

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting
April 16, 2014**

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

Watson Family members present: Suzanne and Ben Madore, Linwood and Diann W. Perkins, Dominic Watson, Cheri Watson and Connie Boyer.

An overview leading up to hiring ATTAR Engineering, Inc. was presented. Selectmen explained the three options under consideration. Option one with an estimated cost of \$94,000. The second option carries an estimate of \$74,000. The lion's share of the \$74,000 is for the work on the banking. Option three – consists of a two-phase approach; address water issues with Pike Memorial Hall with funds in place, and when funding has been raised address the banking.

Damage was a result of the 2012 Patriot's Storm water run off (FEMA funds not available for our claim) and amount of impermeable surface around the buildings on two abutting properties. Town's efforts to reduce impact on the banking with loads of riprap fill looks to have alleviated bank erosion. Town agreed to address damage to the portion of property directly below by re-ditching and grading. Dominic Watson will let the town know when the land is ready for work to start.

Preventive measures include diffusing water run off, shortening the town parking lot 20' and planting vegetation and pine trees and/or install a guardrail to stop snowplowing being pushed over the bank.

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants and April 2nd Selectmen's Meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion made to accept and sign warrants and minutes. Seconded and approved.

Four (4) Town Mowing bids received back by April 9th. Motion made to open and review the bids. Seconded and approved. Bids were: Mr. Maintenance Man \$4325.70, Maine Landscape Maintenance \$3,030.00, J & S Masonry \$3,450.00, and Dennis Lowd \$1,475.00. Motion made to accept the low bidder on the 2014 Town Mowing at \$1,475.00. Seconded and approved.

Cornish Association of Businesses (CAB) requests use of Thompson Park for the Strawberry Festival Saturday, June 28 from 10am – 4pm. Mellen & Son will be called to schedule trash removal after the event. Motion made to allow CAB to use Thompson Park on June 28 for the Strawberry Festival. Seconded and approved.

Selectmen will verify the Sacopee Rescue Unit Contract includes wording that states Capital Account funds will remain in each town respectively. A separate account will be set up for the funds. The next 4Town/SRU meeting is scheduled for May 5th at the Cornish Fire Station.

SMRP is sponsoring a Broadband Meeting on Wednesday, April 30th. Discussion will be centered on FCC and Connect ME grant monies.

Sacopee Valley High School will be hosting a ME Humanitarian Council presentation on work Friday, May 9th. Nancy will plan to attend.

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Selectmen agreed Vinal should be asked to continue to organize the Memorial Day parade line up.

Decision made to enforce the 18-month time limit on a building permit. Notice of the time limit will be added to building permit forms. Current permit holders beyond the 18 months timeframe will be sent a letter notifying them permit expired.

Bernstein & Shur notified the town of a 2017 deadline to identify "paper streets". Dan will phone Bernstein & Shur for an explanation and a place the town can go to see if the town filed paperwork in 1997.

The Maine Revenue Services Designation of Certified Ratio prepared by Diane was reviewed. Motion made to sign the paperwork. Seconded and approved.

Mathieu Cama on next meeting's agenda to discuss construction of a website for the town.

The Fairgrounds Advisory Board nominated Glen Rankin, Ralph Maxwell and Laura Carr for appointment. Selectmen recommended Fairgrounds Committee ask Ralph Maxwell if he's still interested in membership. Motion made to re-appoint Laura Carr and Glen Rankin to the Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board. Seconded and approved.

Connie Carstens, Van Gundy Agency provided costs to add events to current policy. Each event day cost either \$45 or \$51 depending upon how the insurance underwriter reads the event. Van Gundy Agency is to be notified preferably 7 to 10 days prior to each event. They suggest the current name be changed at September 9th renewal to the Advisory Committee.

The July 26th fundraiser for painting of the Porter Union Church requires a Certificate of Insurance with the Town named as Additionally Insured. The Fairgrounds Advisory Board is responsible for securing the Certificate of Insurance, then providing it to the town ahead of the scheduled event.

Selectmen and Andrea Todd, Clark Insurance met to discuss use of town property. Selectmen will be initiating a flat policy that anyone using town property must provide a Certificate of Insurance with Town named as Additionally Insured. Diann W. Perkins will be notified of the new policy. Additionally, Clark Insurance, Loss Specialist will help develop a waiver form to be completed prior to use of property.

Code Enforcement Officer was asked to contact Mr. Harrisburg regarding collapsed building on his property. CEO has looked at building and does not see a safety issue with it.

April 15th Calista Cross, President, Cornish Veteran Monument Committee sent an email to Dan Sherman that stated, "they are private, we have paid the monument off, and we will now remain private. Our Committee will not have further contact with the American Legion, so whatever is said at those meetings has nothing to do with our Committee." Selectmen discussed what response, if any, to take.

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Notification received from DOT that the No Parking signs per the Parking Ordinance will arrive within the month. The road striping is the town's responsibility and may be coordinated with the painting of the crosswalks.

Suggestion made to look at changing Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer from elected to appointed positions. Cited lack of control over candidate's qualifications. Road Commissioner may be another position to take a look at. Agreed to research the process involved to make the change.

Sacopee Valley Health Center, involved with Active Community Environment Group, is reaching out trying to involve the surrounding towns to make healthy communities. Emily plans to attend.

Animal Control Officer has a letter to leave after initial visit to make contact and was asked to start making a practice of using it.

An estimate of \$500 to place large rocks as a safety barrier at streamside lot tabled until the next meeting.

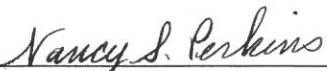
Set the schedule for a Selectman to be in the town office on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9-Noon, Nancy – May 3rd, Dan June 7th, and Emily July 5th. The schedule will rotate from there.

Jack Wadsworth requested a time to meet with selectmen to show aerial maps of property he wants abated. Selectmen discussed the request and agreed to continue with plans to walk the land.

A signed PSAP Agreement has been received back from Cliff Wells.

Gloria Stephenson submitted a DOT Application for Signage for her business Blueberry Basket that selectmen signed with the noted restriction that sign only be attached onto post already erected.

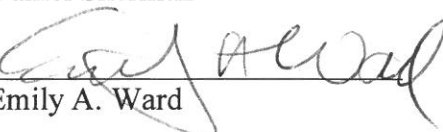
Motion made to adjourn meeting.



Nancy S. Perkins



Daniel Sherman



Emily A. Ward