

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday August 3, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne
Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Sealed bids for the Rock property were due by 3:00pm today, August 3, 2012. No bids were opened as no bids were received. On Monday, the Selectmen will decide the "next step".
3. Selectmen called Jim Atkins to ask about two portraits listed as town property which need to be appraised for insurance purposes. Jim was not so a message was left.
4. John reported that he would not be available from August 31st - September 6th. He will miss the August 31st meeting.
5. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to provide an update on department business. Selectmen discussed an elderly resident and need for permanent housing. Doug called Sugar River Mills complex in Claremont to ask about housing units. Doug reports that a lap top has been sent out for repairs. Doug was asked to add a tower to his quote for a desk top because the town needs one as well. Merilynn asked Doug to have Cory look at the Server because it may be time to replace it. The Durango is going in for service next week because the check engine light is on.
6. There were no visitors for over 45 minutes so the selectmen decided to adjourn.

Adjourned, 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 6, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed checks.
2. Dale and Judy Rook met with Selectmen to discuss Recycling Center concerns. The trash hauler has requested that the dumpster for metal be moved as it is in the way of his truck and trailer when he enters the site. Dale expressed his opinion that it should not be there at all and it was his understanding that there was not going to be a dumpster for the metal because there is already a bay in place for that material. Dale wanted to know who gave the directive for the container. Larry stated he thought it was Pat Pinkson-Burke. Dale reported that his last day will be August 25th and that Doug and Mary Ann McGrath were interested in the positions. Selectmen stated that one of the openings has been offered to Tom Spaulding, Sr. Dale said he would agree to extend his final weekend if there was a need for coverage.
3. Scott Reuthe, Fire Chief, stopped in to report that DES has cleared the town to clean out the fire pond behind the dam in the Flat without permits because it is for the Fire Department. The Selectmen will contact the Conservation Commission to let them know that the DES has approved the work. Scott reported that the Fire Dept. Truck Committee viewed the engine at Dingee Machine last Wednesday and that they were very pleased with what they saw.
4. Mary Ann and Doug McGrath met with Selectmen to discuss their interest in filling the positions that are opening at the Recycling Center. John reported that Tom Spaulding had been approached a few weeks back to ask if he was interested and he stated he was. There are also volunteer positions. Doug said he was not interested in the paid position; he would be happy to volunteer as needed. Mary Ann would like one of the paid positions. The Selectmen will arrange for a meeting with all interested parties on August 27, 2012 at 7:00pm in the town offices.

5. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review department business. He reported on his research for gravel sites. He has walked the property on Town House Road and will visit the site on Tandy Brook this week.
6. The Selectmen reviewed progress on the Safety Audit report which is due back to the State by Friday, August 10th. The Road Agent will meet with Mary on Tuesday or Wednesday to complete his section of the report.
7. Selectmen called George Edson to ask about funds for the \$500 insurance deductible for the oil spill. There was some confusion about the purpose of the Discretionary Maintenance Fund established two years ago. George will meet with the Selectmen on Friday to discuss our request further
8. Selectmen called Jim Barker, Conservation Commission, to notify him of the anticipated work in the fire pond in the Flat.
9. Selectmen called Tom Spaulding to invite him to the August 27th meeting to discuss the openings. Tom was told that there are two paid positions and that Mary Ann McGrath was interested in the second position. Tom stated he was not interested in that case. He was invited to reconsider and encouraged to attend the August 27th meeting.
10. John Hammond stated he would meet with Art Holmes to discuss housing issues.

Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday August 10, 2012 2:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee; John Hammond was with a resident working on housing issues.

