

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday July 2, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne
Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, signed checks and invoices.
2. George Edson, representing the Cornish Fair Association, met with Selectmen for a camping permit.
3. John Carlson met with Selectmen to ask about the ditch and culvert by his driveway. He reports that the ditch and possibly culvert need to be cleaned out. Selectmen will pass the message along to Kyle Witty, Road Agent.
4. Ruth Rollins dropped off information on this year's Old Home Day which will be held the last Saturday in July (July 28).
5. Selectwoman Bourne met with the Town Clerk and Tax Collector to explain the results of the Safety Audit conducted June 8, 2012. A copy of the page relating to Town Clerk/Tax Collector space was provided.
6. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to discuss the ongoing work at the Town Hall. The Selectmen reported on the propane leak. Bill said he would check all the connections and caps. Bill reports that Dick Barril has agreed to do the electric work for the hood free of labor charges. Dick can be reached at 542-6587. A new panel for the hood will be required. Bill asked for approval for Randy McNeil to pick up the control panel so Dick can do the wiring; Approved.
7. There was no more business.

Adjourned, 8:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday July 6, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Gerald Merrill from Blue Mt. Forest Association met with Selectmen to discuss Current Use and a DRA land transfer form. The DRA form has the land assessed at \$28K while the town has the land assessed at \$57K. The Selectmen explained that the DRA form is a way for the state to verify local land values for assessing purposes.
3. Ali Hodgdon met with selectmen to ask about logging on his property. Ali was told that the logger will know what forms are needed.
4. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to review the week. The crew finished hauling winter sand today. There is a problem with the 2009 truck. It's leaking oil. Kyle reports that new safety vests and hard hats arrived today along with a new tow chain for the grader and new chains for hanging the sanders. The Safety Committee will meet at 4:00pm on Monday. Kyle asked about adding a member from the Fire Department. The board agrees that it would not be a bad idea. The state requires a minimum of 4, which we have. Merilynn asked about an "eye wash" station which led to questions about the potability of the water from the pond which supplies the highway garage. Kyle will have the water tested and proceed from there. Kyle went over the sale agreement for the new truck. To paint it blue will add a little over \$1,000 to

the cost and Kyle would rather use those dollars for lights, etc. Kyle reports that there is now a metal dumpster at the recycling center.

5. Doug Hackett stopped in to say, "Hello". No news.
6. Selectmen approved and signed the Current Use application for Blue Mt. Forrest Association.
7. Selectmen scheduled the organizational meeting for the 250th Anniversary Committee for July 23, 2012 at 7:00pm at the town offices. Merilynn will post the meeting to Connect Cornish. The last celebration was held on Saturday, August 24. August 24th in 2013 also falls on a Saturday. It will not conflict with the Cornish Fair which is always the third weekend of the August.

Adjourned, 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday July 9, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Dale Rook met with Selectmen to report that as of August 25th, Will Reed and Dale will be done with recycling. There are many issues, including a wish to have Saturday's off. As of September 1st, there will need to be replacements in place. Dale recommends that whoever will take over, should start at least two or three Saturday's before Dale is done. Selectmen will advertise the positions on Connect Cornish. Only two paid individuals are required. Judy Rook has been volunteering her time. Judy may be able to provide names of individuals who would be willing to volunteer two Saturdays a month to keep the Swap Shop organized. Merilynn asked Dale for an operations overview. Dale stated he has a notebook filled with contacts and schedules. The hours of operation for the Recycling Center are 9:00am – 2:00pm. Dale reported that 205 cars visited the center this past Saturday. The Selectmen thanked Dale for his 10 years of dedicated service which has made the center what it is today.
3. Jim Schubert met with Selectmen for a permit for a shed/studio/carport. Approved #377-12
4. John Rand met with Selectmen for an appeal from an administrative decision. He was provided the forms and a copy of the Zoning Regulations & Site Plan Review Regulations.
5. Wayne Grey met with Selectmen for approval of a road closing for the Fair. John moved to approve the closing of Parsonage Road from Town House Rd. to the Highway Garage for the 4 days of the Fair; Merilynn seconded. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative. Wayne also asked for approval for helicopter rides again this year. The Selectmen approve. Wayne reported on a volunteer picnic this Sunday at 4:00pm at the Fair Grounds. The Selectmen and Road Agent are invited.
6. Valerie Newton met with Selectmen to ask about the dam on School Street. Valerie asked about having the pond dredged. It has filled with sand and gravel as a result of Tropical Storm Irene. The Selectmen will ask if the Fire Department will oversee the operation. They do not need the permits required by others because they use it as a fire pond.
7. Scott Reuthe met with Selectmen. John asked him about dredging the pond at the dam. Scott will check with Nate Cass to see how it was handled the last time it was dredged. There was a discussion about the fire truck. Scott asked about seeing the truck. Larry asked for more time "to allow him to have something to show". Scott asked for a Wednesday night. Merilynn asked for the change order for the tire chains. Larry does not have the new pricing yet. Merilynn asked about a delivery date for the truck. Larry stated he does not have a good answer at this time. Merilynn reminded him that the due date is tomorrow, July 10th and that it is not unreasonable for the town to want a delivery date. Larry acknowledged that the request is not unreasonable but he just doesn't have a date at this time. Scott asked about the old generator in Station One. Larry reported that it was being held onto because it still works. Scott

