



**Town of Cornish, Maine  
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 @5:00**



- Selectboard Member, Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:04 P.M.
- Roll Call – Chair - Jessica Larson, Dan Sherman David Pike, Monique Guptill, M. Angel Eastman pre-diem Secretary, Dee Hartford were present.
- All Payroll and Accounts payable warrants were reviewed and approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Minutes from May 01, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

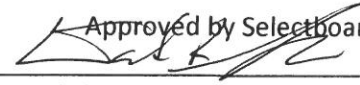
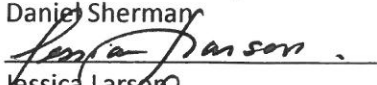
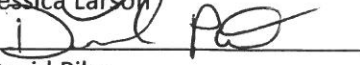
**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

- **ARFS:**
  - Cliff Whitney
    - April 03, 2024, Storm.
    - Thompson Street – clean up along side of Mill Pond.
    - Dee (Town Deputy Clerk) Shall contact the Road Commissioner.
- **Unfinished Business:**
  - Placement of new flagpole at the intersection of Route 25 and South Hiram Road.
    - Dee shall call Dig Safe.
    - 25 feet set back from Walgreens property line.
    - Ask Sam Gilpatrick and Brent Nelson if they will place the flagpole.
  - Six flags have been placed in the downtown area of Thompson Park.
  - Eagle Eye display Station - **Tabled**
  - Trio -Town disposal Contract – **Tabled until August.**
  - Casella Tipping contract expires June of 2025. – **Tabled until August**
  - Horse Harness Racing Insurance –
    - Varney and Clark Insurance quotes were presented by Diann Perkins.
    - The Selectboard shall let the Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board make the decision on which insurance they select for the harness racing.
  - MSAD 55 School Budget - Voting May 14, 2024, at the Cornish Pike Hall - 3-8 P.M (20 yes – 8 no).
  - Historical Signs - **Tabled**
  - Maine Bond Bank – Dan Sherman (Selectboard) and Monique Guptill(Town Clerk) is moving forward .
  - Permit fee schedules – (Chair Selectboard) Jessica Larson shall talk to (CEO) Dan Vaillancourt.
    - Building permits shall double.
    - Planning Board permits shall stay the same.
  - Chair Selectboard – Jessica Larson – Back Street Jessica Larson and Bob Sturgeon completed everything. Moving forward – just waiting.
  - Tree removal from April 03, 2024, winter storm (Eagle Park and The Cornish Fairgrounds Racetrack) are pending.
    - Monique Guptill did recall Alex Moody – No response.
    - Selectboard mention Brent Nelson shall take care of the trees at the Fairgrounds.
  - Old High Road and Anderson Dr. have a drainage problem that comes off the Old High Road. There is also a plowing problem with debris left in a pile from High Road on Anderson Dr. David Pike (selectboard) shall talk to Bob Sturgeon. Monique Guptill (Town Clerk) will do a follow up with Beth Phelps and Anne Nelligan.
  - The mail getting to the Town Hall before closing. Selectboard decided to wait and see what is going to happen in the near future for there might be some changes going on at the Post Office.
  - ARPA - \$87.18 left from reimbursement from the broadband expansion. The Selectboard moving forward advised Monique Guptill (Town Clerk) to update computers.

- Diann Perkins and the committee have all the Memorial Day parade and ceremony moving forward. The parade will start at the hardware store.
- Paul Lyle has the water turned on in public bathrooms. Brent Nelson still wants to be the Custodian of the Public Bathrooms and were open May 16, 2024.
- Mellen's White -06/27, Brown Goods – 06/13, Tire drop 06/01 are the new dates Monique Guptill (Town Clerk) has contacted Mullens to finalize the details.
- Bango Savings Yearly Meeting – Monique Guptill (Town Clerk) has contacted Kattie, will meet September or October.
- Jessica Larson has been in contact with Jen Lewis (Selectboard of Parsonsfield).
  - Cornish Emergency Disaster Plan.
  - Jen Lewis would like to call SAD#55 towns together to work on this.
- Cornish Fire truck leaves for Ohio 05/20/24. Chief Chris Calhan will be driving the fire truck out.
- **New Business:**
  - Park and flag – List of things to be done.
    - Eagle Park
      - Lattice around the bottom of the gazebo. Brent Nelson
      - Sealer on the gazebo, Keos, rails, and on the fence. Brent Nelson
      - Branch by the bridge to be remove. Selectboard mention that can be removed the same time that Alex Moody removes the big tree.
      - The motorcycle pad and the parking lot needs sweeping. Monique Guptill will contact Sturgeon.
      - There needs to be a contract drawn up with certificate of insurance and agreement of fixing the lawn. The company name is Pratt & Sons from Mechanic Falls. This would be for using the Park for there equipment while working on Route 25. The Park will have to be closed off if this action happens.
    - Thompson Park
      - Brent Nelson will wash down the fencing and will paint at a later date.
      - Brent Nelson has repaired the Keos.
    - Town Hall
      - Kios has been repaired. Brent Nelson will find someone to do the painting and lettering.
  - Dee Hartford will contact the Fire Marshell for Pike Hall if needed, which must be inspected every year.
  - Jennifer Pride
    - Would like a speed limit sign placed on School Street.
    - Requires MDOT approval with a speed study.
    - Dee Hartford will contact MDOT for a speed study on School Street.
- **Public Comments:**
  - Diann Perkins – Chair of The Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board.
    - Diann explained the history of the grandstands.
    - 1997 Sebgo Tec brought the grandstands up to code.
    - Diann Perkins will call Fryeburg to see how they deal with Fire Marshel inspections.
    - The Fire Marshel (Scott Cyr) will not inspect the fairgrounds until there is a letter from a Maine licensed architect/engineer that has had an evaluation within the last 12 months and provided a report that has been evaluated to the current adopted code NFPA 102.
    - Dan Vaillancourt (CEO) recommended Criterium Engineers (1-800-242-1969).
    - Results – still doing research.
  - Brent Nelson will do the Town Hall parking lot stripping.
  - Communication Tower
    - East Coast Bell Atlantic.
    - Certificate of Insurance.
    - Earth work, construction, and road.

- Moving forward.
- Steve Gowing – (bid on the Old Fellows Hall) Does not have a crew this summer. He is not sure if he could get the Old Fellows Hall done at all.
- Selectboard is looking into the second bidder (Painting by Pond Scott Kruse).
- OSHA is updating their rules and regulations for the Fire Department.
  - Jessica Larson (Chair) will write a letter to Collins and Libby with some concerns.
- Dan Sherman mentions Monique Guptill about making sure the accounts for M. Angel Eastman (P/T per diem) and Dee Hartford (Town Deputy clerk) were being kept up to date.
- Dee Hartford will contact Mike Sturgeon( water district) on filling some of the water shut off holes.

**ADJOURNED: 7:02 P.M.**

Approved by Selectboard:  
  
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Daniel Sherman  
  
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Jessica Larson  
  
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David Pike