



Town of Cornish, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @5:00



- Selectboard Member, Chair Dan Sherman called the meeting to order @ 5:05 P.M.
- Roll Call – Chair- Dan Sherman, Jessica Larson, David Pike, Monique Guptill, M. Angel Eastman, Dee Hartford were present.
- All Payroll and Accounts payable warrants were reviewed and approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Minutes from March 03, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- **Election of Chair:** Jessica Larson – Approved by all Selectboard Members.
- **ARFS:**
 - John Little
 - Asking permission to have a one-year-old birthday party on 03-24-24 at Pike Hall. Approved by all Selectboard Members.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Eagle Eye display Station - **Tabled**
 - Trio Web and Moses Interface went live on 03 – 18 – 24. The program now has new users' names and password.
 - Cornish Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. Dee shall email Clark Insurance to see if the area under the grandstand is covered as an exhibit hall for the public. Jessica Larson (Chair Selectboard) has also stated that the building needs to be ADA compliance along with a fire marshal inspection.
 - Nancy Perkins had a long discussion on the Cornish Exhibit Hall on how this should be up to the Towns People if there should be an Exhibit Hall on the Cornish Fairgrounds because it is town owned propriety. The question was also asked if any new buildings could be built on the Cornish Fairgrounds. Jessica Larson (Chair - Selectboard) shall look at the deed of the Cornish Fairgrounds.
 - Clarks Insurance new policy shall be reviewed by Jessica Larson (Chair - Selectboard).
 - Clark Insurance has acknowledged the claim of the Town of Cornish salt and sand shed roof.
 - The new Cornish Fire Truck (35-gallon Hawk QP Tanker/Pumper) Article 48 at the Town of Cornish Annual Meeting was approved. The 2010 chases were purchased in 2023, which Article 48 will move forward the project to be complete. The Selectboard Members signed the contract. Sam Gillpatrick (Captain) and Monique Guptill (Town Clerk) shall send all written and signed material that is needed.
 - Bric Grant – MEME - an email was sent regarding reimbursement and distribution of funds within six months.
 - Tri – Town Disposal contract – No response – Deanna (Deputy Clerk) shall send an email to enquire.
 - Casella Tipping contract will be expiring in 2025. Beware of a big price increase.
- **New Business:**
 - Jessica asks for a motion to have Outlook email for the Selectboard. Dan Sherman asks to keep the Web mail. All Selectboard Members approved to have Outlook and Webmail.
 - School Board Vacancy – Margret Hoxie was a write in, which received the most votes. Mrs. Hoxie was hoping to retire from the school board this year. She took the position hoping a candidate would step forward to replace her.
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 - Abatement (ref. R06 – 012B – 4) All Select board Members approved.
 - Stream Crossing Grant – The application proposal for Back Street was not selected for funding through MDOT.
 - MMA - response at tabling at an Annual Town Meeting.

- The legislative body moved through a vote on March 18, 2024, Cornish Annual Town Meeting Table Article 73 until the next meeting scheduled (5 -5 2024). The legislative body would like the Selectboard to consider an increase of 5%.
 - MMA answer – It appears there was no motion or vote to recess the meeting and reconvene on May 1, 2024. For that reason, any business that was tabled or not addressed while the meeting was in session is technically dead. Vote to adjourn ends the meeting completely, also ending the ability act further on the article listed on that town meeting warrant. The Moderators Manual confirms this fact in chapter V, page 8 and chapter VII. If there was unfinished business, a new warrant would need to be issued, calling a new town meeting.
- Horse racing insurance is still being looked at between Clark and Varney for comparison.
- The school budget meeting shall be held on March 26, 2024 – 6 PM – at the Potor Town Office.
- The Fairgrounds Pub Liquor License – All Selectboard Members approved.
- Cole Road complaints.
 - Legal Mitigation was done on September 27, 2024, which was followed by an Arbitration with a settlement agreement signed by the parties involved in the matter. Letters will be drafted.
 - Result – This is a civil matter, and the town is no longer involved.
- Application was sent for winter and salt bid.
- An updated application shall be filled out to register business with the town.
- **Public Comments:**
 - Dan Sherman (Selectboard) – During the Annual Town Meeting there were complaints that there were no microphones so people could be heard. This matter is already being checked into. Towns people have also asked that the town insurance goes out to bid. The townspeople also pointed out that there should be a limit on tire pick up for business may take advantage of the situation.
 - Dan Sherman shall investigate the bond on the firetruck.
 - Dan Sherman mentioned there is an executed three-year contract with Sacopee Rescue.
 - Article 55 in the Town Annual report of 2024 to make sure there is a coordinator. There is.
 - Dan Sherman recommendation for Article 73 is a dollar amount included with 3% discounts. **Tabled**
 - Meet with Verizon March 12, 2024 (Sam Gilpatrick, Jessica Larson, CEO, Road Commissioner, Contractors) shall move the road from the stone wall which is a line boundary. This project is moving forward currently.
 - Diann Perkins from the Fairgrounds Advisory Board – the renters’ house on the fairgrounds needs a garage door replaced. Instead of this they are thinking of a regular door instead cost would be \$1,200.00. The renters have already insulated the garage area.

ADJOURNED: 7:23 pm

Approved by Selectboard:


Daniel Sherman


Jessica Larson


David Pike