Selectmen's Meeting June 1, 2011

Vinal Pendexter, Margaret Aspinall and Nancy Perkins were present for the meeting.

Minutes and warrants reviewed and signed.

Robert Sturgeon will not take down the dead tree at the old fire station. Bobby Libby will be asked for references.

Builders Installed Products and Anderson Insulation, Inc. provided quotes to insulate Pike Memorial Hall with blown in insulation.

A Quit Claim Deed for R03-013 tax years '08, '09, and '10 signed by selectmen.

Letters of response signed at meeting for abatement requests: Brian Libby (R07-023) not granted, selectmen have to view the interior of the farmhouse, Diane Wentworth properties U05-010A, U04-026 were granted, U05-002 denied and for Kathleen Ressler R01-023 not granted. Two additional abatement requests remain to be addressed

To date only one response received to the delinquent tax letter. S. Prescott is scheduled to meet with selectmen on June 15, 2011.

Surrounding towns use MMA's boilerplate Tax Payment Agreement and customize it. Nancy will talk with Rob Heard, Porter Selectman, Vinal will speak Doug Hawkins, Parsonsfield Selectman, and Peggi will talk with Gary McNeal, Baldwin Selectman.

Scott Pingree came to discuss a vendor issue. Fire department tested ladders and one failed. Ordered a new ladder under our insurance. The fire department accepted it. Ladder arrived with a pallet at each end, wrapped in cardboard, then shrink wrapped. Once packing materials removed, found six rungs damaged on underside of one end of the ladder. Vendor's solution is to send six rungs for the fire department replace the damaged rungs. Selectmen will ask David Brandt to write a letter to the vendor and asked Scott to file a claim with the shipping company.

The selectmen felt they didn't have the leeway to meet Steve Mellen's bottom line figure. Vinal offered to call Steve and inform him that the Trash Removal Contract needs to go out to bid. The RFP will be reviewed at the Special Selectmen's Meeting on June 8 to be readied for June 13th.

Dave Bouffard with Maine Revenue Services in the office to collect data for the 2012 State Valuation of the town. While here he met with Nancy to answer a list of questions she had after attending the Town Officials Training sponsored by Maine Revenue Services.

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Areas of discussion included Tree Growth, Open Spaces, and Horticulture requirements and provisional exceptions also the town's options in taxing a Parsonage.

Letter received from the Maine Historic Preservation Commission indicating they do not have any issues with removing the furnace and ductwork from the Odd Fellows Hall, but removal must be documented with archival photos. Copy of letter will be sent to the Ladies Guild and the Cornish Historical Society.

In preparation for the June 22 Public Hearing it was decided to ask Eric Norman of Mechanical Services, Inc. to attend the meeting to answer questions about their heating system proposal. ABT will be contacted to provide more detailed specifics for their heating system quote. Vinal would like to ask Greg Gonyea to attend as well because he works with larger heating systems.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Vinal Pendexter

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Margaret P. Aspinall

Nancy S. Perkins