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Heidi met with Selectmen to review her most recent estimates on revenues and how that may affect the tax rate. Land Use Change Tax estimates are up as are Yield taxes. The sale of the Rock property will also help keep the rate down. The board will discuss re-bidding that property at the Monday meeting.
3. The Selectmen reviewed the response to the Safety Inspection Report provided by NH Dept. of Labor. Each violation has been addressed and the report will be sent today.
4. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to provide an update on the hood in the kitchen in the Town Hall. The Makeup Air Unit will be raised to just below the roof edge to keep it from being an obstacle for people walking by. The original location was too low and created a hazard for people walking by outside.
5. George Edson and Caroline Storrs met with Selectmen to discuss our request for \$500 for covering the insurance deductible for the oil spill clean up at the Meeting House. George and Caroline asked about the use of the Maintenance Fund. They have a great deal of actual maintenance that is needed on the Meeting House and would like to use their funds for that issue. They found some dry rot in the roof while replacing the clock face recently. The Selectmen will discuss using the Maintenance fund for the deductible at the next board meeting.
6. Lois Fitts met with Selectmen to discuss the pianos at the Meeting House. She has learned that neither one is worth repairing. Both are early 1920 models. Lois states that Ginny Gage has offered one. Selectmen asked Lois to follow up on the offer. Larry stated that funds for tuning could come out of the newly created Maintenance fund. Merilynn offered to donate \$100 toward the repair work.
7. Larry moved to authorize Mary to purchase a replacement shredder for \$219.00, funds to be taken from the Office Supplies line, seconded by Merilynn, the vote was in the affirmative.
8. Merilynn asked about an abatement for the Decato Property now that taxes are paid up. The letter of September 26, 2011 offered a 50% reduction of Penalty and Interest once all taxes are paid. Larry stated that he will wait until John is in the office to decide what the abatement should be.
9. Mike Duvall met with Selectmen to ask about funds for mowing the soccer field prior to the Cornish Fair. Larry moved to authorize up to \$250 from the CREA fund to mow the soccer fields and around the barn, seconded by Merilynn. The vote was in the affirmative.
10. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to drop off his paper work regarding the state statutes regarding the zoning of agricultural land. Selectmen will review what he has presented, talk with Avitar and then get back to Bill. Bill

needs to consider Current Use Regulations and their affect on taxation policies. Zoning and taxation are two separate issues.

11. Doug Hacket met with Selectmen to report on an incident last night. Apparently there was a 911 call on Town House Road at 1:00am for a noise complaint. The caller called back a 2nd time for the same issue. Doug reports that he and Cory will be out of town Monday –Wednesday. Doug will be back in town on Thursday. Doug asked about gasoline at the town garage. He wants to be sure to there is enough to cover his needs over the Fair weekend.
12. The Selectmen asked Mary to remember to post that the office is closed next Friday for the Fair.
13. Jim Zulo met with Selectmen for a permit for a raffle through the NH Timberland Owner’s Association at the Cornish Fair. Approved.
14. Selectmen call Heidi to ask about Change Use taxes and whether or not the distribution has been made to the Conservation Commission yet. She said it is not done until the end of the year.

Adjourned, 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes
Monday August 13, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. John Hammond filled the Board in on his efforts with Art Holmes. John has contacted several agencies to request assistance.
3. The board reviewed Selectwoman Bourne’s draft response to Bill Wall regarding his assessment questions. The letter was approved and signed by all three.
4. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to review department business. He reported on his conversation with two residents regarding gravel removal. Kyle will need to dig a few test pits at both locations in order to assess the materials.
5. Selectmen reviewed the Stephen Decato tax issue. There is still an outstanding balance due. John recommended that we contact Peter Decato to provide an explanation of our intent regarding a partial abatement of the Change Use Tax and interest. The Board will call Peter Decato at the next Friday Board meeting.
6. Merilynn made a motion to re-bid the Rock property without the requirement of a minimum bid. Larry stated he does not wish to market the property now. He also does not wish to remove the minimum bid requirement. Merilynn offered a minimum bid of \$20,000 and responded that the Selectmen have a responsibility to the town to recover the lost taxes and to get the property back on the tax roles as soon as possible. Larry did not feel the \$20,000 minimum bid was adequate. Merilynn suggested \$30,000. John recommended splitting the difference between \$45,000 and \$30,000 at \$37,500. All three Selectmen agreed upon \$37,500 and agreed to advertise immediately. Bids shall be due by 4:00pm, September 7, 2012.
7. Jay Young met with the board to ask about a rumor regarding the potential for a gravel pit at the end of South Deming Road. The Selectmen explained that they are just investigating potential and that any plan would have to be approved by the Planning Board which would mean a public hearing. Jay is concerned about the length of time the pit would be open if it were to be found suitable for gravel. The Selectmen stated it was hard to tell but around 2 years and quite possibly less.

