

OCTOBER'S MINUTES HAVE ALL BEEN REVIEWED & APPROVED BY THE SELECTMEN

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday October 1, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, signed invoices and checks.
2. At 6:30pm, as stated in the town's Invitation to Bid, John Hammond, Chair, opened the sealed bids submitted for the Rock property. The bids were as follows and in this order: Rick & Rae Mellow bid \$32,759.00; Corey & Christy Stevens bid \$25,217; Ryan Higgins bid \$20,004.00. Each bid contained the required \$5,000.00 bank check. Those were the only bids received. The Selectmen announced the Mellow bid as the high and accepted bid. All bidders were thanked for their participation. The Mellows were told to come into the office on Friday to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement. The town attorney will generate that document. The town will take care of the Dept of H & H Services lien prior to the closing date.
3. Bill Gallagher met with John Hammond for his signature on a Conservation Commission document.
4. At 7:00pm, Mary announced that the phone lines were down.
5. John reported he would not be able to attend the October 19th Selectmen's Meeting.
6. Selectmen adjourned at 7:30pm. Still no phone service.

Adjourned, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday October 5, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Selectmen discussed road issue and the upcoming safety inspection with Road Agent Witty.
3. Merilynn moved to discontinue maintenance of Stage Coach Road pursuant to the advice of legal counsel. John said he would like to talk about the matter more. There was no second to the motion. The Selectmen will talk with counsel prior to taking a vote.
4. Inspector DiGangi called the Selectmen to schedule a date for his final visit. He will be in town October 12th at 11:00am.
5. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to report that the town hall is done except for the Fire Suppression piece. The installer is trying to meet with Mike Monette to coordinate the school and the town hall for installation the same day. Bill also wanted to know if there was a charge for a local group wanting to host a square dance at the town hall or the town office. Bill was told that any group interested should call Mary for information.
6. Robert Kibbie, Sr. met with Selectmen to ask about taxation on a shed/greenhouse which is 12 x 16. Selectmen explained that structures are taxable. Robert also talked about a road runoff issue he had brought to the attention of the road agent. Kyle Witty, who was still present, stated he will take care of the issue as soon as possible.
7. Paul Whalen met with Selectmen to discuss the next steps relative to the purchase of the new truck. Paul states we are meeting next Tuesday to take possession of the truck. Larry was asked what time and he responded this was the first he heard of it. After discussion, the group

decided to meet at 4:00pm on Tuesday, October 9th. Larry was asked about certification of NFPA standards and certification of the roll stability test. Larry stated he will provide that certification at the time of delivery. Merilynn asked about receipt of title, which, by the terms of the contract, needs to be handed to the town at the same time the check is delivered. Larry said that is not possible as he does not own the chassis. He needs the funds from the town to pay for the chassis in order to get the title. Paul asked Larry to see if the seller could get him temporary plates in time for the delivery. Larry will ask. Paul asked about insuring the new truck for Tuesday, the 9th. Mary was instructed to contact our insurer on Monday and put the new truck on the schedule effective October 9th.

8. Merilynn brought up the issue of the Dept. of Health & Human Services lien on the Rock property. The board needs to settle that issue in time for the closing on October 26th. John moved to authorize the expenditure of \$4,513.20 to State of New Hampshire for the lien on the Rock property, Merilynn seconded. Vote was as follows: Merilynn voted "Yes", John voted "Yes", Larry voted "No". Larry stated that the property was advertised "as is". Merilynn reminded Larry that the Selectmen had represented that there were no liens when taking questions from bidders. Also, the Selectmen had told Rick Mellow that the town would take care of the lien when he informed the office that it existed. Mary was asked to print a check to the state for signatures at the Monday meeting.
9. Selectmen called Mike Fuerst to go over the purchase and sale agreement and the closing steps. The closing will happen here at the town offices on October 26th at 2:00pm. Mike will make the time and place changes to the Purchase and Sale Agreement and get a copy to us. Once the P & S is signed, we will need to get a copy to Mike and he will draw up the deed. The buyer files the deed and pays any transfer tax.
10. Selectmen called Avitar to respond to Gary's question regarding the Fairpoint suite. A message was left stating that the office is waiting awhile prior to making any commitment.
11. Selectmen Hammond and Dingee left at 4:00pm.

