

Town of Cornish
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2009

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

1. Selectmen were "greeted" by a home made cake from Mr. Bob Bladen as a "thank you" for the Selectmen's service.
2. Nancy Whightman and Janice Orion met with Selectmen for a review of upcoming public hearing dates as well as an overview of the budget for 2009. The Selectmen also reported on Trinity Church and Sandra Boss's offer to gift it to the town. The town's people will need to accept the gift at town meeting.
3. Angel Roy from the Eagle Times sat in on the meeting. Angel is the new reporter assigned to the town.
4. Bill Gallagher, chair of the Conservation Commission, met with Selectmen to discuss the Fitch Farm Project. The hearing will be next Wednesday.
5. Selectmen called the Principal of Cornish School to discuss a joint public hearing of both town and school budgets. School will be holding their hearing on Monday, February 9th. Selectmen decided to have their public budget hearing on Tuesday, February 10th at the town offices. They feel two meetings together will be too long.
6. Bill Caterino met with Selectmen to report that he has signed up for Treasurer for 2009 but that one year from now, he will not be running for office. There followed a discussion on succession. Bill has been treasurer for almost 20 years. Selectmen will contact Brent to see if he is interested in stepping into the role a year from now.
7. Doug Miller called looking for a notary. We do not have one in the office at this time.
8. Selectmen discussed our relationship with Avitar Assessing. In 2009, the Selectmen will require a quarterly meeting with an Avitar representative to ensure quality of service.
9. Meeting adjourned, 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2009

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

10. Selectmen met with Dale Rook to discuss a gift to the Recycling Center

11. Selectmen met with the Finance Committee including Bill Caterino, Bob Bladen, Heather Meeks, Dan Flynn, Everett Cass, Bill Gallagher. Bill Gallagher reported that the public hearing on the Fitch Farm would be next Wednesday at 7:00pm. The committee then reviewed the current draft for the 2009 budget.
12. Art Holmes met with the Selectmen regarding his campers on Center Road. Selectmen made it clear that the trailers were in violation of the zoning ordinance and needed to be removed. Mr. Holmes needed assistance in clearing the snow bank. The Selectmen will ask the highway department to clear the bank.
13. Meeting adjourned, 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2009

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

14. Jim Fitch met with the Selectmen to ask for written direction for the newly formed Beaver/Wetland Committee. Jim would like to ensure that there is a shared understanding between the different committees and departments in town relative to beavers and wetland regulations. Jim and his committee will work on an outline and then the committee will meet with the Selectmen to add the details.
15. Selectmen called Town Counsel to discuss the Champney property closing. Town Counsel has heard nothing in the last few days so will check into the process.
16. Chief Cass met with Selectmen to review his budget proposal and to discuss the purchase of a replacement for the E1 Pumper. If the pumper is good for one more year, the Selectmen recommend waiting until 2010 to purchase due to current economic conditions. They further recommend a sealed bid process when we are ready to purchase.
17. Reigh Sweetser called Selectmen to report on the Rock property.
18. Dan Flynn met with Selectmen to review road business.
19. Dr. William Palmer met with Selectmen to discuss school budget items and to ask about a combined public hearing of the Town and School District budget proposals for 2009. Selectmen support a combined hearing. The SAU will contact the Selectmen with the dates for posting public notice.
20. Selectwoman Bourne made a motion to approve the acquisition of a Conservation Easement on the James Fitch property using Conservation Commission funds in the amount of \$75,513. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Jones. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
21. Attorney James Levy called the Selectmen regarding the Champney property and a lien by his client. He was directed to the town attorney.

22. A letter was signed to be mailed to Gail McKenzie regarding a non-permitted business use on her property.
23. Meeting adjourned, 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

1. Selectwoman Bourne excused herself at 6:45pm to attend the School Board meeting on behalf of the Selectboard.
2. The Finance Committee met with the Selectmen to review the 2009 Draft Budget. Present: Bill Caterino, Treasurer; Dan Flynn, Road Agent; Doug Hackett, Police Chief; Kathy Parks, Everett Cass, Heather Meeks.
3. Selectwoman Bourne re-joined the group at 7:50pm.
4. The Finance Committee agreed to meet again on January 19th at 6:30pm. The meeting ended at 9:20pm.
5. Selectmen signed checks and adjourned 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2009 9:00am

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

24. Selectmen reviewed the town fee schedule and proposed increases. John Hammond, Chair, moved to adopt a new fee schedule for building and camping permits to include: New Housing Units, \$200; Garages, barns and additions, \$75; Pools, \$50; Decks dormers, sheds, carports, \$60 and Camping permits, \$40. Merilynn seconded the motion. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous
25. Dale Rook stopped in to drop off the Recycling Center report for the Annual Report.
26. Mr. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to report on his findings regarding tax deed sales. Bill also asked about the procedure for the purchase of new equipment.
27. Keith Jones brought to the attention of the board that an automotive repair business is being operated on Levitt Hill. A letter will be sent to the landowner. Automotive repair businesses are restricted to state maintained highways and all business uses must be approved by the Planning Board.
28. School Principal Mary Bronga met with the Selectmen to share information on the proposed 2009 School Budget. Mary reports that the school budget (except for medical insurance, contracted wage and high school tuition) will be level funded. Health care is not under their control and that is scheduled to increase by 10%. Mary also asked about plowing for the playground and fire exits at the school. The town has always taken care of the plowing whenever there is in excess of 2 inches of snow. The Selectmen support the practice.
29. Selectmen met with Dan Flynn to review his plowing schedule. Safety priority after a storm should be the school and fire departments. Dan explained that the loader operator is not able to start at 3:00am on snow days and that throws the schedule off. If the operator could start at 3:00am instead of 5:00am, the school could be made ready before 7:00am.
30. Selectmen contacted Scott Hinkley at Hinkley Oil to confirm service for our heating oil and diesel needs.
31. Selectmen called Carol Renney to ask if she wished to continue to serve on the Finance Committee. Carol is willing to serve but is also willing to allow a new member to be appointed. Selectmen will let her know what the need is.
32. Selectmen contacted Cathy Parks to invite her to meet with the Finance Committee Monday, Jan 12th at 6:30pm. Mrs. Parks accepted the invitation.
33. Meeting adjourned, 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2009 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

34. Selectmen met with Reigh Sweetser, Tax Collector, to review tax deeds and tax related issues. Selectmen will speak with Town Counsel regarding IRS liens and the "first-in-line rule".
35. Caroline Storrs called the Selectmen to talk about the Meeting House in the Flat. The building has shifted due to a foundation problem. The Meeting House Committee met with Rich Thompson to study the problem and determine a correction. An estimate of \$34,000 to complete needed repairs has been submitted by Rich. Hannah Schad left \$8,000 toward the needed repair. Additionally, an anonymous source has donated \$20K toward the project and the Historical Society has donated the remainder of funds needed, so the work is underway. Selectmen thanked Mrs. Storrs for her report and are deeply grateful to those who donated to this important project.
36. Dan Flynn met with Selectmen to review road work. Road Agent Flynn is preparing for a potential significant snowfall on Wednesday.
37. Selectmen called Heather Meeks to invite her to attend the first Finance Committee Meeting on January 12th at 6:30pm.
38. Selectmen approved an agreement with Hinkley Oil for #2 and municipal diesel.
39. John Gregg, a reporter for the Valley News, met with the Selectmen for information about an offer by Sandra Boss to donate Trinity Church to the town. Selectmen reported that the question of "acceptance" will be brought to the voters at Town Meeting in March.
40. Meeting adjourned, 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectboard Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2009 9:00am

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

41. Selectmen contacted the NH Dept. of Transportation to report that the west end of Clark Camp Road was closed and posted.
42. Selectmen contacted town counsel regarding camping permits and the administrative ability of the Selectmen to regulate camping activities in town. Selectmen also discussed the sale of tax deeded properties and notices to quit.
43. Jennifer Ayer met with Selectmen to review exemptions for the disabled.
44. Selectmen reviewed road classifications and the process for changing classifications.
45. Selectmen finished their first pass on the 2009 draft budget with a goal of a 10% overall reduction. Selectmen are preparing for a significant increase in the state and county portions of the town's tax bills in 2009.
46. Selectmen called Volunteers in Action and requested a Service Summary Report.
47. Dale Rook met with Selectmen to review the Recycling Budget for 2009.
48. Dan Flynn met with Selectmen to report on roads and discuss the 2009 budget. Dan reported he will be putting 2 new springs in the back end of the town pick-up truck which will allow the highway department to extend the life of the truck for one more year.
49. Meeting adjourned, 12:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman