

## **Selectmen's Meeting April 27, 2005**

Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer and Peggi Aspinall were present. Meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

The Library Committee presented a proposal to the Selectmen that involves purchasing the house next to the library and an addition to joint the two buildings. The Committee wanted to find out if there is a sense to go ahead with the plans. Vinal advised them to nail down actual costs, look at alternatives, and in the event there is fund raising to be done it will be necessary to formulate a plan "B" for people making donations.

Vinal also informed them there is a big concern regarding parking at that location. As a possible alternative Jean Hall asked if any Town land that might be available with enough land around it to consider as a site for a new library building. Vinal told her that the only land that would be big enough to support a project like that would be the fairground.

John Palmer asked the Committee if they looked into Grant money for construction, as there's a great deal of money out there. He expressed his concerns at having to do anything under pressure. He suggested they contact Larry Lord who has gone through the process of raising \$600,000 for the library in Baldwin.

Vinal told the Library Committee that there is no doubt there's a need for additional space for the library. He believes the library is a good service to the Town, is used well, and that the taxpayers will support the library.

A review of the minutes from the 04/13/05 meeting, the accounts payable warrant and the payroll warrant. All were approved.

Made a motion to approve Sacopee House of Pizza application for liquor license. Approved.  
A motion was also made to approve the sign application for Ernestine Bash. Approved.

An invoice submitted by Heli Modified for service on the heating system was approved. John Cleveland spoke with Heli and relayed to Vinal that the service work had corrected the problem. The invoice was approved for payment.

Selectmen asked that Dick Romano of Vision Appraisal be contacted to find out his availability for a presentation explaining the revaluation process to the residents of Cornish. A notice of the meeting will be advertised in the Shopping Guide prior to the meeting.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session. Seconded.

A letter from Lawrence Stevenson notifying the town of the Sacopee Valley High School band and JROTC programs changes in their participation in the Memorial Day parade. He is suggesting that the towns of Cornish, Hiram and Kezar Falls get together and rotate the location of the parade each year. They will be participating in the parade in Cornish this year. The Selectmen asked Diane to contact the other town to get their input.

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Vinal spoke with John Cleveland regarding the status of the fire station. There are still a few outstanding issues to be resolved. Brick work to be finished by Redlon Cope at about \$350 above the contract. Darrell Watson is going to submit his invoices for the balance of the carpentry work he's been doing. Diane will speak to John Cleveland regarding the outstanding invoices from Wadsworth Electric.

Jimmy Stewart approached Vinal with a proposal to rent the old fire station to be used as storage for his antique automobiles. The Selectmen were in favor of the proposal but need more information before finalizing their decision Vinal will talk with Mr. Stewart and the Selectmen will vote on the proposal at the next meeting.

Peggi Aspinall asked Vinal whether the Fire Department still plans on holding an Open House for the new fire station. She wanted to know if the Selectmen can be involved in the planning of the Open House. She requested a key to the new fire station. Vinal told her the landscaping still needs to be completed before the Open House can take place, that the Selectmen will be a part of the planning for the Open House, and she is welcome to a key for the fire station.

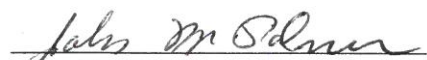
The Selectmen signed off on a quick claim deed and a discharge for Gerry/Donna Brown of 48 Circle Drive, R02-051. Additionally, a discharge for Morrell Excavating; Ken Morrell, Joe Brown, Bruce Mayberry, Sr. R08-043 and R08-043A were signed.

Peggi asked whether the new fire station is to be included in the Town's bid for heating oil at pre-buy prices. It was agreed that the new fire station be combined with all the other Town properties.

Diane asked the Selectmen for input regarding an inquiry from an individual wanting to pay back taxes on a property supposedly owned by the Town due to unpaid taxes. Vinal doesn't recall the Town taking any property back and doesn't want the Town involved with the dealings. He suggested that the individual work it out with the prior owner and let him come in and pay the back taxes. Diane will need to investigate the deed on the property to gather more information for the Selectmen.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and approved.

  
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Vinal Pendexter

  
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John Palmer

  
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Margaret Aspinall