Adjourned, 4:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday October 8, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne
Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Mary reported that Larry Dingee had stopped in earlier to tell her that the Selectmen needed to work on language for the deed to the Mellows regarding access to a well. The Selectmen commented that there is no such language in the deed record; the purchase and sale agreement has been signed by all parties and sent to the town attorney. It would not be appropriate or legal to alter the deed now. Any change should have been done prior to putting the property up for bid.
3. John called Richard Maxfield to ask about the \$2,500.00 bond for Westpass Bridge and the BMF Intent to Cut. Richard needs to sign the intent. He will come in Thursday or Friday during office hours.
4. Selectmen called Nancy Newbold to ask about creating calendars for the 250th Anniversary. Nancy will bring the idea to the 250th Anniversary Committee meeting on Wednesday.
5. The Selectmen discussed the importance of calling Avitar and Attorney Waugh on Friday. We need to look into the assessing of sheds and greenhouses.

6. There were no visitors.

Adjourned, 8:15pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday October 12, 2012 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen met with Don Clarke who is running for a seat as Sullivan County Commissioner. Don provided the board with a narrative about his qualifications and past experience.
2. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
3. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review the weeks work. Merilynn asked about the status of his new truck. Kyle reports it may be ready by the end of next week and he reports the department's safety inspection went well.
4. Larry reported on the town wide safety inspection. Everything was fine except for the Fire Dept. One exit light in Station 2 is still not working. The breaker panel needs to have storage materials moved from in front of it. Station 1 is missing an emergency light in one of the bays. The audit has been completed and closed.
5. Selectmen called Jamie Dow from the DRA to ask about setting the tax rate. She was not in. Voice mail was left.
6. Larry reported on his attendance at the awards ceremony for Doug Hackett and Corey Stevens.
7. Selectmen called Attorney Waugh to discuss his opinion relative to Old Stage Coach Road.
8. Jamie Dow called the Selectmen to report on the tax rate. The Selectmen do have the ability to meet face to face but it would need to be in her office. There was a discussion about overlay and how to report it and how to move excess into the general fund. John asked how to determine what the overlay should be. Jamie said we should take an average over 5 years but remove anomalies before taking an average. On a revaluation year, you should double or triple the overlay. Jamie was asked about taxing greenhouses. She said we should speak with Joann Tramatozzi.
9. Merilynn moved to accept the opinion of legal council, relative to the status of that section of Old Coach Road leading to the Duval and Klingler driveways from the point of discontinuance voted upon at the 1824 Town Meeting; the town has no responsibility with respect to that portion of the road; further, to allow those affected by this decision time to make other arrangements, the town will provide winter maintenance until May 1, 2013, as needed. Seconded by John Hammond; all voted "Aye". Abutters will be notified in writing.
10. Mark from Avitar called to ask about the Fairpoint appeal. Selectmen stated they are not ready to commit to a group appeal. Mark was asked about the taxation of greenhouses. Mark stated that greenhouses and car ports that are "soft sided" are not taxed. If it's soft sided and sits on a foundation, the foundation is assessed.
11. Larry moved to authorize Town counsel to file an appearance for the town in the Fairpoint suite. Seconded by John Hammond. All voted "aye".
12. Joanne Tramatozzi called the selectmen to answer the question about greenhouse assessments. She concurred with Mark from Avitar.
13. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to report on department business. Vehicle expenses are up.
14. John reported that he will not be here one week from today.

