

## Selectmen's Meeting July 21, 2004

Present: Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer, Margaret Aspinall

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

Heli Modified has added the 7 additional employees as per the requirement from CBDG grant extension.

Vinal hasn't contacted Mr. Mersereau about outlying cemetery request. He will.

The Selectmen selected Ms. Elaine MacMaster to be hired on a 6-week trial basis at \$11/hr. Diane will contact her.

Selectmen voted to set the tax rate for the fiscal year 2/1/04 to 1/31/05 at \$18 per \$1,000 of valuation.

The Selectmen opened the Snowplowing Bids for 2004-2007 years. One bid was received from David Whitney, who has been the previous contractor. His bid was \$90,000 with a conditional waiver of bond requirement. David Whitney has 8 trucks. It figures to approximately \$2,575 per mile for 35 miles (as stated in contract). The amount will be paid in 6 monthly installments beginning at the first warrant of each month December thru June. The selectmen voted to accept the bid. Vinal will draw up final contract to be signed.

David Whitney has promised to move the salt soon.

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Sidewalks painted on July 21, 2004. Town needs No Parking signs around library area and on Odd Fellows building side of street entrance onto High Rd. from Rte. 25. Vinal will contact Robert Sturgeon for No Parking signs.

A speed bump through the village was suggested. The cleared space on the side of Odd Fellows building is designated as municipal parking. Also, Church parking area is available. Vinal will talk to Church Council concerning this.

Cornish Recreation Council is clearing area on Pavilion Rd. for ballfields.

Need a 25 Speed Limit sign on Cumberland St. to Cornish Station Apartments or Cope's house. Vinal will contact Roger at DOT.

Selectmen voted to grant the town oil contract to Webber Oil, unless Dodge Oil can give a lower bid price per gallon. Diane received a price of \$1.299/gallon from Webber Oil, which must be paid within 15 days of delivery.

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Peggy attended a meeting for the new junior high construction. The purpose of the meeting was to explain that the superintendent's offices, being constructed with the junior high building, were not included in the square footage allowance per student. The state has given the school district additional funding to add the superintendent's offices. The state would only allow the

constructed auditorium to be large enough to service 1/3 of the student population, approx. 160 students. It also had to be included with the square footage allowance per student, resulting in the loss of 3-4 classrooms. The group wishing to have the auditorium built wanted to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum (in addition to the initial referendum for the construction of the school) for the towns to build the auditorium from the towns' funds. The towns' share of the construction of the junior high building is \$167,000. The town would have had to raise that amount additionally for the auditorium. The school board chose to not to have that 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum and informed the group wishing to construct the auditorium that they would have to raise their funds through private donations.

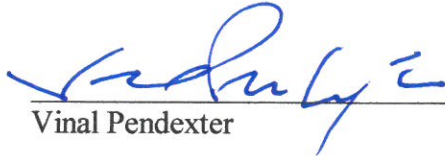
Selectmen will sign assessor's return for county taxes when payment is due (October 31, 2004).

Selectmen signed quick claim deeds for lands R05-Lot 029A(5) & U02-Lot 013 (corrective deed).

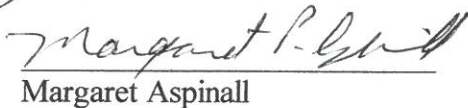
Mr. Sturgeon needs to give cost amount of sand/salt mixture per yard so we can bill Robert McAuliffe for 03-04 winter use. Diane will call on that.

A request to use the Town Hall as a location to conduct an open forum for candidates running in the November election was received. It was decided that the hall is not American Disability Act complaint, thus not suitable. Diane will inform the requestor.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

  
Vinal Pendexter

  
John Palmer

  
Margaret Aspinall