

Selectmen's Meeting September 24, 2008

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

Sheena Jo Randall questioned why the wood boiler nuisance issue had been moved to the Code Enforcement Officer. Selectmen explained that MMA advised them that the issue falls in the Code Enforcement hands. A meeting is to be scheduled with the D.E.P., Code Enforcement Officer, and the parties involved.

David Bower requested to be put on the agenda for October 8th.

Motion made to present the Boston Post Cane to Walter Peach on his birthday, October 13th. Approved and seconded. Elaine will contact Mrs. Peach to discuss the details.

Motion made to approve the Cornish PTC's use of Pike Hall on December 6th for their annual craft fair. No increase in the amount of their contribution towards heat. Approved and seconded.

The list of sites for the Cornish signs was reviewed. Nancy will contact the D.O.T. and property owners for permission before erecting signs.

Book of Abatements signed by the selectmen.

801 forms for personal property tax signed by selectmen for GE Capital Solutions and WL Sturgeon.

The sales agreement between the Town of Cornish and Riverside Cemetery Association has been placed on hold, pending completion of the land survey. Contract stipulates a 60-day time frame to close from signing of contract.

Two Supplementals on property; a barn added Kendrick's property, and AVESTA were signed by selectmen.

Selectmen signed: 2008 Municipal Valuation Report, Certificate of Assessment to be returned to Municipal Treasurer, and Assessor's Certification of Assessment

Town Audit Report narrative on the economic factors needs to be drafted by the selectmen.

Abatement for W. Call found a discrepancy between the tax map and the deed for his property. Diane will issue a check for \$73.00. Paperwork will be done and ready for signature at the next meeting.

Nancy addressed the gate for the sand/salt shed and the need to repair the big sliding doors. A discussion followed with the suggestion that Rick Reinhard take a look at it and give his recommendations.

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Moving of the single stream recycling bins was discussed again with the focus on the need to estimate the costs of preparing the site, pouring concrete, and relocating the bins to see what kind of expense we would be looking at.

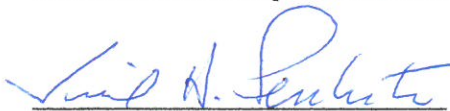
Nancy proposed moving the town offices up to the fire station for 4 to 5 months of the year because of the cold the office personnel deals with is unacceptable. Vinal wanted to look at the cost of installing the propane heater in the office again. Vinal was against occupying space up at the fire station and the increase in heating cost to the fire department. Peggi stated she was against the move; she wants the town office in Pike Hall. Nancy stated that the fact that we can spend \$600,000 on a fire station is fine and I can live with that and \$160,000 for new ball fields and you can't think of how to fix the town office so it's more functional and pleasant for people to be in? Longer term she would like to look at the whole physical layout of the town offices. Grants are not an option to fund the work so a committee will need to be set up to investigate revitalization of the town offices. She would like to pursue conversation on forming a committee at the next meeting.

In her capacity as General Assistance administrator Nancy has attended coordinated meetings with area towns to discuss and prepare for the winter heating season. The State has determined that each town designate several "warming stations" for residents who run out of heat in their homes. The sites have not been determined as yet, but a coordinated effort between the Town and the Fire department is necessary.

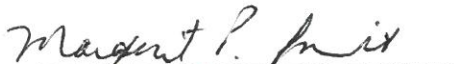
Motion made to revisit our policy of the handling of minutes of the meetings. Discussion followed. Our standard operating procedure has been to erase/destroy the tapes after the minutes have been approved at the meeting. Seconded and approved.

Motion made to reaffirm that policy. Seconded and approved.


Motion made to adjourn the meeting.



Vinal Pendexter



Margaret Aspinall



Nancy Perkins