

## **Selectmen's Meeting April 21, 2010**

Vinal Pendexter, Peggi Aspinall and Nancy Perkins were present for the meeting.

Robert Sturgeon present to explain the revised drawings of the High Road Reconstruction Project reflecting input gathered at the public meeting. Selectmen discussed the water drainage and strategic catch basin locations, crosswalk locations, and traffic flow around Thompson Park as well as locating the sidewalks. Selectmen scheduled a second Public Meeting to present the revised drawings for viewing and explain the changes to residents. The meeting will be at Pike Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Selectmen reviewed the surveying and engineering expenditures to date for the High Road Reconstruction Project with Robert Sturgeon. The anticipated \$12,000 above the \$25,000 raised actually amounted to \$8,648.50 over. A motion had been approved to take the overage from DOT, Sidewalks, and Roads & Bridges accounts equally (\$4,000.00). Diane asked selectmen if one account should be depleted before using the next account or if funds should be taken equally from the three designated accounts. Motion made to take the money equally out of the three accounts. Moved and Seconded.

Minutes and Warrants reviewed and signed.

The selectmen and Robert Sturgeon reviewed invoices from Eastman's Welding, F.R. Carroll, Inc. and W.L. Sturgeon for the manufacture and installation of a gate at the sand/salt shed. Motion made to pay the invoices from the recycling account. Seconded and approved.

Revisited the request to hold a wedding ceremony in Thompson Park in September. The additional information requested by selectmen was presented. A discussion of the additional facts left questions and concerns remaining. Nancy offered to poll the businesses in the Village to determine how they felt about the request and the possible impact on business. Motion made to have Luke Norton (requestor) come to next meeting to discuss selectmen's concerns. No second to the motion. Discussed concerns of possible traffic congestion of fall tourists and the limited parking in general. Motion made to deny the request. Seconded and approved.

Motion to approve Cornish United Church of Christ's use of the fire station for Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to hold a Red Cross blood drive. Seconded and approved.

Motion to approve The Community School's request to use the fire station on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at no charge. Seconded and approved.

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Revisited Judy MacIntyre's project through C.A.B. to display American flags in memory of loved ones on telephone poles along Main Street starting at Stone Ridge Restaurant and ending just beyond Metcalf's Trading Post. C.A.B. will not provide the Certificate of Insurance required by Central Maine Power. The project must be a "Town Sponsored" event for MMA to provide the Certificate of Insurance coverage. Selectmen asked if C.A.B. was selling the flags for profit/fundraiser and no one knew the answer? Nancy offered to talk with Judy for clarification. Tabled to next meeting.

A letter of response to the abatement request of Celia and Adelbert Harrington was signed.

The abatement request of Daniel Vaillancourt and Jane Folgert was granted in part. Selectmen signed the letter to be sent along with the supporting documentation.

Diane Harrington presented the Homestead Exemption Report of additions and deletions for Cornish as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. In prior years towns could expect 100% State reimbursement by 12/31. This year the State will reimburse the towns 75% by 8/15/10 with the remaining 25% the following year by 4/15/11. The State has reduced the 2010 Homestead Exemption from \$13,000 to \$10,000.

Rich Ruhlin notified selectmen by letter that Blais Whitney will mow the baseball fields until selectmen decide whether or not to put the mowing out to bid.

Peggi asked the status of the ADA Project now that we were not selected for the CBDG Grant. Nancy indicated the ADA Committee plans to hold a meeting May 8<sup>th</sup> and invite all civic groups to review the whole process with them and brainstorm for ideas. It will more likely end up back at grant writing. U.S. Rural Development is willing to loan more money but the townspeople only voted to secure a loan for \$150,000.00. Also, we could reapply next year. Norm MacIntyre plans to ask Nancy Barba, as long as it doesn't cost us any money, if a "scaled back" version of the plans could be done.

The labor rate (\$80/hr) of Dennis Lowd (dba Skidsteer Tractor and Lawn Care) for winter sand removal was questioned. The discussion ended with the suggestion that Nancy and Vinal talk with Robert Sturgeon to provide an answer.

The Table Top session of the Emergency Preparedness for a Major Fire is scheduled for 8 a.m. Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Sacopee Valley Middle School. A Selectman, Fire Chief, and EMA Director for each town are expected to participate in the session.

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An out-of-state buyer of a property in Cornish has had a difficult time getting a determination on whether it is or is not permissible to have a building on the property for their horses. The sale of the property hinges on the determination. Neither the Code Enforcement Officer nor the Planning Board will make a determination. Nancy asked Vinal to intervene. Vinal agreed to talk with Rob Millard when he's here Monday evening.

A work session is scheduled Sunday, 4/25 at 9 a.m. to address the fee schedules for planning board and code enforcement, begin entering the land transfers into Vision Appraisal, along with other outstanding issues to be resolved.

Revisited the Lewis and Wasina, Inc. invoice for the additional surveying required of the Riverside Cemetery land sold to the town. Vinal received the supporting documentation from the surveying and reviewed it. Riverside Cemetery incurred \$6,020.00 in expenses and the Town incurred \$2,685.00 for the land sale. Vinal suggested the town cover the cost of the additional surveying to more equitably share the expenses. Motion made for the town to pay the \$2,200.00 invoice from Lewis and Wasina, Inc. for the additional surveying of properties to complete the land survey for the sale. Seconded and approved.

Nancy M. Bower wrote a letter of complaint regarding tires, mattresses, televisions and rubbish dumped on Pendexter Road. Selectmen are in agreement with her. Selectmen found the majority of items are not within the right-of-way of the road and feel they cannot trespass onto private property to retrieve the items. A letter of response acknowledging the situation and explaining the town's efforts to combat the dumping will go out on Friday.

The Five Towns Committee has a meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening April 28th at Parsonsfield's Town Hall to discuss expansion of Internet services. The current provider to the towns, Time Warner Cable, will attend the meeting. Nancy is planning to attend and invited the selectmen to join her.

Mrs. Hazel Martin wrote selectmen to complain about the musty stench of wet foam, insulation and appliance debris on the Co-Hi Orchard property. The smell is so strong she cannot open her windows and is a hazard to her health. Mrs. Martin is requesting the property be cleaned up within the next 3 weeks. Selectmen viewed the property and are aware of the issues. Attempts have been made over the years to prompt the property owner to clean up the site but no action resulted. Nancy offered to initiate a dialog with the owner on Friday.

Motion made to go into Executive Session. M.R.S.A. 405(6)(F) Moved and seconded.

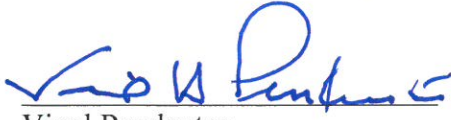
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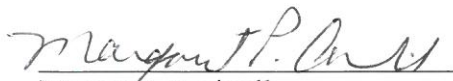
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Motion made to resume regular meeting. Moved and seconded.

A background check for a concealed weapon permit was signed.

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

  
Vinal Pendexter

  
Margaret Aspinall

  
Nancy Perkins