

Selectmen's Meeting May 12, 2004

The minutes from the last meeting were signed. The accounts payable and payroll were signed.

Peggi will be in Alabama in the next two weeks, therefore will not be attending the next selectmen's meeting.

Holiday pay was brought up by Theresa and discussed by the Selectmen. Six paid holidays were decided on, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, The day after Thanksgiving (as we are closed on Thanksgiving day) and Christmas. If the holiday falls on a Saturday the office will be closed on the preceding Friday with pay and if the holiday falls on Sunday the office will be closed on the following Monday with pay.

Tracy Rankin previously requested "Slow" signs on Route 5 towards Baldwin and at that time Vinal stated he would rather have the speed limit changed. Peggi was following up on this because she told Tracy the speed limit was going to be changed. The discussion was to drop the speed limit to 35 mph by the Cornish Station Apartments. Vinal stated the speed limit cannot just be change because it is not our jurisdiction and it would have to go through the DOT. Vinal will call Rodger Golbiel, who is a division engineer with the DOT, to start the process.

Next things on the agenda are to open the sealed bids for the Solid Waste Pickup. A letter was opened requesting the bids be opened at a public meeting. There is no obligation to open the bids in a public meeting; however, the Selectmen's meeting is open to the public. A motion was made to open the bids. Adam Bruns from R. W. Herrick is present for the opening of the bids. The results are as follows:

- R. W. Herrick From Standish-1st yr \$45,000; 2nd yr \$46,350; 3rd yr \$47,749;
- Mellen & Son Disposal From Parsonsfield- \$34,000/yr for a three yr period, 1st yr. Opt. \$35,000; 2nd yr opt. \$36,000;
- Jordan's Trucking From Cornish- \$40,000 per yr 2004-2007, \$42,000 – 2008; \$42,000 – 2009
- Pine State Disposal – \$42139.56/yr for a three yr period, 1st yr opt \$45139; 2nd yr opt \$46,000;

Vinal inquired if any bids indicated what equipment the bidders had, the response was no. A motion was made to interview Mellen & Son Disposal, the apparent low bidder, to review what equipment he has and how he plans to fulfill his contract prior to awarding the bid. Theresa scheduled an interview with Steve Mellen for 6:30 pm on Monday, May 24th and asked him to bring a list of his equipment and proof of insurability.

Barbara Dubin sent a note requesting a sign be posted on the beginning of Haley's Pond Road directing to her private drive, Appaloosa Drive. Theresa sent a response letter stating she may post a sign if she desires as long as it is not affixed to the 911 sign and she must obtain permission from the landowner prior to posting the sign.

The Town received a letter from the Department of Education stating the transfer of a portion of land to the Town from the school district does not constitute the closing of the school, and thus the transfer is in the process.

Vinal submitted a bill from John Cleveland and Paul Watson for the work on the new Fire Station. A motion was made to pay the bills.

John Cleveland wants to set up a meeting between the three Selectmen and the Office of Economic Development, they are trying to promote new business in Maine and are trying to find places like our industrial park that have a few lots that could be used. They would like to meet to discuss ideas on how the Town would like to see them developed. Vinal will try to schedule this meeting for 8:00 am, Monday, May 17th, or June 7th. Vinal left a message for John during the meeting.

John Cleveland is suppose to be setting up a meeting about Heli Modified to find out all the options before the Town receives the final letter of demand.

The lady from One Beacon Insurance met with John Palmer this week to see the Town's property. A few comments were made about too many boxes being near the fuse box in the storage closet at The Town Office and some fire extinguishers needed to be replaced. Vinal stated they were just replaced. She will send a report on her findings.

John Palmer would like to have David Whitney put the salt inside the salt shed.

Theresa brought up the current copier contract. The lease for the copier was signed last June for 60 months. The current copier does not have the capability to auto feed or to do 11X17 copies. Mainely Copier came to The Town Office and gave a quote on a better copier. We could lease one from them for \$77/mo. for 48 months however the town would still be obligated to the current lease at \$42/mo. It was also decided not to renew the \$400.00 service contract on the copier, which includes toner. Mainely Copier quoted a price of \$89.00 per service call and one toner should last a full year.

AT&T long distance service was cancelled saving a \$15.00 minimum monthly fee.

John Palmer received a call from Patty Beachard complaining about George Carroll's odor from dumping sludge on his property, adjacent to her home. He will investigate the matter.

Jane Skivers mentioned maintenance of her fence. Jane stated The Town of Cornish has always maintained it in the past. Vinal will take a look at the fence.

Follow up discussion took place about the parking complaints; when cars are parked on High Road by the Park you cannot get down through; and by the library when you're trying to get off Bridge Street you cannot see cars coming. One possible solution in having a one-way street. Vinal will talk to the DOT about this.

A discussion took place regarding the agreement a for resolution of Tipping Fee Dispute between Tri County towns, Maine Energy Recovery Company, Limited Partnership and Casella Waste Systems, Inc. Marcus, Clegg & Mistretta, PA request that the town decide on the which expiration date they wish the contract extension to have. After discussion on the savings applicable to each date the Selectmen decided it was to the Town's benefit to have furthest date available of 2025 for three reasons 1) savings amount over the years would be the largest; 2) being locked at a price because they will likely only go higher; 3) if something happens or MERC closes we are guaranteed to have MERC pay the extra hauling costs. Question the Guaranteed GAT amount??? Vinal will look into what is best for the town.

Checks were presented for approval for the new Fire Station from the Bond Fund.

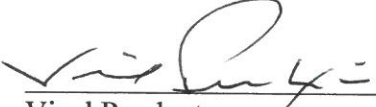
An abatement and supplement was signed concerning Lowd and Creelman.

Public hearing will be held for the Cornish Inn regarding a first time liquor license on May 26th. Diane has taken care of the advertising and Krista's at the Cornish Inn pay the advertising fee.

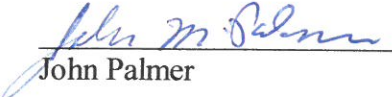
Reviewed personnel policy and decided to clarify full-time as 32 hours or more. The personnel policy is ready to be sent to the Insurance Company.

Diane discussed abatement request on interest from Steven Prescott. Selectmen will revisit this issue at a later date (maybe August) with other abatement requests they currently have. Diane set up payment plan for back taxes due from Mr. Prescott.

Meeting Adjourned,



Vinal Pendexter



John Palmer

Margaret Aspinall