

Selectmen's Meeting September 14, 2005

Vinal Pendexter, Peggi Aspinall and John Palmer were present for the meeting.

Judy and Norman MacIntyre came before the Board of Selectmen to follow up on the removal of the sidewalk that had been slated to be done during the summer. An additional issue is the culvert washout at their mailbox creating a 2-foot hole at the shoulder of the road which a customer got stuck in. Vinal will contact Bobby Sturgeon and discuss the concerns. *Done!*

Reviewed the accounts payable and payroll warrants along with the minutes of the prior meeting.

A letter was read from the Town of Hiram Planning Board informing the Cornish Board of Selectmen of a request to operate a gravel pit at a residential property on the River Road and which may have an impact to the Town of Cornish. The Selectmen requested that a letter be sent to the Town of Hiram identifying areas of impact to Bridge Street as discussed.

The Selectmen completed a questionnaire from the Richards and Howell Mental Health Services, Lakes Region Health Coalition regarding transportation requirements for our community.

Vinal presented a proposal from Jimmy Stewart to rent the old fire station for \$300 per month through the winter into the spring without any utilities. Diane asked if there was any certain account to put the money into. Vinal to contact Tom Pingree to have the pipes drained at the old fire station. *Done ed*

Selectmen discussed the required changes for the bathroom and back door for the lower level of Pike Hall to comply with the American's With Disabilities Act guidelines. The consensus was to contact Paul Lyle for the plumbing issues and Vinal will contact Bobby Sturgeon regarding specifications for a cement pad/ramp installation at the back door. *Done*

John Palmer voiced his concern with the Water Company fence. John would like to see it fixed or taken down, as it is currently a disgrace. Peggi stated that the fence is a Water Company issue to be addressed by them. The Selectmen agreed to contact the Water Company and the DOT to address the fence issues. Vinal will call Roger Gobiell of the DOT. *Not Done*

The additional issues for Vinal to discuss with Roger Gobiell include the reconfiguring of the High Road to make it one way by the park, request a change of speed limit for Cumberland Street to Cornish Station to be reduced to 25 miles per hour, and additionally, Route 25 speed limit to drop down to 35 below the first Saco Woods sign. *Not Done*

Peggi requested that Diane set up a special account designated for fundraising towards ADA compliancy of Pike Hall. The Selectmen composed an advertisement requesting participation from area residents to serve on a committee to plan the most effective means of making the main floor of the Leroy F. Pike Memorial Hall handicap accessible.

Sam Gilpatrick presented a Bill of Sale for the Tower to be reviewed by the Selectmen before being sent to State Offices in Augusta for signature. Selectmen approved the document.

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Roger Camden wanted to know how they would be taxed on adding a trailer with septic system to their current property. The Selectmen determined they would be taxed on the trailer and foundation.

Peggi asked for clarification on a request from John Pease. He bought land abutting his current property and was of the opinion that it would all become one lot. Vinal stated that it could, as long as the purchase was in the same name and there were no issues with tree growth.

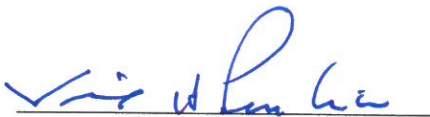
Diane presented abatement for First Data Corp., two supplemental tax warrants; Avesta and Matthew and Jenny Day for withdrawal of 14 acres from tree growth, and an assessor notification of personal property for signature of the Selectmen.


It was determined that an upgraded lawn mower was needed for the mowing requirements at the outlying cemetery that Mr. Sargent maintains for the Town. A motion was made to cover the cost differential of an additional \$40.00. Seconded by all.


Diane was asked to contact Vision Appraisal and let them know of requests coming in for early evaluations as residents prepare to depart Maine for their winter residence.

Diane asked the Board of Selectmen if they want to continue to allow non-profit use of Hall for free due to the oil prices for heating. John Palmer suggested a surcharge for heating onto use of the Hall to offset costs. Peggi wondered if they wanted to extend the time period the Hall is not available during the real cold months. Currently the Hall is closed for the months of January and February. Vinal did not see the need to extend the closure time but agreed with the need for a surcharge for heat.

Motion made to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session. Seconded.


Vinal Pendexter


John Palmer


Margaret Aspinall