

Selectmen's Meeting April 6, 2011

Vinal Pendexter and Nancy Perkins were present for the meeting. Peggi attended the SAD55 2011 Budget Meeting for Selectmen and joined our meeting late.

Warrants and minutes reviewed and signed.

Vinal asked that the \$54.00 advertising fee for the Roland Day Subdivision be taken from the subdivision fees collected/R1-74 instead of the Planning Board expense account/E01-25-01.

Nancy Perkins signed a General Assistance Claims Report.

Diane completed and presented the Homestead Property Tax Exemption paperwork for selectmen to sign.

Diane responded to Scott Rowley's request for information by providing contact names and numbers for the Churches, library, and fairgrounds. He was told all requests are to come before the board of selectmen for Pike Hall, fire station, and Thompson Park.

Selectmen were informed by Diane that she sent out Personal Property letters to new businesses in town; Phat Boys, Country Homes, Full Circle Artisans, Lopez Property and Call's Shop N Save due to their two expansions since 2003.

The 2010 building and plumbing permits along with incomplete permits from prior years were organized by Diane so selectmen can do their April 1st assessment drive around town. Nancy suggested Saturday or Sunday of the upcoming weekend to do the drive. Peggi works half day on Saturday, but with advanced notice she would be able to do a Saturday and Vinal thought he had a Sunday commitment. No date set.

Dates need to be set for Lawn Mowing Bid and Public Informational Meeting on the ADA Project's funding and costs.

The ball field specs to come from Rich Ruhlin and fairgrounds info from Diann Perkins and create a spreadsheet for the April 20th selectmen's meeting

Cody provided an overview of the Saco River Corridor Commission and the work they do. May through October water quality testing is done for 35 sites from Fryeburg all the way to the ocean. They also go into the schools to educate the students on macro invertebrate's sites.

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Eileen McKenney discussed her request to rent Pike Memorial Hall for a birthday party. She said the rental process is "difficult" and the fee is extreme - \$200 rental fee plus \$100 surcharge for heat, considering only being used 2 ½ hours. She asked if they could negotiate the fee. Selectmen explained the rental fee reserves the day to use of Pike Hall and they can't negotiate the rental price.

Selectmen discussed their expectations for the Public Informational Meeting. Prior to setting a date, they want a ballpark number in hand for a replacement heating system. Barba Wheelock's amount is \$363,000. Considering the total project could be \$450,000 they may present doing the project in phases. First phase could consist of finishing off the basement level, put in a replacement heating system, and fixing the water issue in the current office area.

Motion made that selectmen set the Public Informational Meeting date as soon selectmen have a figure for the replacement heating system. Seconded and approved.

Peggi gave highlights of the School Budget Meeting. A school budget increase of 2.3% versus the 4% presented at prior meeting. Our amount of increase of \$44,000 is a 3.85% increase over last year's budget.

- Teachers getting back the 2% increase lost over the past 2 years (using \$186,000 Federal Education Jobs Stimulus money)
- Teachers' salary and medical costs are in negotiation – will impact current budget figures
- \$500,000 will be taken from surplus (leaving \$1.5 million)
- Establish a Capital Improvement Fund - \$100,000 budgeted/\$100,000 surplus

The 1-year Trash contract expires May 30th. Selectmen reviewed the contract terms and found optional 2nd and 3rd years spelled out. Vinal will approach Steve or Cindy Mellen to see if we are still in agreement on the contract. If he wants to talk further he may come to the next meeting to discuss. Motion made that selectmen are picking up the Trash contract options and if Steve Mellen has questions have him come to the April 20th meeting. Seconded and approved.

Background Check Applications for 2 Concealed Weapon Permits signed.

Selectmen read Lynn Harding's letter of resignation from Planning Board Secretary and Planning Board Member.

Motion made to advertise for the positions in the Shopping Guide for the April 13th issue. Seconded and approved.

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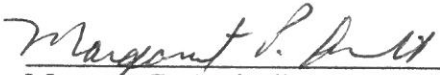
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The Department of Public Safety and Town of Cornish contract for dispatching services has been received. Services, commencing July 1st have decreased from \$10,799 to \$5,031. Selectmen want to read the contract prior to signing it.

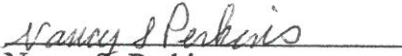
Motion made to adjourn the meeting.



Vinal Pendexter



Margaret P. Aspinall



Nancy S. Perkins