



Town of Cornish, Maine SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, February 21, 2024




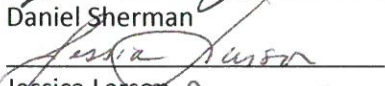

- Selectboard Member, Chair Dan Sherman called the meeting to order @ 5:07 p.m.
- Roll Call – Chair- Dan Sherman Jessica Larson, David Pike, and Monique Guphill, CEO Dan Vaillancourt were present; Dee Hartford was absent.
- All Payroll and Accounts payable warrants were reviewed and approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Minutes from February 7 ,2024 were approved by all Selectboard Members.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- **Bid Packages Opening:**
 - REP – 10 High Street – Prime and painting of the Old Fellows Building.
 - Steve Gowing– \$17,730.00 - the contract included all materials, repairs, and labor.
 - Scott Krouse -\$13,750.00 – the contract included labor and painting (did not include the paint cost and repairs).
 - Both painters have submitted different materials, repairs and labor.
 - (Tabled) Need to discuss with the Ladies Guild, which is sharing some of the expenses.
- **CEO – Dan Vaillancourt**
 - The Town septic needs upgrading and is having major septic system contract problems.
 - George Roberts has closed in Sanford.
 - Still looking around for options for pricing and replacing George Roberts.
- **CEO - Dan Vaillancourt – Chair Planning Board – Les MacMaster**
 - Cornish Town permits have not been updated since 2011.
 - Dan Vaillancourt will inquire with other surrounding towns.
 - Floodplain building fees, impact fees etc... The fees for the updated Floodplain Ordinance need to be sent to FEMA accepted and sent back as soon as possible. Jessica Larson (Selectboard) will check with MMA on the process of how to establish the impact fees and new permits into the Town ordinances.
- **ARF**
 - Calista Cross
 - Jessica Larson (Selectboard) alliterated on the ARF forms when they were reviewed (10-23-24, 01-24-24), regarding the kiosk and the Veterans plaque. Any other matters referring to this matter will be referred to M. Angel Eastman Chairman of the Parks and Flags Committee.
 - Calista Cross has also requested about changing the culvert (bridge) on Sokokis Trail to The Veterans Memorial Bridge. Jessica Larson clarified that bridge consists of two culverts and the reason why it is classified as a bridge is because of DOT. Once a culvert has more than 15 feet span it is considered a bridge not a culvert. DOT puts a green tag on the guard rail which means it a bridge. The Selectboard has suggested that Calista Cross does a petition for a warrant article at the Special Town Meeting on May 1, 2024, or Town Annual Meeting in March of 2025 (due by December 1, 2024).
 - Calista Cross spoke to the Bangor Bank and put in for \$1000.00 grant (Thompson Park Kiosk). Calista never received approval from The Selectboard or the Parks and Flags Committee, which she failed to mention to the Bangor Bank.
 - Nancy Perkins
 - Presented many proposals to the Slectboard on how to make the Historical District noticeable. After a long discussion, all members of the Selectboard approved signs on each end of the Historical District. Nancy is going to check on sizes and pricing with Laurie Carr at the Shoppers Guide.
 - Sacopee Valley Adult Education – The use Pike Hall dates. All members of the Selectboard approved.
 - Tai Chi – Tuesday and Thursday – April 9 - 27 – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
 - Watercolor – Saturday – April 13 – 1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p. m.
 - Resin Art Garden Marker – May 6 – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 – p.m.

- Paint with Sue – Friday – April 12 – 1:00 -3:00 p.m.
 - Paint with Sue - Friday – May 10 – 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - Paint with Sue – Friday – June 14 – 1:00 p.m. – 3:00p.m.
 - Composting – Monday – April 22 – 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
 - Solar – One on One – April 24 – 6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Review of article 16 - Insurance cost
 - Invite Matt and Tom (Clarks Insurance) Chris and (Cornish Fire Station) to Selectboard Meeting to go over the Fire Station evaluation of the insurance. There have been some new upgrades made that need to be revaluated at the fire Station.
 - Back street – Jassca Larson had a conversation with Bob Sturgeon on pricing. Jessica Larson is waiting on proposals to bring to the next select board meeting. She will also follow Randy from DOT.
 - Procurement Policy – Jessica Larson would like to see the Town of Cornish have one in place. This would help the flexibility of the Selectboard.
 - The land sale of Konstantions Lambroulis has been completed. The land transaction on route 25 by-pass project. A quick claim Deed on February 1, 2024, was taken place. The Town of Cornish has received the proceeds of the sale of \$40,000.00 from Bergen and Parkinson Attorneys.
 - Spirit Of America Recipients – Suggestions – Historical Society – Sandy Howe. Next year the Fire Department. All members of the Selectboard approved.
 - Dedication for the Town report – Ken Hal – All members of the selectboard approved.
 - Snow removal at library – David Pike received an email from Jack Wardsworth for solution on the plowing. David explains the situation, which he will speak to Blaise Whittyenry.
 - **New Business**
 - Krista liquor License renewal - All members of the Selectboard approved.
 - Eagle eye display station – security system is crashing. Ask pricing for the two monitors to stop the crash. (Tabled).
 - Ladies Guild Lease – This expires November 2024 (tabled till October).
 - Website upload program – The Town of Cornish Website requires fees for uploading large files. (\$120.00 year). All members of the Selectboard approved.
 - Speed Trailer Loan Program – Tabled
 - Moses Interface – On March 6, 2024, Moses will be completed. Right now, Trio and Moses will not be able to communicate with each other. This is where the interface will make the two communicate. Monique proposal is to purchase the interface module. All members of the Selectboard approved.
 - Parks and Flags Committee – Chair M. Angel Eastman – The Town of Cornish has a Deed to the Cornish Veterans Monument property, which resides in the Riverside Cemetery in Cornish. M. Angel Eastman made a proposal to combine all parks (Thompson Park, Eagle Park, Veterans Monument Park, and Flags) as one committee. All members of the Selectboard approved.
 - M. Angel Eastman also asked if the Parks and Flags could have their own e-mail address. (parksandflags@cornishme.com) All members of the Selectboard approved.
 - Articles for the Town report – Jessica Larson and Monique shall edit the articles #46 Tower - #48 Fire Truck. This will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting (March 6, 2024).
 - **Public Comments**
 - Diann Perkins – Would like King Street to be looked at hoping it is still a Town Road.
 - Town Clerk (Monique Guptill) Discussed the March 5, 2024, Primary Election. She also discussed the Town Elections (March 15, 2024) as well as the Annual Town Meeting (March 18, 2024).

ADJOURNED: 8:30 pm

Approved by Selectboard:

 Daniel Sherman

 Jessica Larson

 David Pike