

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2012 2:00pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and singed invoices.
2. Peter Burling met with Selectmen to discuss Trinity Church and the need for repairs to a few of the shutters. He would be happy to have his contractor fix the problem in the Spring. Selectmen would be much appreciative. Peter commented that Root Hill Road (Class VI section) is in very poor shape. Peter would like to get a forester into his 70 acres which are off the Class VI portion of Root Hill Road. He would like to be allowed to put down some gravel to get a logging truck in. The Selectmen explained that as an abutter, he has the right to take whatever steps are needed so that he can access his property. The expense will be his and the status of the road will be unchanged.
3. Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer, met with Selectmen to discuss her conversation with Citizen's Bank regarding credit card services for property tax payments and a fee service for reconciling accounts. Heidi is not interested in the reconciliation service and would like to have the Tax Collector in on any conversations regarding the payment of taxes with credit cards. Perhaps a survey of residents to determine their wish for this option would be appropriate.
4. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to complain to Merilynn about her comments in the Valley News regarding his petition to cap the School Budget at 1%. Merilynn explained that freedom of speech was still a right and she was exercising her right. Mr. Wall also stated that he wanted to know what the Selectmen were going to do about the Fire Department's decision not to accept all applicants. John and Merilynn both stated that they do not "dabble in department affairs". The department's by-laws make it quite clear that those decisions are the department's alone.
5. Bill Gallagher met with Selectmen to talk about the Conservation Award for 2012 and to discuss remarks to accompany the presentation. There followed a lengthy conversation about the progress of the Cornish Community Farm project.
6. Selectmen called Bernie Waugh to check on the court date for the St. Gaudens' case. There are conflicting notifications about the date. Bernie confirms that the date is March 14th at 9:00am.
7. Larry Dingee presented a letter to the Selectmen from Dingee Machine regarding the board's request for information and change orders. He did not stay to review the letter with the board.

Adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2012 6:30pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and singed invoices.

2. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to discuss repairs on the Durango. The repair exceeded the estimate due to brake problems not foreseen. \$762.00 is the charge. Initially Doug thought the cost would be \$300.00. Merilynn moved, Larry seconded, to approve the charge. All voted "aye". Doug reported that he re-negotiated the Verizon charge for the "air cards" for the lap tops in the cruiser.
3. Rebecca Flynn called the Selectmen to ask if the office had looked into the legality of the political sign paid for by the Highway crew. She believes that the names of those paying for the sign must be on the sign and not simply "Highway Crew". If it is not formatted correctly, she would like to see "Sponsored by the Highway Crew" covered over by Town Meeting. John Hammond will call the LGC to ask about the regulation.
4. Selectmen called Doug Freeland to ask him to look at the hot water heater in the Town Hall and provide us with his opinion regarding "repair" or "replace". Doug said he would be happy to take a look and get back to us.

Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2012 2:00pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and signed invoices.
2. Doug Freeland called regarding the hot water heater in the Town Hall. He is not licensed to work on a heater in a commercial kitchen. The heater is over 10 years old and has already exceeded its warranty. Doug reports that the burner assembly is not in bad shape. Doug states he would be inclined to replace the heater if it were up to him.
3. Kyle Witty stopped in quickly to see if the Selectmen needed anything. He and the crew are busy hauling gravel. Selectmen are all set. Kyle will meet with the Selectmen Monday evening to review things for Town Meeting.
4. Paul Whalen met with Selectmen and Larry Dingee to review the status of change orders and delivery date for the new fire engine. Paul was given a copy of the latest letter from Dingee Machine. Larry asked Paul if he had the spec sheet for the color on the chassis. Larry commented that the paint is a done deal as the chassis is already in. Paul indicates that the department does indeed wish to have the pump heater and heat pans for an additional \$1,621. Larry stated he will present that change order to the Selectboard by March 16th. Merilynn asked about the Hale QFlow pump and timely ordering. Larry states that the pump will take only 4-6 weeks for delivery so does not need to be ordered yet. Merilynn responded that the Selectboard wishes to ensure that nothing holds up the delivery of this vehicle so timely ordering of parts for assembly is critical. At this point in time there are no other change orders anticipated. Paul asked about the speedlay recommended by Larry. Larry explained that the speedlay he recommended appears not to be workable. He has determined that the speedlay would make the truck unstable. Paul asked about the lighting and if Larry has spoken to the manufacturer about the light configurations. Larry stated that it was not yet time to have that

discussion. Paul would like to know as soon as possible if there will be additional charges for the lighting design.

