



Town of Cornish, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 21, 2024 @5:00



- Selectboard Member – Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:01 P.M.
- Roll Call – Chair - Jessica Larson, Dan Sherman, David Pike, Dee Hartford, M. Angel Eastman per-diem Secretary, were present. Monique Guptill was absent.
- All Payroll and Accounts payable warrants were reviewed and approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Minutes from August 21, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

• **ARFS:**

- Old High and Anderson Drive. **Tabled**
 - Ann Nelligan and Beth Phelps
- Cliff Whitney
 - Tree removal from the Mill Pond.
 - Asking the Fire Department about the use of their truck to winch out the trees from the Mill Pond
 - Chris Calnan (Chief) reminded that the fire truck is used for emergency use only. Chris did offer his personal help. David Pike offered his skidder to Chris to use to pull the trees out of the Mill Pond.
 - There were questions and concerns about volunteers helping and who is covering their liability as well as tree removal.
 - A follow-up will be made with MMA as well as the DEP/EPA.
 - A date will be made later to move forward with the cleanup.
 - The land erosion on Back Street will be addressed when the refund from FEMA arrives.
- Highland Farms Sugar Works/Highland Farms Inc.
 - John Bleakney
 - Bob Sturgeon (Road Commissioner) will be starting this project on 08/22/24.
- Diann Perkins
 - The fencing was discussed between Diann and Billy (The Cornish Fairgrounds Pub) they have come to an agreement on July 10, 2024.

• **Use of Town Properties:**

- NONE

• **Unfinished Business:**

- Tri-Town Disposal Contact – **Tabled**
- Casella Tipping contract expiring – **Tabled**
- Placement of Historical District Signs – **Tabled**
- Permit fee schedules – **Tabled**
- FEMA report April 4-7 disaster storm – **Tabled**
- Sewer – **Tabled**
- Eagle Eye Display Station - **Tabled**
- Push notification notices
 - Research still being done
 - Text Me Gov. – still looks like the best.
- Cornish participation in emergency preparedness.
 - Nancy Perkins, Chris Calnan, Mat Cama – York County EMA Representative for the Town of Cornish (could not make it because of work)
 - The area of SAD #55 has warming and cooling centers.

- Need is a Shelter for State disaster.
 - Sacopee Middle School in Hiram was built and designed for this reason.
 - Was denied for the April Storm 2024.
 - The principal said the generator wasn't big enough to handle this situation.
 - Only place that can supply five Towns for their needs.
 - Nancy Perkins will be doing more research to have documentation to prove that the Middle School can be used for a shelter.
 - Nancy Perkins the Ungrateful Dead.
 - The Federal Government granted the Aging of Maine 3.5 million dollars.
 - The Ungrateful Dead plan on doing a grant
 - Nancy Perkins also suggested that there should be someone to take Mat Cama (York County EMA Representative of the Town of Cornish) place at meetings if he cannot make it.
 - Nancy has offered her services to assist Mat Cama with EMA meetings.
 - Chris Calnan will discuss the above with Mat.
 - A meeting at the Cornish Fire Station September 18, 2024 @ 6:00 PM.
 - HECTOR Tower Project –
 - Hessian Hill - Still moving forward.
 - Late Mail
 - The mail is still not arriving on time.
 - New mail carrier is trying and has said that when he is here before closing that he did not have packages that day.
 - Jessica Larson (Chair - Selectboard) will follow up with the Cornish Postmaster Jodie.
 - Electronic Waste
 - Volunteers are needed on 9/14/2024.
 - Jessica Larson will help, and Scott has already been notified.
 - Back Street
 - Is still pending.
 - \$13,682.75
 - Try to get an extension (July 15 – September 15) to go forward after the deadline.
 - Maine Bond Bank
 - Approved funding on March 18, 2024, at the Cornish Town Annual Meeting. The Bond Counsel has advised that the prior vote should include a financial statement.
 - The special Town Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 4 ,2024, @6:30PM.
 - All Selectboard Members approved.
 - Speed limit study on the Spur Road.
 - MDOT
 - Spur Road should be 40 MPH.
 - No response yet from Bob Sturgeon.
 - Dee will e-mail Jean.
 - MDOT Pedestrian flashing Sign for the Thomson Park cross walks.
 - The Selectboard has received a manual on the installation.
 - Figure out the cost to install.
 - Mowing – Dana Batchelder
 - Contract invoice received - states \$50.00 extra to mow the rt 25 and Soth Hiram Road flagpole area.
- **New Business:**
 - Saco River Corridor Commission notice
 - An abutter notices from Hiram
 - Robert Hartman
 - Town of Cornish is an abutter even if it is across the river.
 - Cornish had to be notified.
 - MMA Election

- All Selectboard Members voted and signed ballots.
- Celebrate Municipal Officials Appreciation Month (October)
 - All Selectboard Members did not approve
- Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors
 - Dee will send an e-mail to find out and get an official letter to see if Terri Charles is representing the Town of Cornish.
 - Need to put an ad in the Shoppers Guide for another person to apply representing Cornish.
- Assessor
 - Robert Konezal and Hannah Hutchinson
 - Abatements
 - There were six abatements discussed.
 - All Selectboard Members approved and signed abatement papers (August 21 ,2024).
- Rise and Shine sign at the intersection of RT 25 and South Hiram Road.
 - Tammie L. Snow (Law Office) representing Al Metcalf.
 - Immediate removal of the Rise and Shine Sign was done.
 - Does not comply with the Town of Cornish Ordinance on signs.
 - Demands that the Town of Cornish have the sign taken down permanently by August 20, 2024, at 5:00PM.
 - If the Rise and Shine sign is not removed legal action will take place.
- Gregory P. Brauns (Bergen/Parkinson Attorneys) representing the Town of Cornish.
 - The Rise and Shine Greenhouses and Nursery sign.
 - Does comply with the Town of Cornish Ordinance 2.8.18 (C)(ii) and State Statute.
- **Public Comments:**
 - Diann Perkins
 - Fire Marshel report
 - Needs Smoke detectors in the grandstands and under the grandstands.
 - Can only have two events a year.
 - Electrical being done.
 - Need two people that are trained with radios, cell phone to watch for fire.
 - The full report will be mailed.
 - Calista Cross
 - Is going to do a Warrant Article for the Cornish Annual Town Meeting.
 - On RT 5 culvert which Little River streams through.
 - The name will be "The Cornish Memorial Bridge".
 - The Selectboard will review the wording.
 - Chris Calnan
 - Up-dates on the Fire Department and looking into the near future.
 - Diann Perkins
 - Updates on the Cornish Fairgrounds events.

ADJOURNED: 7:33 P.M.

Approved by Selectboard:

Daniel Sherman

Jessica Larson

David Pike

