**Selectboard’s Business Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

**Pike Hall at 5:00 PM**

1. Call to order: 5:00 PM
2. Roll call
   1. Dan Sherman, Jessica Larson, David Pike – Selectboard
   2. Monique Guptill – Town Clerk, Dee Hartford – Deputy Clerk
3. Executive Session to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)
4. John MacIntyre – 530pm
   1. Electrical concerns
      1. All electrical completed
      2. Town will pay for ½ the cost incurred and Pike Hall Committee will pay the other ½
      3. John will provide a list of items that the new Town handyman can handle (list should be in order of priority) as well as the Pike Hall Mission Statement
5. Blais Whitney – 6pm
   1. Blais’s concerns
      1. Pavilion Rd/Rt 25 – potholes on turn need to be filled in the fall to avoid further damages to plow trucks
      2. King St – turnaround
         1. Lower section, remove stump and widen area
      3. Piccininni – road is very narrow, would like it widened
      4. Hessian Hill – possibly move stone walls
         1. Monique and Jess will reach out to MMA to see if it is legal
   2. Selectmen discussed concern with gate at sand and salt shed not being cleared from sand/salt at end of every season
   3. Discussed Ralph Maxwell’s ARF regarding salt destroying his trees he planted
6. Proposed discontinuance by Abandonment of Cole Rd – 630pm
   1. All Selectboard Members voted to do nothing and be free of obstruction until this is resolved
7. ARF
   1. David Hall – Hessian Hill Road issues
      1. Forwarded to Bob Sturgeon to handle as he is Road Commissioner
8. Use of Town Property
   1. Sharon Beever – Studio II Beatles Band (SRFA)
      1. Approved with Certificate of Insurance on file
      2. Received Certificate of Insurance and updated deposit check for $250
   2. Sharon Beever – Summer Bandstand Concerts ONLY IF IT RAINS (SRFA)
      1. Approved with Certificate of Insurance on file
9. Unfinished Business
   1. Calista Cross – Ad in Shopper’s Guide to form a committee
      1. Write up ad prior to Calista joining next SBM on 6/28/23 to review prior to submitting to Shopper’s Guide
   2. (TABLE) FEMA Grant (Back Street)
      1. Jess will follow up with Bob Sturgeon
   3. (TABLE) Road traffic sign for East & West directions on Rt 25 between 21 Maple St & 12 Main St
      1. Jess will draft a letter to have Chris Calnan, Cornish Fire Chief, sign
10. New Business
    1. Board of Appeals – Meeting on 6/19/23 regarding Kyle Jordan’s setbacks
    2. Old School Street – road blockage concerns
       1. Jess will connect with CEO, Dan Vaillancourt
    3. Rt 25/S. Hiram Rd @ Midway Motel
       1. Schedule meeting after project is completed
       2. Michael McKinney advised he no longer wants to move his sign, just wants to know who will be responsible for mowing
    4. Bank interest – Monique
       1. Increase from 1.30% to 2.00% for 12 months
       2. Schedule 2024 mtg before 12 months ends
    5. 2024 Proposed Budget
       1. Jess was unable to attend
    6. (TABLE) Efficiency Maine special offers for small towns
       1. Emailed Tom Berry asking for a list of items covered
    7. Boundary Survey – Map U3 Lot 40 (2 High Rd)
       1. Notification letter to abutters
    8. ECOmaine Contract expiring 8/31/2023
       1. Jess reviewed, no rate per ton provided, revised contract will be emailed once the new rate is provided
    9. LD 1706
       1. An Act to clarify Statewide Laws regarding affordable housing
          1. Extended laws for small towns until July 1, 2024
    10. Sealcoating quotes
        1. Answer to Casey is tentatively no until Chris speaks to Scott to confirm if funds are available in this year’s budget
    11. Quote from Shamos/Casey – 20 Industrial Way
        1. $7000 available in acct / need approx. $6000
        2. Motion to accept Casey’s quote approved by all Selectboard Members
    12. Bridge Closure Notice
        1. Bridge is officially closed as of June 14, 2023
    13. Tri-Town Fee Structure
        1. Jess will go to meetings to see if they will agree to allow Cornish residents to utilize transfer station (no household items allowed) and if so, does the Town of Cornish have to do a road study?
    14. (TABLE) Appointment for Sub-registrar
        1. Chad Poitras
    15. Join Parsonsfield for hazardous waste pickup – Paint, etc.
        1. Spoke with James Obrien regarding Clean Harbor doing the hazardous waste pickup and gave him a Town business card and my name to respond to
    16. 2023/2024 Winter Salt Bid
    17. (TABLE) Fence along Westerly lot line at Pike Hall
        1. David will check property marker next to abutters garage
    18. (TABLE) Tipping Fees for Pine Tree (Casella)
        1. David will check with Steve Mellen for other tipping fee options
        2. Dan was advised by Town Mgr in North Berwick that Casella is the cheaper route at this time
    19. (TABLE) Oil & Propane
        1. Dee sent out emails to the following:
           1. Dead River - $1.80 / gal
           2. Dodge Oil
           3. Fabian – provided add’l info on 5/11/2023 and waiting for response
           4. JP Carroll – called Sean again, left vmm / no response as of 545pm on 6/15
           5. Downeast - #2 is $3.05 / gal & Propane is $1.55 / gal
           6. Irving - $1.39
           7. CN Brown
           8. Irving – Propane is fixed $1.349 / Variable $1.308 and #2 is Fixed $2.868 / Variable $2.670
    20. Road Salt
        1. Bid from Eastern Salt Company – rejected on 6/7/23
    21. Planning Board
        1. Oath completed for Ryan Lane who is now an Associate Planning Board Member
    22. Sam Gilpatrick - Purchasing a truck for Forestry through the Maine Forestry Service
        1. 7 ton, year 2000 or newer, approved by all Selectboard Members, application signed, copy made for town records and original provided to Sam Gilpatrick
11. Public Comments

Adjourned @ 8:30 PM

Approved by Selectboard:

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Daniel Sherman

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Jessica Larson

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David Pike