

Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
November 24, 2008 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Keith Jones, Merylynn Bourne (7:30pm)

1. Frank Ackerman met with Selectmen for a Tax Abatement Request form for Cornish-Plainfield Cheshire Masonic Lodge #23.
2. Deborah Dingee met with Selectmen to discuss the tax billing for her land on Levitt Hill Road.
3. Dan Flynn met with Selectmen to discuss road work.
4. Selectwoman Bourne arrived at 7:30pm.
5. Police Chief Hackett stopped in to retrieve his mail and to provide an overview of recent police calls.
6. Selectmen signed two tax abatements and reviewed paperwork.
7. Selectmen called Tammy Bergeron to inform her that Mark from Avitar would be in the town office in the morning if she would like to call him or stop in to discuss her tax bill.
8. Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merylynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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November 28, 2008 9:00am

Present: John Hammond, Keith Jones, Merylynn Bourne (10:00am)

9. Nate Cass met with Selectmen to provide an update on the recent controlled burn of a mobile home on Route 120 for training purposes. He also discussed plans for the future burn of the building on the "Clark" property for fire department training.
10. Selectwoman Bourne arrived at 10:00am.
11. Selectmen called Mr. John Dryfhout to discuss the winter closure of Whitten Road. Voice mail was left explaining that the closing was a cost savings effort.
12. Mr. William Wall met with selectmen to ask about the practice of sub-contracting certain heavy equipment work to town employees. The selectmen periodically approve such sub-contracting when it is in the financial interest of the town.
13. Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut for Philip Burling.
14. Connie Kousman met with Selectmen to request Kimball-Foss funds to cover a utility bill for a resident. Selectmen approved the request.
15. Adjourned, 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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December 1, 2008 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

16. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to discuss a number of his concerns.
17. Police Chief Hackett met with Selectmen to review 2008 departmental expenditures.
18. Robert Jaarsma and Don Snowden met with Selectmen to talk about the winter closing of Whitten Road. Don and Robert requested that the road not be closed as it is used to access the top of Dingleton Hill Road when lower Dingleton Hill and St. Gaudens are not passable in icy conditions. The Selectmen and the Road Agent agreed to plow Whitten Road as long as deep snow banks do not hamper travel. If the road becomes too narrow, it will be closed until spring. Mr. Snowden and Mr. Jaarsma expressed their appreciation as well as their understanding of the Selectmen's concerns.
19. Road Agent Flynn met with Selectmen to review the day's work. The overnight snowfall created a problem for two the school buses. The buses were not equipped with chains.
20. Selectmen called Tammy Bergeron to further discuss her tax bill. Another call will be placed to Avitar on Friday to clear up the billing confusion. Selectmen will contact Ms. Bergeron on Friday to provide her with Avitar's explanation.
21. Adjourned, 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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December 5, 2008 9:00am

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

22. Selectmen reviewed and signed paperwork.
23. Judith Kaufman met with Selectmen to discuss her ongoing concerns about the logging operation adjacent to her property. She wanted to know what the criteria are for driveway permits. Judith wished to know if the land being used for the new road was current use land. The Selectmen will research the question. If the land is current use land, a change use tax will be issued.
24. Fire Chief Cass met with Selectmen to report that the small amount of asbestos patch on the entry way roof had been removed from the building on the "Clark" property and was being taken to Franklin for disposal. Chief Cass has filed the required paperwork with the state for a controlled burn on Saturday, December 20, 2008. The burn is planned for 8:00am. The town will supply coffee and donuts. The town is contacting a waste contractor for removal of ash from the burn.

25. Dan Flynn met with Selectmen to provide an update on road work. Selectmen and Road Agent researched diesel fuel prices.
26. Selectmen called Rhymes Fuel Oil, spoke with Krista, and asked that the Highway Department be placed on a "will call" schedule. Krista reports that the call for delivery must be made 7 days in advance of "need".
27. Samantha provided Selectmen with an update on administrative work. Selectwoman Bourne will email her digital photos of the crack monitors to Tirey & Associates.
28. Adjourned, 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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December 8, 2008 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones

29. Selectmen and Road Agent Flynn met to review a problem with the hydraulics on the new dump truck. The hose for the hydraulic system needed to be replaced by a 2" diameter hose as the smaller hose could not keep up with the needs of the sander attachment. Dan also presented his 2009 Highway and Cemetery Department budgets. They are level funded.
30. Travis Callahan met with the Selectmen to discuss the potential for a stone arch bridge for Clark Camp Road. Selectmen expressed interest and requested further detail on materials and cost.
31. Police Chief Hackett stopped in to provide an update on town issues. The Chief was asked to submit his budget request as soon as possible.
32. Reyer Jaarsma met with Selectmen to be sworn in as a member of the Capital Equipment Committee.
33. Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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December 12, 2008 9:00am

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

34. Selectmen reviewed and signed paperwork and discussed the ice conditions from the day's storm. Power is out in several areas of town but not at the town offices. Selectman Jones will not be in. He is responding to calls for towing services.

35. Selectmen called Simple Energy to inquire about their off-road and #2 diesel prices. Selectmen also contacted Hinckley Oil to make a second request for bids on town fuel.
36. Selectmen received a letter of resignation from the Emergency Management Director, Michael Monette. Mr. Monette finds he does not have the time required for the position. Selectmen will search for a qualified replacement.
37. Road Agent Flynn called in to report that the roads are in pretty bad shape. There are a number of trees down. The crew is busy sanding and moving downed limbs.
38. Selectmen reviewed year-to-date expenses within various departments.
39. Joan Littlefield met with Selectmen to discuss her road and the fiberglass rods she placed along the roadside (on both sides) as a guide for the plowmen. Joan feels that this morning's plowing, for the first time, laid all the snow on her house side as opposed to the opposite side of the road. Joan is upset that the plow blade tore up the lawn in front of her house. Selectmen will need to make a site visit and will then speak with the Road agent for his perspective on the situation. Joan had a question regarding the payment of her tax bill. Selectmen will speak with the tax collector for an answer.
40. Mary Putnam called to speak with the Selectmen about payment of taxes. She also wished to know how she would go about having her property reviewed by the assessors. She was given the number for Avitar.
41. Adjourned, 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marilynn Bourne, Selectwoman