responded that the Fire Department doesn't need it and that perhaps the Highway Dept. would like it. Kyle will take a look at it. Scott may consider putting it in the station in the Flat.

8. Perry & Kathleen Coombs met with Selectmen for approval of their permit for a porch. Permit approved. #378-12.
9. Bill Balch, Secretary of the ZBA, met with Selectmen to report on a 2008 case for Andrew and Annett Hoffman. Their addition was approved with the provision that they must tear down the building in front within 18 months. It has not been done yet. Selectmen will send them a letter.
10. Merilynn asked about the position of liaison for the St. Gaudens Trustees. John nominated Merilynn, Larry seconded, the vote was unanimous. Larry stated he would like a message taken to the Trustees about the importance of the Trustees understanding that they are taxpayers. John stated we should let sleeping dogs lie. Merilynn stated that she was fairly certain that the trustees do understand they are taxpayers. That is why they sectioned off 5 acres of taxable land. Once that land is sold, however, they will no longer be taxpayers.
11. Merilynn requested that Larry provide the change order for the automatic tire chains no later than this coming Friday. Dingee Machine states it does not wish to include the automatic tire chains as a change order. Dingee Machine will be happy to supply a list of names to the Fire Chief so he can purchase them locally.

Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday July 13, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Larry Dingee left a letter from Dingee Machine requesting that any dialogue or correspondence between himself and the Selectmen concerning the new fire truck be done in writing. Mr. Dingee feels that too much time is being wasted on the subject during regular board hours.
3. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen for a signature for a purchase order for the new F550. The P.O. was approved. John Hammond signed as Chair.
4. Jon Wolper from The Valley News called to speak with the Board about the process for the completion of the new truck and to ask about how change orders are handled. The board explained that change orders are agreed upon by the Fire Dept. Truck Committee and the contractor and are then approved by the Board as it is the Selectmen's responsibility to oversee expenses. Very similar to purchase orders. Jon reported that Larry Dingee told him it was not normal for the board to attend to such details so he (Jon) was confused. The Board explained that they have a different understanding of their required level of oversight. Jon asked about delivery time. The Board responded that they could not answer that question because they have not received anything in writing from the contractor explaining the delay or informing us as to the new expected delivery date. At the July 9th Selectmen's meeting, the Board requested that this information be submitted in writing.
5. Attorney Peter DeCato called the Selectmen to ask about settling the Lindbergh tax issue. He asked if the Selectmen would still honor their letter of September 26, 2011. The Selectmen stated that a substantial portion of the taxes would need to be paid before a decision could be made. Attorney DeCato will advise his client and perhaps the town will be able to receive funds in the coming week.
6. There were no visitors after 3:00pm.

Adjourned, 4:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday July 16, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Wayne Gray called the Selectmen to ask about listing the Highway Crew as Sponsors of the Cornish Fair because of all their efforts on behalf of the Fair Association. The Selectmen support this public show of appreciation.
3. Ben Lindbergh called the Selectmen to discuss taxes due and payment. Ben will drop off a check tomorrow morning.
4. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to ask about state statutes that may allow his 3 acres of actual agricultural land to be placed into current use in spite of the fact that it is less than 10 acres. Merilynn stated that she would like to review the statutes with Avitar, our assessing company. The Selectmen apologized for misplacing the paperwork Bill dropped off and asked if he would be so kind as to provide it again. He stated he would.
5. Kyle Witty chatted with Selectmen about Highway Department business. Kyle discussed the need for access to a new gravel pit and suggested a spot. A letter of interest was drafted and signed.
6. Linda Parzyck met with Selectmen to discuss taxes. The Selectmen provided Linda with the forms for State Taxpayer's relief. Merilynn moved to abate the 2009 tax interest in the amount \$1,334.34. John seconded; the vote was unanimous.
7. The selectmen reviewed the current Purchase Order policy and the draft for an updated policy. Merilynn made a motion to accept the updated Purchase Order Policy; John seconded. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. Larry remarked that a purchase policy should not make life more difficult for department heads.
8. The Selectmen signed a letter to Dingee Machine; a formal request for an anticipated delivery date of the new truck as well as an explanation for failure to meet the July 10th due date and a formal request to view the new engine within 14 days of this date.

