

Selectmen's Meeting

July 9, 2004
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Present: Vinal Pendexter, John Palmer, with Margaret Aspinall (conversing on telephone)

Mr. David Limbert, representing the Hudson Essex Terraplane Automobile Club, appeared before the selectmen to ask for use of the Thompson Park for an antique automobile club meeting and show on Sunday, August 15, 2004, from 11am-3pm. They would be inviting other clubs to join. He stated that the club would also need to close off one of the roads surrounding the park. The selectmen denied the usage of the park because closing off the road would limit parking for patrons visiting area merchants and create more traffic problems in an area where space is already limited. It could also be a dangerous situation with a lot of pedestrians moving around in a small area. The Fire & Rescue Depts. would have a hard time getting through if there was an emergency. They referred Mr. Limbert to explore the option of using the Cornish Fairgrounds, where there would be plenty of space available to serve the club's purpose. Mr. Limbert was given the info to contact the Fairgrounds Advisory Board.

The selectmen approved entry into the Pine Tree Development program. They signed the Resolution and letter that needed to be submitted along with a map of the designated area.

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

The Selectmen will be going to Augusta at the Curtis Brooks building to meet with Orman Whitcomb concerning Heli Modified Block Grant on Monday, July 12, 2004 at 2pm. The Eddy's will not be attending.

Vinal re-wrote the snow contract per the advice from MMA. Diane and David Whitney will get together to revise the map indicating the areas that are plowed by the town in the contract.

Selectmen approved submission of Steven Smith and Glenn Rankin to fill vacancies on the Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Committee. Diane will notify Mr. Smith & Mr. Rankin.

Selectmen accepted and signed the letter for Mr. Mowry to perform the audit for fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 2004. Maine Municipal Bond Bank will need 2 copies of this audit, when completed.

Firearms Application Permit was returned to State with no knowledge of person indicated.

Selectmen signed Rider A document from York County Community Action certifying amount of money the town appropriated them at March 2004 town meeting (\$750) so they may obtain their matching funds from the state.

Received a letter from new owners of Cornish Inn concerning traffic and pedestrian issues. Diane made 3 copies for John, Peggi & Vinal to review and discuss at another meeting.

Selectmen voted to award carpentry bid for the new fire station to Finnen Construction.

The masonry company, which was the low bidder on the new fire station, has now requested to be paid for the materials and half of the labor before masonry work is started. The procedure for all other contractors who are working to construct the fire station is review of their progress before payment is made, with 5% retainage of the payment. The selectmen made a motion and voted to advise John Cleveland that they are not willing to change the terms of the bid proposal for this company; and also for John Cleveland to advise this low bidder of the masonry contract, who was awarded the bid, that if he isn't willing to abide by the terms as set forth in the initial bid proposal the Selectmen withdraw the award and award it to the next lowest bidder.

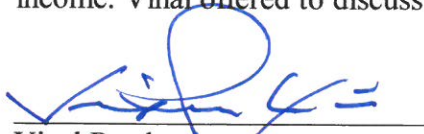
Approval of payment to contractors of new fire station as such: Mid State Steel Erectors - \$19,000. Community Dynamics - \$2,406.80 for project coordination (29.2 hrs.); Professional Engineering & Design - \$1,672. (payment approved subject to invoice from Summit Engineering & John Cleveland's signature, as project administrator); W.L. Sturgeon - \$11,376.

Selectmen signed quick claim deeds for Mr. James Weeks and the Cornish Inn prepared by Atty. Elmer Runyon. Also signed quick claim deeds for Ann & Joseph Baker/Robert & Dorothy Peters, Richard & Eileen Anderson, and Joseph & Tracy Rankin for taxes paid in full.

Selectmen sign updated, reviewed and signed 2004 Annual Update Tree Growth Tax Roster to be submitted to the Maine Forestry Service.

Selectmen also signed Application for Pole Permit from Verizon New England Inc. for 8 poles to be placed on Saco Woods Drive.

Mr. Robert Mersereau requested to use some funds from the outlying cemetery to purchase a weedwacker and other equipment. He also wanted to employ teenage boys to clean out some of the outlying cemeteries this summer. The amount was approximately \$1500-\$2000. to do four cemeteries: 2 on the High Rd., 1 on Hessian Hill Rd., and Towles Hill. The selectmen were concerned with the issue of workmen's compensation and teenagers using machinery equipment; that would make the town's insurance costs rise. They will suggest to Mr. Mersereau to possibly find a person who is a contractor/self-employed and has their own workmen's compensation insurance. In years past, a group of volunteers representing an organization used to perform these tasks and the town would donate money to that organization. Vinal suggested that maybe it would be beneficial to contact the Riverside Cemetery Assn and have the person who performs these tasks for that cemetery also perform these tasks for the outlying cemeteries for additional income. Vinal offered to discuss this option with Mr. Mersereau.


Vinal Pendexter


John Palmer


Margaret Aspinall