

## Selectmen's Meeting April 26, 2006

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present.

The Parker family was on the agenda to discuss upgrading their mother's living conditions by putting a mobile home in place of the home she currently lives in which sets on the ground and has rotted over time. Ron Parker met with our C.E.O. and was given a list of 3-4 criteria needed before a permit could be issued. Ron told the selectmen he has the septic plan, plot plan, and a driveway layout, but the item he's having trouble with is providing certificate of ownership. The property is in the estate of Henry Parker. Marjorie Parker is an heir along with Ruth Parker and both have inherent rights from living on the property for over 70 years. Ruth has been consulted about the replacement mobile home and is supportive of the project. Based on the facts known and that Rob Millard, C.E.O. is looking for Selectmen's approval before issuing a building permit, a motion was made to tell Rob Millard he may issue a building permit to Marjorie Parker. Seconded and approved by all.

Selectmen read a letter from Sheena Jo Randall regarding the Nancy Roger's lot and proposed new home south of the water district's well site on the east end of town. Selectmen stated that the letter was not very clear in its purpose and that it was a Planning Board issue for them to deal with. Selectmen asked that a copy of the letter go to Les MacMaster, planning board member for their information. Selectmen made a motion to note receipt of the correspondence in the minutes of the meeting. Seconded by all.

DOT notified the town that the speed limit on South Hiram road through Cornish and Hiram has been lowered to 35 mph over bridge and through the "s" curves.

Proof of Claim from Bankruptcy Court related to Adelpia was sent to the town. It was decided that the town did not have a claim to file through the courts.

The State is rewriting the Shoreland Zone Act which our Town Ordinance must adhere to. The selectmen made a motion to pass the information package to the Planning Board for review. Seconded by all.

John Palmer informed the selectmen of a general assistance case he has been dealing with. It was left that the applicant needed to provide receipts for the last 30 days and she'd have to call CMP to make payment arrangements. CMP told John they were shutting her power off tomorrow. John didn't think CMP could do that because she has two children in the home.

John asked for a status on the Water District's effort to have the fence taken down and replaced with guardrail. Vinal said that last he heard from Larry Meggison the water district was working with DOT.

There was a discussion of several junk lot properties in town and of clean up enforcement. Vinal stated that the ordinance doesn't have anything in it that states the town can fine someone or that we can enforce it.

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At this point our Charter doesn't have anything and Ordinance doesn't have anything in them that gives us a right to fine them, so enforcement is limited to what someone will cooperatively do if you approach them. There are State laws that control junkyards and hazardous situations. In the past Rob Millard has spoken to the sheriff's department and they won't have anything to do with enforcing them, so you are on your own what you do. If anything is going to be done about the situation it going to take a changing of our ordinance to allow us to impose fines and penalties against people, and again then what do you do if they don't pay?

The cost of new tables for the town office was discussed. It was determined that the funds will be taken from the Town Hall Improvements expense account. The motion was made to purchase six 8' tables and two 6' foot tables. Seconded by all.

Warrant for accounts payable and payroll along with the minutes from 4/12 meeting were reviewed and approved. Selectmen questioned David Whitney's fuel reimbursement for the plowing season. After discussion and review of the receipts submitted, a motion was made to approve payment. Seconded by all.

A request for use of Pike Hall for a wedding reception on September 16<sup>th</sup> was discussed. It was suggested that David Brandt review the Release and Indemnification for Alcohol-Related Liability on Town Owned Property. The request will be put on hold until we hear back from Mr. Brandt.

Peggi Aspinall asked for an update on the issue regarding the Code Enforcement Officer's authority to issue Electrical Permits versus the State maintaining that authority. Rob Millard has not updated the Selectmen on his findings.

Two names were recommended to the Fairgrounds Committee. A motion was made to nominate and grant approval of Joe Rankin and Margaret Gomane to the committee.

Trio software upgrade from DOS to Windows was done on the town office computers on April 20 and 21. Diane provided an explanation of the upcoming Trio Software Agreement Licensing fees to the selectmen. The selectmen made a motion to enter into the contract agreement for 2006-07. Seconded by all.

Selectmen signed a Quit Claim deed for U03-068. Also signed was a Supplement Tax Warrant for 20 acres (removed from tree growth) on R02-071.

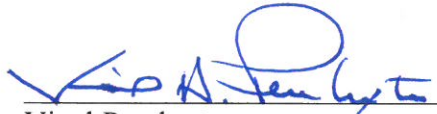
The "Welcome to Cornish" and "Leaving Cornish" signs located on route 25 are in need of maintenance or replacement. The possible options were discussed. Peggi asked for signs to be placed at both ends of route 5.

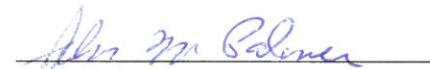
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It was decided to ask Lori Carr to provide an estimate of cost to repair and/or replace signs. A decision will be made regarding placing signs on route 5 once the estimate is reviewed.

The Vision Appraisal time line for remaining work to be done on the revaluation was presented by Diane Harrington. Vision offered to review the appraisals with the selectmen prior to send out letters to the residents. Vinal asked to see Vision's pricing schedule for land values to review prior to the meeting with Vision. It was suggested that the town's best estimate of our '06 tax rate be included in the letters. Diane will work to compile the needed budget figures. The meeting will be scheduled towards the end of May.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by all.

  
Vinal Pendexter

  
John Palmer

  
Margaret Aspinall