

Selectmen's Meeting

September 15, 2004

Present: Vinal Pendexter and John Palmer. Peggi Aspinall was present on voice conference.

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

Letter received from Mr. Mrs. Eddy requesting pricing and terms on a renewal lease for the Heli Modified building. John Cleveland of Community Dynamics Corporation will set up the meeting with Mr. Mrs. Eddy and Vinal Pendexter.

Letter received from Maine Revenue Services, Property Tax Division listing the preliminary 2005 State Valuations for municipalities in York County. Valuation for Cornish this year is up 15-16% or 76,000,000 to 88,000,000. We do continue to be, by far, the smallest town in York County.

The Cornish Water District wrote a letter notifying Selectmen and Planning Board of the updated Geological survey of the two well station areas shows the boundaries surrounding the well sites have expanded. Letter urges the Selectmen to promote the rezoning of those areas so they match with new maps as soon as possible. As with any zoning change issues it will require a public hearing prior to the annual Town Meeting in March. It was decided the best way to handle this will be to put an articles in the annual town meeting warrant.

Heidi McAuliffe wrote a letter to the Selectmen requesting any assistance they are able to provide in her efforts to procure DSL service from Adelphia for her residence on Hessian Hill Road. Adelphia's contract with the town requires 15 houses per mile and she has been told she is 8 houses short of the count. To have the service installed at her own expense will run \$18,000. Vinal suggested that a letter be sent to Adelphia requesting they do a recount of Hessian Hill Road. That is the most the town can do.

Discussion held regarding Mr. Barton's request to rent Pike Hall for a guitar workshop. Clarified the guidelines that need to be met in order to rent the hall. Motion made by Peggi Aspinall that due to the fact we are not ADA compliant and Mr. Barton is a for profit business, we really can not rent the hall to him. Motion seconded.

Reviewed letter of complaint from Mrs. Bowlby regarding taxes being too high and having to deal with trash removal contractor not meeting her requirements of service. Letter has been copied and forwarded to Mr. Mellon, Trash Contractor. No further action on this matter required.

Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission sent a copy of the York County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Selectmen's review and signatures. Issue has been tabled until next Selectman's meeting to give Peggi an opportunity to review the material.

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Vinal reports that the Fire Station is coming along; contractors are making progress. Expect concrete to be poured on Friday.

John Palmer presented a proposal of changes to the Telecommunication Ordinance for review by the Selectmen for any input they may have prior to giving a copy to the Planning Board for their review. Vinal suggested it be copied and given to the Planning Board as a F.Y.I. item only and not a recommendation from the Selectmen.

Diane presented Assessment Reviews for Selectman's signature for Rite Aid personal property 2003, W.L. Sturgeon, and New England Tool personal property 2002. A bill for Shea Brothers was presented for their continuing work on the Fire Station. It was approved. Vinal confirmed to Diane that the CMP bills for the new fire station location should be coming out of the Bond monies.

A letter from Mr. Phillip of Saco Woods Drive was presented in which he's requesting a more accurate assessment of his recently completed residence to reduce the amount of money his bank is holding in his escrow account for upcoming taxes. It was suggested by Peggi Aspinall that the Tinkham residence be used as the closest comp as it is the same blueprint used by the builder of both houses. All agreed to use the Tinkham residence as the comp.

Several CMP bills were discussed regarding inaccurate disbursement to accounts. Diane is requesting approval to redistribute the payment to the appropriate accounts. Vinal will discuss the bills that pertain to the Fire Department with Scott for his input.

Request made by Diane to give the recipient of the Boston Post Cane a commemorative plaque. Peggi Aspinall will be presenting Mrs. Gladys L. Davis the Boston Post Cane at this years Apple Festival. She also requested approval for a classified to help gather historical data on the past recipients of the Boston Post Cane. Both requests were approved.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Vinal Pendexter



John Palmer



Margaret Aspinall