

Selectmen's Meeting August 10, 2011

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

Minutes and warrants reviewed and signed.

Stewart Motors requested a rent adjustment for the winter months (\$300 November – May) to \$200/month year round for use of the old fire barn. Motion made to let Jimmy Stewart rent the old fire barn for \$200/month year round. Seconded and approved.

Comparison of 2010 and 2011 Maine Energy Recovery Company (MERC) tonnage shows a 41.56 ton reduction of trash disposal by the town. Due to the increase from \$68.13 to \$82.62 per ton disposal costs were \$6,519.62 over the same period last year.

Steve Mellen suggested the town devise a way to get the businesses to recycle their corrugated cardboard. The Recycling Committee has done a presentation to the Cornish Association of Businesses to try to encourage recycling.

PDF files of the Shoreland Zoning maps have been received from Mike O'Donnell. The files include; Water Quality, Land Use (with updated land splits) and the Shoreland Zoning maps.

Diane completed the 2011 Municipal Valuation Return and presented it to selectmen for signatures. Our valuation shows a \$600,000 decrease in our base from last year.

801 from W L Sturgeon for personal property tax reimbursement from the State.

A Supplemental was signed for AVESTA in the amount of \$4,139.36 and Phat Boys for \$68.02.

Diane relayed John Love's complaint that he wants selectmen to take action and get his mailbox put back up by the road crew that took it down. Vinal will talk with Mr. Love when he sees him.

Some towns provide Rapid Renewal of motor vehicles on line. Diane explained to selectmen why she chose not to participate; Town loses 2% of excise tax collected and the Agent fee of \$3.00 per re-registration (her compensation), and the Trio's software module costs \$250.00 first year and \$150.00 each additional year. In addition, if you use a credit card fees for the service and equipment are also involved.

Diane provided an update on the status of delinquent taxes. Jeff Berry sent \$75.00 towards his two properties; Mark Estes paid \$400.00 on back taxes and said he'd be in each month. Mark has not made a payment for August to date.

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Avis Jones has not been heard from in the two months since notice letters were sent out and Diane asked selectmen for guidance. Selectmen said to send a second letter by certified mail stating that we haven't heard from you after the first one was sent and indicate on the bottom that this is your second notice, please respond. Motion made to send a certified letter noting the 2nd attempt. Seconded and approved.

Calista Cross continues to press selectmen and DOT for a speed limit change on Route 5. She will be invited to next meeting to discuss it with selectmen.

First meeting of the Pike Hall Committee set for Wednesday, August 31st at 7:00pm. Committee members will be notified by phone and an ad will run in the August 24th issue of the Shopping Guide.

The Cornish Alumni are holding their annual meeting on August 13th and were told by Scott Lovejoy that they are a 501C3 so they really don't need insurance.

Contrary to what we had been told, the positions we requested to be bonded have not been bonded yet. Scott Lovejoy gave us a binder from Peerless that was effective July 1 through July 31, 2011 listing the bonded positions and the amounts. Vinal indicates it did not go into effect. Scott is having trouble with companies doing it. When Scott was billed for the bonding it was as Crime Coverage not Bonds. Scott is working on it. Vinal will talk with Scott, take the list of agencies P & C Insurance planned to use had they been chosen, and if Vinal is not satisfied selectmen will invite Scott Lovejoy to a meeting.

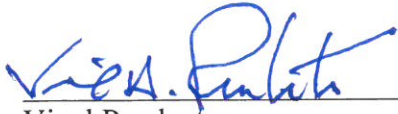
An 8/8/11 heating fuel bid received from J P Carroll of \$3.549 plus an additional .30 per gallon to cap it. Selectmen decided to wait a couple of weeks due to a volatile market.

Regarding the town's responsibility for a dead tree in the Right of Way, MMA's response to selectmen indicates the town is only responsible when/if public safety issues are eminent. Nancy would like to see Bobby Sturgeon do an inventory of potentially hazardous trees in the town.

Discussion of Michael Humphrey not obtaining a demolition permit to take down the old house and remove the debris to make way for Shelly Edgerly's new home. Vinal had a conversation with Mike Humphrey regarding the plans. Mike told Vinal he has been in touch with the Code Enforcement Officer and discussed the project.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting.

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Vinal Pendexter



Margaret P. Aspinall



Nancy S. Perkins