Adjourned, 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 20, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Charlie and Holly Newton met with Selectmen to discuss their property tax. It has jumped significantly since they purchased in 2005. A recent bank appraisal came up with a value of \$210,000 but the town has it appraised at \$285,000. The Newton's were given an abatement request form and were advised to invite Avitar to see the interior. Selectmen will follow up with Avitar.
3. Selectmen reviewed the Decato tax issue. An abatement of \$4162 in Change Use Tax is due Mr. Decato, however there is an outstanding tax balance of \$3749.39 still due on the property. As a result, the town will cut a check for \$412.61 to Mr. Decato. This amount is the difference between the abatement due and taxes due.
4. Lois Fitts met with Selectmen to provide an update on the piano. Lois would like to put a request through Connect Cornish for a playable-tunable, donated piano.
5. Andy Peck met with Selectmen to discuss recycling and the town's arrangement with Jeff's Rubbish. Selectmen will review files to see if there is anything in writing with Jeff's Rubbish. Andy was informed of the meeting scheduled for next Monday evening to discuss the changes at the recycling center brought about by Dale Rook's resignation. Andy will attend that meeting to state his interest in hauling rubbish.
6. Selectmen called Brian Meyette to answer question about the property pit up for bids. Brian pointed out that there was a typo on the Connect Cornish listing. Mary will correct the Connect Cornish posting.
7. Selectmen discussed paying the \$500 deductible for the final report and testing from the oil spill at the Meeting House in the Flat. Larry moved to withdraw the \$500 from the Municipal Building Non-capital Reserve Fund, seconded by John Hammond. The vote was in the affirmative.

Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday August 24, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices. An Episcopal group made a cash donation of \$155.25 to put toward the maintenance and upkeep of Trinity Church. The funds will be deposited into the Trinity Church Fund.
2. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen for an update. Doug reported on quotes for two CPUs. He reports the cheapest quote is for \$619 from Systems Plus. Merilynn moved to spend \$619 on a new CPU for the town office and to spend up to \$150 to transfer data from the old CPU to the new, John seconded, all voted "aye". Doug then reported that he has \$600 in his budget for the purchase of his department's new CPU but he has also sent out the cruiser's laptop for repair work at a cost of \$750. The board reviewed the departmental budget with Doug. It appears he has the funds for the purchase.
3. Linda Fuerst met with Selectmen to discuss the monitoring of the Swimming Hole in the Flat for DRED. DRED needs to see the maintenance plan for that location. Also a plan for the CREA land. Linda reports that Harold Morse knows how to lower the level of the pond annually so less dredging is needed. Run it out/drain it down one weekend each spring. John reported to Linda that Wayne Grey asked about placing a small booth on the CREA soccer fields in the fall to sell soda and chips, etc. The board and Linda thought that would be a good idea. The board will meet with Wayne to discuss the idea and to determine how the revenues will be used. Linda reported on \$4,000 raised for the repair/replacement of the bridge over the CREA wetlands. The work will be done this fall.
4. Selectmen called Mark Stetson at Avitar to ask for an explanation regarding the assessment on the Newton property and the Mack property. First we reviewed the Newton property. Mark states that taxable values

were \$227,000 in 2006; \$242,900 in 2007; \$289,600 in 2008 and \$280,500 in 2009. Mark thinks it's possible that measurements were listed on the card incorrectly and updated in 2012. Mark suggests letting it go through the abatement process because of the proximity to revaluation. Selectmen will look for the field cards which report on the actual property visits. The board next reviewed the Mack property. Purchase price was \$245,000. Current assessment card states \$276,700. Mark recommends the abatement process for the Mack property as well. They bought the house out of foreclosure so it was below market.

5. Selectmen called Charlie Newton to report on our conversation with Avitar. Voice mail was left.

Adjourned, 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 27, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Jesse Salzarulo came in with her application for Veteran's Credit and asked for a permit for a Day Care Facility. Jessie was told that Site Plan Review is a requirement for all non-residential uses.
3. Larry moved to appoint David Haseman as an alternate to the Planning Board, seconded by John Hammond. The vote was "Aye" and unanimous.
4. Lois Fitts met with Selectmen for an update on the piano issue. Audrey Jacquier has donated a piano. Jim Guy will use the LISTEN truck to move it to the Town Hall on Saturday.
5. Beverly Duval met with Selectmen to ask why the upper part of Stage Coach Road hasn't been graded yet. She reports the Road Agent told her he had to ask if he could. The Selectmen are confused about Kyle's response. The road is being maintained. John stated he would call Kyle tomorrow to clear up any confusion on his part. Beverly also asked about road frontage. Her tax card does not show road frontage on Stage Coach Road. Beverly states that Carol Rennie's property also does not show road frontage on Stage Coach Road. Selectmen will review the cards.
6. Selectmen met with the Dale & Judy Rook, Pat Pinkson-Burke, Doug & Mary Ann McGrath and Andy Peck to discuss management of the Recycling Center. Andy is interested in the concession to remove rubbish. Pat states that Jeff's Rubbish has been hauling rubbish for over 6 years. Jeff's is the only hauler who bid without asking for payment from the town. Dale reminded us that the contract was awarded via the bid process. John says the contract has been renewed a few times. Pat stated that Connect Cornish should be used to hire a second paid position. Dale reports that his position as book keeper paid .27 an hour more than the second staffer. Doug feels the Selectmen should oversee the hiring of the second person. Pat reminds the Selectmen that the state requires that one person needs to be certified. A Level 3 is needed to run a recycling facility. It's a free two day course and a test coordinated by NHDES. Pat is currently a Level 4 overseer but he feels it's time to find another individual to take on this responsibility. It may be time to make this position a paid town position. The Level 3 is supposed to be at the facility every day it's open. It was brought up that we need a volunteer release form for anyone who fills in from time to time without pay. The board will check with the municipal association for a release form. Mary Ann and Doug were asked to fill out hiring paper work so they will be covered before Mary Ann starts this Saturday. Dale reported that the metal dumpster is still in the way. Pat Pinkson-Burke reported that he never ordered the dumpster. He simply told Kyle that money could be saved by using the dumpster but that there was no place to put it. Kyle called for the dumpster on his own. Dale was annoyed about that decision as he was under the impression that the board had agreed with Dale that there was no place to put it. Merilynn suggested that the dumpster be removed and not returned at this time. She feels Dale has been handling that facility long enough to know best how to make the flow work. Pat reported that the town can apply for a \$2,500 retroactive grant for waste oil and then a \$1,500 annual grant to test the waste oil. (DES Waste Management is the grantor) Pat added that Andy Peck can bid on the rubbish removal contract when the current contract ends. Selectmen will review the contract.

7. Selectmen called Kyle Witty. John reported on Beverly Duval's visit regarding Stage Road and the need for grading at her end. Kyle will grade the rest of the road. Kyle was told that the metal dumpster in the recycling center needs to be removed. The selectmen will meet with all concerned to discuss its future location.

Adjourned, 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday August 31, 2012 2:00pm

Present: Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

Absent: John Hammond

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Heidi Jaarsma met with Selectmen to provide an update on tax rate projections. It is still early and many things can change between now and October.
3. Dale Rook met with Selectmen to provide a copy of the contract signed by Jeff's Rubbish in 2007. Dale asked about a notice on Connect Cornish to hire a second person to work at the Recycling Center. Dale was asked for a copy of his notebook for the town's files. Dale will go through to see what copies would be important for the town. Dale asked if the metals dumpster has been removed. The Selectmen do not know.
4. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to provide a department update. Kyle reported he has seen the minutes of the November 7, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting wherein the Selectmen voted to continue to maintain Stage Coach Road. Kyle presented a purchase order for a used bush hog for \$1,000. Larry asked where the funds would come from in his budget. Kyle was thinking of using Asphalt Funds. Merilynn commented that using Asphalt Funds for something other than asphalt is frowned upon by the tax payers and rightfully so. Kyle responded that in the 2013 Budget, the Asphalt Line would be for a specific road and a specific mileage and that would be all it will be used for. This year it was just an estimate. The purchase will pay for itself in just a few years because we will no longer need to lease a bush hog. Selectmen approved the purchase.
5. Selectmen called Mike Fuerst to ask about the use of the non-capital reserve Municipal Building fund. Does the use of such funds require a public hearing first? Mike stated that if the Selectmen are designated as the agents, which they are in the article, they are able to use the funds without a public hearing.
6. Selectmen met with Leo Maslan for signatures for the CREA Wetlands Permit – Minimum Impact Dredge & Fill – Expedited, to repair the bridge.

Adjourned, 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman