

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting
May 29, 2013**

AGENDA: Harry & Cindy Eddy, Heli Modified

Vinal Pendexter, Nancy Perkins and Daniel Sherman were present.

Harry & Cindy Eddy were present to discuss and update Lease Agreement between the Town of Cornish and Heli Modified. The last agreement expired Dec. 2012. Economy has been soft but slowly picking up. They currently have 10 full-time and 1 part-time employees. They have one line of credit and when the limit is exhausted explore other options to cut costs. Mr. & Mrs. Eddy and the Selection discussed and approved revisions to the Lease Agreement: (1) amend it a 3-year agreement (2) lease rate \$1,500/mo. Jan.-Mar. and \$2,776.67/mo. Apr.-Dec. each year (3) alter words concerning the process of terminating contract. Harry mentioned that parking lot needs attention. Selectmen will visit Heli to examine parking lot condition and sign lease agreement after Mr. & Mrs. Eddy return from Laconia around June 17th. In the future the Selectmen will try to visit the facility at least once a year. Elaine will revise contract to current agreed upon conditions.

Motion made to approve the Meeting Minutes and Warrants for Payroll and Accounts Payable. Seconded and approved

There was a notice of a Pre-Utility Meeting on Road Construction from Standish-Parsonsfield Route 25 on May 28, 2013 at Parsonsfield Town Office conducted by State of Maine DOT. The project is scheduled to start June 10th. There was some concern of bringing up to grade water mains, fire hydrants, manhole, etc. in the town's boundaries. In reviewing the list of who was in attendance of this meeting there wasn't any representative from the town or water district. A representative from DOT came to Cornish Town Office and provided a list of DOT & Contractor contacts for this project. Diane will provide a copy of the pre-utility meeting minutes and contact info to Bob Sturgeon-Road Commissioner and Heidi Cates-Cornish Water District.

SAD#55 has organized a 5-Year Long Range Planning Committee for the District. The school district is requesting the Town of Cornish select a parent from the community as a representative for this committee. There were letters from two parents requesting their desire to serve: Susan Ruhlin and Valerie Libby. Both are excellent candidates. In reviewing both candidates' contribution the Selectmen made a motion to nominate Susan Ruhlin because her years of direct involvement in the school, both elementary and high school, and her career experience. They felt this would give some insight on ways to improve the district's instruction for students. It is known that a few representatives are already selected from the local PTCs, of which Valerie is a member. They acknowledged Valerie Libby's willingness to be involved and would like to keep her in mind for any future committees. The Selectmen suggest that they meet with Town of Cornish School Board members more often for information sharing.

Nancy has on her agenda to contact the Maine State Historic Society concerning the placement of cement clapboards on the front of Pike Memorial Hall building. It will be discussed at the next selectmen's meeting.

The selectmen have set a date to do a site walk of the Creelman property located at 456 Hessian Hill Rd. on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 6:30pm. Meet at the property.

Vinal has sent a letter to the ATTAR Engineering, Inc.

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CDBG is holding a workshop on June 14, 2013 at 1pm in Biddeford. Nancy informed the Pike Hall Committee of this event. No committee member volunteered to attend. Nancy is planning on attending. She is investigating whether there is a possibility for funds available for the Pike Hall Renovation Project thru this program.

The Selectmen discussed the revised Rescue Contract. The next scheduled 4-Town Rescue meeting is Monday, June 10, 2013 at 6:30pm at the Cornish firebarn. The selectmen plan a workshop meeting on Wed., June 5, 2013 at 6:30pm to review the contract.

The Selectmen reviewed, approved and signed the Liquor License for Sacopee Valley House of Pizza, Brian & Rachel St. Savior, owners.

The Selectmen made a motion to approve and sign the Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$2,218.80 for Tree Growth Withdrawal Penalty of 5 acres on a portion of R03-023.

