Junior ROTC programs. They have decided they will choose one Memorial Day function per year and this year they have chosen Cornish. They suggest the towns get together and rotate the parade each year. It was suggested that Mr. Durnell be contacted to see he may be able to coordinate a parade for the next year.

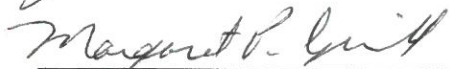
Diane presented a request for abatement on real estate taxes submitted by Brad Perkins. Mr. Perkins asked that the abatement be presented to the Selectmen at the meeting.

Vinal asked that Diane and Elaine compile a list of duties for a maintenance person at Pike Hall and present it to the Selectmen for their review and input.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and approved.

  
Vinal Pendexter

  
John Palmer

  
Margaret Aspinall