5. Selectmen called Jamie Dow at DRA to ask about the use of Capital Reserve funds. She was not in so a message was left.
6. Larry stated he was leaving at 4:15.
7. Bill Palmer met with Selectmen to discuss the School District Meeting.
8. Paul Whalen discussed the Fire Department by-laws with the Selectmen and asked about accessing the Fire Truck Capital Reserve funds approved at Town Meeting last year. Merilynn said she would call the DRA Monday morning and have Jamie Dow email the DRA response to the question to the Town Offices for Monday evening's meeting.
9. Gwyn Gallagher met with Selectmen to review Town Meeting procedures and to go over the articles on the warrant. Gwyn also provided the Selectmen with an Intent to Cut for signatures.

Adjourned 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2012 6:30pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and signed invoices.
2. Selectmen met with Kyle Witty to discuss topics to be covered at the Town Meeting tomorrow. There was also a discussion regarding the Federal fuel tax and the town's ability to apply for an exemption from that tax.
3. Ann Hier called the Selectmen to discuss the article for the stove and hood for the Town Hall. The Selectmen will be reviewing that article as well as Town Hall Maintenance to determine how to fit in the funds for replacing the hot water heater.
4. Selectmen called Colleen O'Neil to ask her thoughts about the sufficiency of the \$10,000 request for the stove and hood for the Town Hall. She feels the amount of the request is good and sees no need to raise the amount. Kyle will remove the old cook stove from the kitchen.
5. The Selectmen agreed to add \$2,500 to the maintenance line for the Town Hall to cover the replacement of the hot water heater; materials and labor.

Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2012 2:00pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and signed invoices.
2. Mary provided an update on phone calls. A number of individuals have called to complain about the muddy roads.
3. Larry provided an update on Thursday evening's Planning Board meeting. Eastman annexation requires research on the status of Old County Road (road to Claremont/Newport).
4. Merilynn moved to appoint Jay Young to a 3 year term as a voting member of the Planning Board. Motion seconded, John Hammond. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative.
5. Larry reports that the City of Claremont has offered the Armory on Winter Street to the County for a potential county wide dispatch center.
6. Paul Whalen called to ask about the article for the purchase of the turnout gear. Did he need to get three bids? Larry suggested he call Reynolds and Firematic. Paul will check with them and get back to us.
7. Larry suggested sending out a reminder to the 4 department heads about the P.O. policy.
8. Pat Pinkson-Burke called Selectmen to discuss options for water heaters in the Town Hall. Doug Freeland is the person Pat recommends for the discussion. Pat thinks we should have propane on-demand for the kitchen and electric on-demand for the bathroom. Pat offered his on-demand propane if we would like it. It has at least 15-20 years on it. Aquastar is the brand.
9. Larry Dingee moved to reappoint Heidi Jaarsma to the Planning Board. John Hammond seconded. The vote was affirmative and unanimous.
10. The Selectmen call Lee Parry to ask about the hot water heater for the town hall, on-demand vs. conventional. Lee thinks the initial cost for the on-demand is more money but saves money in the end. Lee will look at the current setup and get us some quotes. Mr. Parry will meet with Larry to gain entrance to the Town Hall.
11. Doug Hackett called the Selectmen to discuss the dispatch contract with Claremont. The Selectmen asked that Doug have the City of Claremont send the contract directly to the Selectmen for their signatures as opposed to Doug's signature.
12. Larry Dingee moved to appoint John Hammond Chair, seconded by Merilynn Bourne. Vote was unanimous and in the affirmative.

Adjourned 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday March 19, 2012 6:30pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and signed invoices and checks.
2. Selectmen discussed the hot water heater in the town hall. Larry and John would like to see the hot water heater repaired. Lee Parry reports it can be repaired and Larry believes it should last for 5 years more. Larry moved to repair the current heater, seconded by John. Lee Parry from ARC will do the work. The vote was in the affirmative.
3. Rob Jaarsma met with Selectmen to talk about his forestry plan. 92.3 acres are in current use. The plan will be forwarded to Avitar for their review.
4. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to ask about the department's wage line. There are enough funds in that line to make the wage increase retroactive to the first of the year. Larry made a motion to make all pay raises for town employees effective the pay period following town meeting. John seconded the motion. John and Larry voted "aye", Merilynn voted "no". The motion passed. Kyle asked about changing the membership on the equipment committee. Kyle would like to see a maximum number set for the committee. Kyle feels seven (including a Selectmen and the Road Agent) would be the optimum. Selectmen will consider the idea.
5. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to discuss the Town Hall. The Selectmen explained the need for an individual to oversee the Town Hall and fill the Selectmen in on repair/maintenance needs; small projects such as plunging the toilet or replacing a broken window pane. Bill asked about the hourly rate. John feels it would be around \$10-\$10.50. Bill asked how long it has been since the overhead heaters have been serviced. The Selectmen didn't know off hand. Bill asked about keys and how many were out there. There is one key that we know of. Bill was given a key. The Board set Mr. Fitts hourly rate at \$10.27.
6. Selectmen called Colleen O'Neil to let her know that we need three quotes before selecting a contractor. She was not in so a message was left.
7. Corey Stevens met with Selectmen to discuss road maintenance. He is concerned about the department's ability to get to calls. "Levitt Hill is in horrible condition." Corey would like to see more gravel put down. Corey asked about crushed asphalt vs. bank run gravel. The Selectmen will speak with the Road Agent about a long term plan to address those sections of roads that require substantial gravel annually.

Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday March 23, 2012 2:00pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and signed invoices.
2. Mary reported on calls and questions from the public.
3. Selectmen called Lee Parry to see about repairing the Town Hall hot water heater by Tuesday of next week. Lee was not in so a message was left.
4. Larry reported on the meeting Tuesday at the town hall to discuss the installation of a hood with fire suppressant system for the stove. Colleen O'Neil will request a quote from a contractor who was recommended to the Selectboard by Bob Bladen.
5. Selectmen reviewed John Barry's building permit application. Upon review it was determined a permit was not required. Mr. Barry's check will be returned.
6. John reported on a septic dig for Richard Heim at the foot of Dingleton Hill.
7. Selectmen called Ann Hier to report on the repair schedule for the hot water heater for the Town Hall.
8. Selectmen met with Heidi Jaarsma to review the final tax rate. Heidi reminds the board that it is time to market the Rock property as it is on the revenue list.
9. Selectmen reviewed the Ivanov question about building on Tract 2 of the land. The deed was researched and does show two separate tracks. Mr. Ivanov will need a new septic design as there has been no cottage on that site for many years.
10. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to discuss his hired equipment expenditure and gravel expense. There has been a great deal of gravel trucked in the last two weeks due to an unusually bad "mud season". \$25,000 of the \$20,000 gravel line has been spent. Kyle discussed working on several of the really bad spots during the summer as well as researching past work which has not been recorded. Kyle asked about a non-employee using town equipment to sweep a town road. The individual would not charge for his time. The Selectmen explained that our insurance coverage does not allow non-employees to operate our equipment.
11. Reyer Jaarsma asked for an extension on his cut on Gail Davis's land. He will get a letter to the board.
12. Selectmen contacted an appliance service center to ask about repairs to the Southbend 320 range in the Town Hall. The representative explained a technician would not work on that model due to its age and lack of safety features. Also, the parts to bring the stove into compliance would cost over \$2,600.
13. Selectmen called Pat Pinkson-Burke to let him know that we would be repairing the hot water heater and not replacing it.

Adjourned 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday March 26, 2012 6:30pm

PRESENT: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed paper work and signed checks.
2. Bill Fitts called to ask about tables and chairs for a memorial service for Janet Schoeler. The request was approved.
3. There were no visitors so the office closed at 7:45

Adjourned 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday March 30, 2012 2:00pm

PRESENT: Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed invoices and mail.
2. Colleen O'Neil stopped in to drop off the file for the Town Website which has been maintained by Janet Shoeler since 2006. The town will now take over the site.
3. Jim Strout met with Selectmen to discuss changing the classification of his current use land. He wishes to move the land from unmanaged to recreational. Jim also asked about the sheds that are on his property that are not on his inventory. The Board will have Avitar review his card. Jim asked about uscommunities.org. He states that Cornish is a member of this cooperative purchasing alliance. The Board is not aware of that membership but will look into it.
4. John and Polly Rand met with the Selectmen to talk about the issue of a proposed dairy barn to be constructed on the Mather property just north of their property. Concerned about odor, noise, waste water run off, flies, etc. 40 head of milking cows will be very loud early in the morning. The Rands would just like the board to know of their concerns.
5. Selectmen called the Local Government Center to ask about competitive bidding relative to the repair of Engine 2 which is a Dingee built truck. Larry wants to be certain that getting 3 bids for hourly rates is sufficient. Selectmen spoke with Paul Sanderson, staff attorney, who reports that it is wise to get 3 bids in this situation. Those 3 bids need to be more detailed than just getting hourly rates.
6. John Carlson met with Selectmen for approval of a root cellar next to the house, 13X24. Permit #365-12 for \$50.00.
7. Dwayne Tabor met with Selectmen to ask about logging and access for logging. He was told to meet with the Road Agent for a curb cut permit. Dwayne also asked for a building permit application for a shed.

Adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn B. Bourne, Selectwoman