Shannon Surette, as Community Chair for Cornish Assn of Businesses, is requesting the use of Thompson Park property for the Strawberry Festival on Sat., June 29, 2013 from 10am-4pm. The Selectmen approved the use of the venue as soon as the insurance is provided.

In the review of the Town of Cornish land transfers and valuation by State of Maine Property Tax Assessor David Bouffard it was determined that the town's assessment value is 114% of the State of Maine Property Tax Valuation (Market Value) for the town. Mr. Bouffard discussed this impact with Diane, Town Clerk and forward an email to the Selectmen for their review. His suggestion was to contact Vision and alter the land values. The Selectmen wish a copy of this email to review the Statutes in the Property Tax Law Book.

Boy Scout of America Troop #375 sent the town a letter seeking donations to send a boy scout to Camp Hinds. They have a large number of boys registered but not enough funds to cover the costs. The Selectmen were concerned of setting precedence, as the legal procedure is to submit a warrant article requesting a donation at town meeting. That is when the townspeople select which Charitable/Social Service agency they wish to fund. The Selectmen suggested the troop contact Camp Hinds and surrounding area Boy Scout Troops to help brainstorm with alternative fundraising ideas.

The Pike Hall Committee was meeting at the same time and requested the presence of selectmen. Nancy volunteered to attend. The committee inquired as to the requirements to hold an event in the hall. They also asked about the possibility of hiring someone to research the opportunity of obtaining funds/grants for this project.

There was discussion of painting 3 sides of building. Concern of where would funds come from because last year it was funded from Town Hall Improvement account; this year the funds from that account have been targeted toward the cost of drainage remediation around Pike Hall. Last year cost for painting one side was \$2,500 plus cost of materials.

Plowing Contract is going to separated into 3 individual bids: 1) plowing of the roads; 2) snow removal around Thompson Park, Town Hall and Fire Station; 3) hauling and mixing of sand at Sand/Salt shed. Other issues: mileage, gas reimbursement (Elaine will get figures for workshop on Wednesday).

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Diane has some discrepancies with the submitted Personal Property classification BETE/BETR(801) from businesses, leasing companies, etc. She contacted Mike Rogers from State Property Tax Division. He replied with an email and explained the town's responsibility in the assessing process. Mike will send someone from the State to help with the management of personal property assessment in the town. The Selectmen requested either early morning or late afternoon. Diane will contact Mr. Rogers to arrange the date and time.

Scott Berry approached Vinal Pendexter about his mobile home placed on Mark Estes' lot. He wishes to have the town sign 'Certification of Compliance with Subdivision and Shoreland Zoning Requirements' required to have CMP hook-up power to the mobile home. Scott informed Vinal of an agreement between Mark and himself that Scott was going to pay rent for land and the first of the payments would be paid to the town to satisfy the real estate property tax balance, estimates it will be \$500/mo. The Selectmen are waiting to review the agreement. There is discrepancy of information so the Selectmen are requesting conversation with the Code Enforcement Officer, Rob Millard.

Ron Silvia has a meeting planned with Mike Edgecomb, Time Warner rep., on May 30th concerning the Time Warner contract.


Dan has concern of Rob Millard not returning phone calls promptly.

Selectmen did not take any action on selecting an insurance company. Issues to resolve: Hanover issue, tornado, 4% inflation, co-axial cables, bonding, insurance claim notification in writing, property values, coverage explanation, explanation in written form to renters as to why they need additional insurance coverage for an event, etc. They are going to meet with Scott Lovejoy for contract questions at workshop next Wed. 6:30pm. Vinal was not in favor of MMA's offer to review the proposals received. The current insurance contract expires June 30, 2013.


Ken Hall left note on suggested amendments to current 'Article II: Land Use District And Uses' of Land Use & Development Ordinance pertaining to parking. Selectmen will review and discuss at Wednesday's workshop.

Vinal will review the Property Tax Law Changes issued May 2013 for Open Space and Tree Growth.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.



Vinal Pendexter



Daniel Sherman

Nancy S. Perkins