



Town of Cornish, Maine SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 4, 2024



- Selectboard Member – Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:03 P.M.
- Roll Call – Chair - Jessica Larson, Dan Sherman, David Pike, Monique Guptill Dee Hartford, M. Angel Eastman per-diem Secretary, were present. Dan Sherman 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:

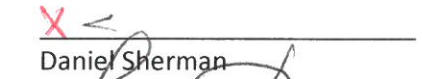

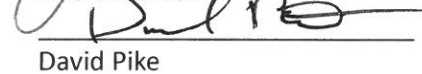
- **ARFS:**
 - Old High and Anderson Drive.
 - Ann Nelligan and Beth Phelps
 - There has been a plan made between all parties involved and things are moving forward with Bob Sturgeon.
 - Cliff Whitney
 - Tree removal from the Mill Pond.
 - Ownership of the Mill Pond (MMA response).
 - If the Mill Pond is less than 10 acres and “the town owns the abutting land, it’s possible the town owns the pond with regard to the land underneath the water.”
 - Removal of the trees from the pond would be subject to the shoreland zoning provisions of the land use ordinance.
 - May require a permit from DEP. (Jessica Larson will follow up on the permit).
 - Volunteers are covered under the same Maine Tort Claims Act as employees would be. However, waivers still may be required but will need to be reviewed by the town’s insurance company.
 - Highland Farms Sugar Works/Highland Farms Inc.
 - This project has been completed.
 - Dates are being made for the tarring of the road.
- **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**
 - Sewer – **Tabled** (moving forward with the CEO).
 - Eagle Eye Display Station – **Tabled**
 - Painting Old Fellows Hall - **Tabled**
 - FEMA report - April 4-7 disaster storm.
 - Jessica Larson sent an email to Matt Cama still no response back.
 - Jessica Larson shall set up a meeting with Matt Cama, Chris Calnan, Nancy Perkins and the Selectboard.
 - Push notification notices
 - Research still being done
 - Text Me Gov. – still looks like the best.
 - Monique Guptill shall be getting a quote before the Town Annual Meeting.
 - Cornish participation in emergency preparedness.
 - A meeting at the Cornish Fire Station September 18, 2024 @ 6:00 PM.
 - HECTor Tower Project –

- Hessian Hill - Still moving forward.
 - Possible might be on hold for grant money on equipment.
- Late Mail
 - Suggested to the mail carrier a by – pass route so he could make a right-hand turn.
 - Mail is still late.
 - Worried about the election coming up because of absentee ballots.
 - Dee will be doing some research on mailboxes and pads.
 - Monique Guptill also reached out to Jim Libby
 - Contact Gorham and Alfred postmaster had similar problems.
 - Contact Susan Collins since it is a federal operation.
- Electronic Waste
 - The ad has been put in the Shoppers Guide.
 - Dates, location and time.
 - A list of items that will be taken and a list of items that will not be taken.
- Back Street – Follow up - FEMA
 - James Sheehan
 - Life threatening situations are receiving FMA money first.
 - This is still pending.
 - The Towns deadline will not be meet.
- Maine Bond Bank
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- Speed limit signs on the Spur Road.
 - Signs have been ordered.
- 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
 - Complaining about the dog feces on the Pike Hall lawn.
 - Monque will talk to the neighbor about this matter.
 - Complaining about the ball field dog feces and rocks.
 - Dee Hartford will send an email to Tom Pengree to inform him to take care of this matter.
- Fire Marshall inspection
 - Send an email to clarify that this last email was it.
 - Nothing was coming in the mail.
- **New Business:**
 - 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
 - Hannah Hutchinson
 - Abatements
 - There were five abatements discussed.
 - All Selectboard Members approved and signed abatement papers (September 4,2024).
 - New foreclosures policy.
 - Monique Guptill inquiring about contacting the town lawyer on the laws for clarification.
 - All Selectboard Members approved.
 - Meeting on September 17, 2024, at 9am.
 - Pam buck – from Senator Collins Office.
 - CDS
 - Thompson Park.

- Kiosk has been repaired and painted.
 - Information sign has been removed
 - Maybe put the parks name on instead.
 - The Parks and Flags Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.
 - Bangor Savings
 - Monique Guptill will schedule an annual review meeting
- **Public Comments:**
 - Nancy Perkins
 - Just to inform the Selectboard that she is going to speak to Calista Cross about naming the culvert 'The Veterans Cornish Memorial Bridge at RT. 5'.
 - Diann Perkins update
 - Grandstand is under repair for what the Fire Marshall has requested.
- A motion was put forward to call a recess for a Special Town Meeting. (6:01 pm)
 - All Selectboard approved
- A motion was put forward to resume the Selectboard Business Meeting (6:39).
 - All Selectboard Members approved.
- Fire Truck Maine Bond
 - All Selectboard Approved
 - Town Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Selectboard Members signed all papers and to be mailed in the morning.

ADJOURNED: 6:45 P.M.

Approved by Selectboard:


 Daniel Sherman

 Jessica Larson

 David Pike