Adjourned, 5:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday October 15, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, signed invoices and checks.
2. Merilynn reported that she will not be available for this Friday's meeting. John will also not be available. The Selectmen announced to Mary that there will not be a meeting as there will not be a quorum. She was asked to post notice to that effect.
3. Selectwoman Bourne left the meeting at 7:00pm to attend part of the School Board meeting.
4. Selectmen discussed options and individuals for painting town buildings in time for the 250th celebration.
5. Merilynn commented that the abutters affected by the Selectmen's decision regarding "Stage Coach Road" may very well start calling individual Selectmen. It would be in everyone's best interest to direct the callers to the Selectmen's table as opposed to speaking as a single representative of the board. We all need to be on the same page and all conversations need to be documented.
6. Selectwoman Bourne left for a School Board meeting at 7:00pm.
7. Doug Hackett called the office to speak with the Selectmen. Doug reported the need to replace one of his laptop computers. He would like to purchase 2 refurbished laptops; up to date VR2 units at \$190 each plus shipping. Doug would like to replace his PO for \$700 for the repair of the old laptop for the purchase of the refurbished units. The new laptops will fit in his present charger. Selectmen approved. Doug will contact Heidi so she can purchase them using the town's credit card. Doug also shared his thoughts on a cruiser replacement. He will know more by Town Meeting and will be prepared to discuss the issue.
8. Selectwoman Bourne returned from the School Board meeting at 7:30pm.
9. Geoff Stevens called the Selectmen to discuss submission of a bid for painting the exterior of the Town Hall and Town Office.
10. Heather Meeks called to ask about use of the Mercer Fund for education. Heather was told that the process requires a letter from an applicant. The Selectmen than pass judgement.

Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday October 22, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, signed invoices and checks.
2. Frank Hawkins met with Selectmen for a building permit for a shed. Approved.
3. Selectmen met with Town Treasurer, Heidi Jaarsma, to review the computation for the December tax rate. Heidi reports that the town rate should stay the same as last year, \$2.59. The Board and the Treasurer will sit in on a conference call with Jamie Dow from the DRA this Friday. Heidi asked for a consensus regarding the town tax rate. John and Larry expressed a desire to lower the town rate. The consensus was for a town tax rate of \$2.54. There was a discussion about overlay and how to record it. The Board would like to meet with Jamie Dow in January for a discussion about overlay.

4. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen and presented the invoice for radios and programming. Doug reports that Chief Scott of Claremont has reported to Doug that the county dispatch center concept did not pass. Chief Scott is looking at changing the formula for charging towns for service. A change based upon population and not number of calls would mean an increase of about \$11k in Doug's budget. The Board asked Doug to look for alternatives.
5. Selectmen discussed the email from Bernie Waugh. The Board asked Mary to contact Bernie and let him know he is free to write the letter.
6. Mary was asked to contact Mike Fuerst and request the deed for Friday's closing.
7. Mary asked about John Dryfout's request to remove certain items from the town offices for the purpose of photographing them. The Selectmen invite John to feel free to have items of interest photographed here in the office.

Adjourned, 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday October 26, 2012 2:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

Absent: Larry Dingee

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review the week. We discussed preparations for the storm due on Monday or Tuesday.
3. Rick and Rae Melloh met with Selectmen for the finalization of their purchase of the Rock property. The deed was signed by the Selectmen and the cashier's check to the Town of Cornish was received.
4. Selectmen spoke with Jo Evarts by phone to discuss dumping on the Class VI road by her property. Selectmen will visit the site to see how to deter dumping. Kyle Witty will be notified that he needs to pick up the items left there.
5. Selectmen reviewed the Veteran's Exemption form submitted for approval. Selectmen asked Mary to contact the LGC on Monday to ask about the issue of 50% vs 100% ownership of the taxed property.

Adjourned, 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday October 29, 2012 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Selectmen signed the Tax Warrant for the December bills.
3. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review the day. Kyle reported that he took care of the beaver problem on Tandy Brook Road. There was about 5 feet of water backed up. Selectmen told Kyle about the items dumped illegally by the Evert's property on the Class VI road. Kyle will get the items. All remarked that the storm didn't appear to be impacting this area as much as was forecast. There was only one line down so far.

4. There were no visitors.
5. Merilynn left at 7:15 to take food and coffee to firefighters.

Adjourned, 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman