

## Selectmen's Meeting June 17, 2009

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

The Cornish Historical Society represented by Tiffany Parent requested to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Odd Fellows Hall to set up display, organize records and photographs, and to do research for people.

Peggi Aspinall stated the building is not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and permitting use to the public would open the Town to possible litigation. Tiffany offered to bring requested information down to the first floor for anyone that couldn't make it to the second floor.

Vinal brought up the obvious issues to be addressed would be electrical wiring and providing a 2<sup>nd</sup> means of egress. MMA's report will detail specifics of work required and should be available in 2-3 weeks.

Nancy informed the group that when MMA's Loss Control Investigator toured the Odd Fellows building she informed him the only person with access beyond the 1<sup>st</sup> floor was Mark Beever (to check the clock). The selectmen had not been informed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor was being used by the Historical Society. Nancy asked that the Historical Society draw up an action plan for the repairs and she will forward it to MMA for their review to see if it is compliant. Additionally, they should request that the Code Enforcement Officer visit the building for his input.

The Historical Society asked:

- Can the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor space be used for "storage" until it is compliant? The selectmen stated they do not want *anything* moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor until MMA says it's okay.
- Is the Historical Society required to have Liability insurance? Selectmen said yes they would and, additionally, the contents would have to be insured.

The ADA Committee, represented by Norman MacIntyre, presented the group's efforts to work towards the required changes to Pike Memorial Hall and the issues the Fire Marshall indicated require attention. The project's budget is \$300,000. The project qualifies (because of spot blight) for a CBDG grant. The grant requires a dollar for dollar match be in hand to apply. The matching money would be obtained through a Rural Development Loan. Motion made to approve the ADA Committee's request to proceed with acquiring a CBDG Grant and USDA Rural Development Loan. Seconded and approved. Selectmen asked the ADA Committee to provide a timetable for securing the needed monies.

Warrants and Minutes signed. The mowing fees for ballpark were questioned.

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The items tabled from the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were addressed.

1. Request to use Pike Hall for aerobics sessions. Motion made to deny her due to the condition of the building. Seconded and approved.
2. A CMP request to add pole/collect (\$8.36/mo.) for it. Motion made to have CMP remove the pole. Seconded and approved.
3. School District Planning Meetings. Motion made to approve Lori Carr as a representative for the Cornish committee. 2 voted for 1 voted against.

Russell Eastman's request to use the folding chairs from Pike Hall was approved.

Diane Harrington informed the selectmen that the Town's Certificate of Deposit (Lincoln Fund) expired today 06/17/09. A Money Market account proved to be the most favorable return for the monies. The paperwork to authorize the change of accounts was signed by Vinal Pendexter.

The upcoming multi town electronic waste drop off on June 20 was discussed along with the ongoing problems with the single stream recycling area. Users are refusing to break down corrugated cardboard boxes and using the area as a dump for items not allowed in the curbside pickup i.e., toilets, sinks, mattresses, tires, building materials. Diane asked Vinal if he has talked with Bobby Libby to get his contact for the shredding of unwanted tires. Vinal had not talked with him but will. Vinal thinks a sign stating "Anything that is not put into its proper container at this site is considered littering and is subject to a fine and will be enforced" should be installed. Peggi suggested installing fake surveillance cameras would help. Vinal will ask the hardware store if they still have their fake cameras.

Peggi Aspinall suggested an alternative site for the Welcome sign to be between Stone and Waterfront Drive. Vinal didn't think the site would work because the snowplow would hit it. Nancy suggested the McAuliffe's property in the Industrial Park. She will look for an alternate location with that in mind.

Nancy asked the selectmen to establish a pattern of the various town committees meeting with selectmen. She requested the selectmen ask Rich Ruhlin of the Cornish Parks and Recreation Committee to attend the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Nancy relayed a conversation she had with Calista Cross in her capacity as executor of her mother's estate. The will is being contested and she is looking for a way to keep her mother's name out of the annual report for delinquent taxes. Diane explained that she takes names off the list until the reports are printed (late February).

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Diane Harrington and Elaine MacMaster requested a change in the Municipal Office hours. New hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am-3pm, CLOSED Thursdays, and Friday 8am –12pm and 1pm – 6pm. The first Saturday of the month: 8 am – Noon. Selectmen agreed to the change of hours. New hours will be effective for July.

A background check for a concealed weapons permit was signed.

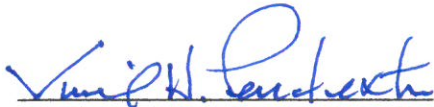
An application for access to the State's surplus equipment has been sent to the office. Nancy Perkins requested to be put on as a designated contact. The fire department designated contact will be Sam Gilpatrick.

An endorsement has been sent from MMA to remove the barn with apartment at the fairgrounds from the Property and Casualty policy. The liability will remain in effect for a short amount of time.


Nancy would like to gather keys for all the Town buildings so duplicates can be made. Motion made for Nancy to collect keys and duplicate them for storage at the Town Office. Seconded and approved.

New FEMA maps of the Flood Zones for the Town of Cornish were reviewed for changes.

Motion made to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

  
Vinal Pendexter

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Margaret Aspinall

  
Nancy Perkins