Selectmen's Meeting July 25, 2012

Vinal Pendexter, Nancy Perkins and Daniel Sherman were present for the meeting.

Agenda: Calista Cross - Grant available from Bangor Savings Bank Also in attendance: Diann W. Perkins and Linda Griffin, members of the Cornish Historical Society

The Grant, up to \$30,000, is specifically for maintaining old buildings. Wiring, a separate exit, and ADA access for the disabled are issues that have been identified at the Odd Fellows Hall that could begin to be addressed with the money. Calista contacted Alpha One's Mark Furnier to investigate solutions and presented them to the selectmen.

The Grant application must be submitted by October 1st, 2012. If Cornish is awarded a Grant, the work on the Odd Fellows Hall needs to be done; it is not contingent on the Cornish Historical Society use of the second floor.

Selectmen advised her to meet with our Code Enforcement Officer and compile a list of work that will be required to bring the building up to current codes, contact Maine Historic Preservation Commission, ADA and provide a list of the towns where Alpha One has done similar work on historic buildings.

Minutes and warrants reviewed and signed.

Selectmen reviewed sample bids and compiled specifications to paint one side (the parking lot side) of Pike Memorial Hall.

The lower third of the cast iron fence at Thompson Park has been scraped, primed and painted by workers from York County Jail. Motion made to pay the invoices for the supplies from the Thompson Park Improvement fund. Seconded and approved.

The annual certification form stating the Rural Initiative Funds from DOT will be used only for Capital Improvement of Public roads in FY1013 signed by selectmen.

The auditor's opinions and comments of the 2012 Annual Town Audit were reviewed. Motion made to sign the letter of acknowledgement. Seconded and approved.

The Saco River Corridor Commission will be asked to let the selectmen know when they schedule the site walk of Jim Robinson's property so they are present.

Scott Pingree reports the fire barn roof's insulation remediation is completed.

To date we have not received the letter of agreement from Mr. Flewelling.

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Allaire Palmer made arrangements for an engineer specializing in drainage to review the water issues at Pike Memorial Hall and make recommendations on a pro bono basis.

Motion made to table the proposal to pursue additional sidewalk installation from DOT in light of the budget cutting by the Govenor for the time being. Seconded and approved.

Complaint received of the bathroom floors and the community room and hallway carpets of the fire station are sorely in need of cleaning. Stanley Steamer will be called for an estimate to clean.

Vinal reports the 2nd meeting of Town Selectmen and Sacopee Rescue held July 23rd. Mark Minkler, Executive Director of Southern Maine EMS, a private entity, non-profit group that contracts with the State to oversee EMS Services in Southern Maine, provided a good education for all present. He spoke for the full hour and a half on everything dealing with EMS. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 23rd at the fire station.

The 5 Town Selectmen's Meeting has been cancelled for July 26^{th} and rescheduled to Thursday, August 16^{th} at 7pm.

Elizabeth Tewksbury asked to be considered for appointment to the Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board. Motion made to appoint Elizabeth Tewksbury to the Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board. Seconded and approved.

D. Perkins requested selectmen re-appoint Sherry Blaney-Allen, Peg Gommane-Maxwell, and Linwood Perkins to the Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board. Motion made to re-appoint all to positions on the Board. Seconded and approved.

Selectmen decided not to participate in the DEP's Free Lamp Recycling Program due to limited space at Pike Memorial Hall and health issues with storing mercury bulbs. The information will be passed to the Recycling Committee for their review and possible alternative sites.

Sheriff Ouellette notified selectmen of two (2) grants approved from the Department of Justice/COPS Office to be allocated for use in hiring Police Officers. He has put together a contract deputy program and would like to meet with selectmen to discuss the benefits to the town. Sheriff Ouellette will be asked to speak at an upcoming meeting.

Chalmers Insurance Group sent a letter verifying that as of 07/19/2012, Lovejoy & Wadsworth Insurance had not placed any public official bonds for the Town of Cornish.

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Bonds for Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Deputy to the positions have been secured through P&C Insurance in Limerick, Maine.

The Harvest Hills Shelter, Inc. contract with the Town of Cornish was signed at the meeting.

Motion made to adjust the 2012 Real Estate Tax Mil Rate to 12.3 per thousand. Seconded and approved.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Vinal Pendexter

Daniel Sherman

Nancy S. Perkins