Adjourned, 8:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday July 20, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne
Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. John reviewed the septic design for Jessie Roberts and applied the Selectmen's stamp.
3. John reported on a complaint about an apparently failed septic system. Jeff Ketchum will be contacted for an inspection. John will take a look after this meeting.
4. Selectmen signed a camping permit for Kathryn Foster.

5. John called Troy Simino to ask about timber law. "Who is responsible for the task of grading the timber cut on a timber report?" Troy reports it is the job of the selectmen or their representative, not the forester or logger.
6. Leo Maslan met with Selectmen to discuss the replacement of the bridge on the CREA land.
7. George Edson called the Selectmen to respond to their inquiry regarding the deductible for the state provided funds for the final work. The deductible is \$500. George will speak with the committee to see how they would like to respond and report back to the Selectmen.
8. Selectmen called the Sullivan County Dept. of Corrections to ask about work crews. No one was in so a message was left.
9. Doug Hackett stopped in to pick up mail and pass along that his office has been very busy the past two weeks.
10. Selectmen left the office to walk a potential gravel site.

Adjourned, 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday July 23, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Art Holmes met with Selectmen to provide an update on his situation and to talk about housing. Art said he would bring in the name of the woman he is working with so the Selectmen can have a conversation with her. Art was asked about septage. Art stated that he was dumping urine in the woods and that he was also using the restroom at Cumberland Farms in Windsor.
3. Selectmen called Kelly Auger-Foti to ask about the 6% interest due on the funds abated for the Fairpoint Property. Kelly explained that statutory interest is due on the amount abated and payable from the date of their last payment to the date we cut a check for the abatement. \$354.23 is due on interest. She asked that we make the check payable to Northern New England Telephone but send it to Kelly's attention at her company address.
4. At 7:00pm, the Selectmen convened the organizing meeting of the 250th Anniversary Committee. Several ideas were shared for events and for pulling in more "stakeholders", such as the Old Home Days committee, the Historical Society and the Cornish School. There were only 5 individuals present besides the Selectmen, so it was agreed that a new date would be set to include a larger group. Ann Heir and Christine Hines will contact those on the sign up sheet to set a new date.
5. Jim Strout met with Selectmen for a building permit for a barn. Approved.
6. Larry Dingee, as owner of Dingee Machine, was asked if he had received the Selectmen's letter dated July 16, 2012, requesting information about the failure to deliver the truck as well as a new anticipated delivery date. Larry stated that he had received the letter. He was asked when the Selectmen could expect a response. He stated that he didn't know. Merilynn said she was confused by his unwillingness to give the board any information about the town's truck. Larry responded that he didn't like "demands". He then asked if the meeting was over, indicating he was no longer willing to talk about the issue. John said he would speak to Scott Reuthe to set up a review of the construction of the new fire engine.

Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday July 27, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to report that the stove hood is installed in the kitchen at the Town Hall. Bill provided a drawing. He reports that the vent for the water heater has been extended to the roof. The Ansul valve is here. Lee Perry will do the installation. The electric work needs to be completed by Dick Baril first.
3. John called Ruth Rollins to ask about Old Home Day and the program. Dinner is served at noon and the program starts right about 1:30pm. John also asked about plans for Old Home Day in 2013 which is the 250th Anniversary of the Town. Ruth was invited to come to the next 250th Anniversary Committee meeting and to bring her ideas with her.
4. Leo Maslan met with the Selectmen to discuss the bridge replacement on the CREA land and to look at the flood maps. Leo has spoken with a wetlands official from the state and is confident he can go forward.
5. The Selectmen called Laurie Wadsworth to discuss her land on Tandy Brook Road. John explained our interest in gravel. Laurie and her husband will meet with the Selectmen Monday evening if they are interested in working with the town.
6. The Selectmen called Tom Spaulding to see if he is interested in taking over for Dale Rook at the Recycling. Tom was not in so a message was left.
7. Doug Hackett stopped in to provide the Selectmen with an update on department business.
8. Tom Spaulding came into the office to accept the offer to take over at the recycling center. Tom asked about the wage and was told that it pays \$10.00 an hour. The Selectmen explained that Dale Rook has an operations manual he will leave with the office.

Adjourned, 4:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman