

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2011 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Allie Hodgedon met with selectmen to ask about felling some trees between Center Road and the brook. Allie wondered if he needed a permit or permission to remove the trees. Selectmen told him the decision was his alone as the trees are on his property.
2. Paul and Bev Duval met with Selectmen to further discuss the Old Stage Coach Road issue. Bev noted that the Selectmen's proposed lay-out on the Rennie property had been surveyed last Wednesday. Selectmen were not aware of that fact. Paul presented a map he had colored and asked if this representation was the plan for the proposed lay-out. Merilynn commented that the map was too small for determining if his colorations were accurate. Paul asked if the lay-out would restrict his driveway use. The Selectmen said "No". Paul asked if we all had read the Nix opinion. The Selectmen have all read it. Merilynn explained that a vote had been taken at the September 30th meeting to "not act" upon the Duval/Klingler petition for a road lay-out. She explained why. Paul states that a road by prescription is bounded by stone walls and not just the traveled portion of the way. Selectmen Dingee stated he was not certain Paul was correct. Selectmen stated that the process has not yet been finalized. Larry Dingee stated his opinion that "it is in the best interest of the Town that the outcome needs to be one that all can live with and not favoring one landowner over another while keeping in mind that the landowner has certain rights." The Selectmen asked to end the meeting as they were due at a ZBA hearing at 7:00pm
3. At 7:00pm, the Selectmen attended the ZBA hearing for an appeal from the Selectmen's Administrative Decision; ZBA case number 11-3. Peter and Caroline Storrs appealed the Select board's decision under Art. 4, Section B of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is shown on Map 8, Lot 4 and is called the "Song Garden". The ZBA voted 4-1 in favor the Select board's decision that the "Tea House" is an extension of an agricultural use and therefore is not required to apply for a Special Exception.
4. Selectmen returned to their regular meeting at 9:35pm.
5. Selectmen reviewed the mail including a letter to the Chief of Police.
6. The Selectmen agreed upon a draft letter to the Duvals and Klinglers regarding their petition for a road lay-out. The letter will be signed and mailed on Friday.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2011 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee

1. Reviewed correspondence.
2. Kyle Witty was in and the Board of Selectmen discussed with him what could be done to improve the frost protection around the office foundation.
3. Board of Selectmen and Kyle Witty went to Root Hill Road to address a concern with a landowner.
4. Mary Curtis reported to the Board a concern brought forward by Dale Lawrence about the Fire Department canceling the Fire Prevention program at the school without notifying anyone.
5. Kate Freeland came in to discuss problems she has had with loose dogs. Board of Selectmen discussed the Town leash law and suggested she call the Police Chief.
6. Board of Selectmen and Kyle Witty discussed year end Highway budget and possible expenditures to discuss with the Equipment Committee.
7. Doug Hackett came in to go over Police Department issues with the Board. He stated that they are struggling to keep up because of the call volume presently.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Dingee, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2011 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Frank Ackerman stopped in to ask about a building permit for a small shed.
2. Mary filled the Selectmen in on phone calls for the day. One caller wanted to know what was being done about the landslide on Levitt Hill. Selectmen will call the landowner to see about plans for cleanup. Another caller wanted us to know that Comcast gives seniors a discount in Plainfield. She would like the same benefit here in Cornish and would like the Selectmen to see if they can negotiate the discount into the new agreement. Mary requested tomorrow off. Selectmen approve. Mary reminded the Selectmen that they are to meet with the Trustees of the Trust Funds next Monday at 6:00pm.
3. Selectmen discussed the need for a site visit to the Recycling Center. Selectmen will meet with Dale Rook and Kyle Witty at the recycling center at 4:00pm October 14th.
4. Selectmen signed checks and reviewed the mail.
5. Selectmen discussed the Old Stage Coach Road issue. Larry commented that whatever was done, it was important that all three Selectmen agree and support the solution. Selectmen will seek additional legal advice. Merilynn will research the Dedication and Acceptance process as outlined in "A Hard Road to Travel" and confer with the LGC.
6. At 7:30pm, Selectmen Hammond and Bourne met with Larry Dingee of Dingee Machine to discuss the Fire Equipment Fabrication Contract. Mr. Dingee was asked if it was his

intention to build the truck to the Town specs as attached to the contract as Exhibit 1. He was asked for a “yes” or “no” answer. His response was, “I intend to fulfill my contract”; after being asked the question again, he stated, “I understand my obligations”. The selectmen were concerned that he would not answer the question directly. The Selectmen stressed that the town specs must be followed and only the town could approve minor changes. At this time, there are only two agreed upon changes which must be put in writing. Tire size has changed from 12 inch to 11 inch and roll-up doors will be on both sides instead of one side. There may be a question about a 10 inch step-up vs. an 18 inch step-up at the back end of the truck. There was a discussion about ordering the chassis and whether or not Dingee Machine would order a chassis from a dealer who could get it to the town sooner than 6-7 months which is what the dealer from Maine has indicated would be the time frame. Dingee Machine will not as there are 10 trucks already in the pipeline. John asked about the method used for determining the roll stability of the truck. Mr. Dingee states he uses a mathematical calculation which he does himself. Merilynn asked for the final print out of the calculations, showing the inputs to prove the certification. Mr. Dingee said he “could do that”. The discussion ended with an understanding that there may be one or two more meetings with the Truck Committee to review the town specs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2011 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Steve Fitzgibbons and Tuck Rainwater from Comcast met with Selectmen to discuss the current agreement. Mr. Rainwater is replacing Mr. Fitzgibbons. Tuck presented new maps and discussed the build-out process. Comcast is still looking for a 10 year term for our agreement. Currently, “Contribution in Aid” to construct would cost about \$1,800 per household for 15 homes per mile. The representatives were asked if there was a service term required of the homeowners. “No.” If the town agrees to a 10 year term for the new agreement, Comcast will commit to a “build-out” in the Center Road area over the next 3 years. The Contribution in Aid would be spelled out in the new agreement. Tuck presented the map showing the proposed build-outs on Center Road and Harrington Road. Perhaps Comcast could finish North Parsonage as well, since 85% of it is all ready served. About 55 homes could be served by this build-out. Steve and Tuck will put together a proposal to send to the board for review.
2. Selectmen met with Kyle Witty to discuss departmental business. Kyle reported that he put barrels in the recycling center for sorting metal. The barrels need to be marked. Perhaps the Board can put an announcement on Connect Cornish informing residents of the intent to sort metal at the center. Kyle suggests that the firewood could be moved under the shed roof of the first building which could make room for the barrels. There followed a discussion about

materials being removed from the center for re-sale by individuals. The Selectmen will look into Kyle's concern.

3. Selectmen met with Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer, to set the town's tax rate for the coming year. Bill Caterino joined the session. The DRA emailed its approval. The town's portion of the tax rate is below last year's rate. Merilynn moved to set the town tax rate at \$2.59 as presented and approved by the DRA. John Hammond seconded the motion; all voted "aye". John, as Chair, signed the Overlay document.
4. Bill Caterino reported to the selectmen that the Historical Society will be re-painting the ceiling of the old Town Offices. The Selectmen are appreciative of this effort.
5. Frank Ackerman met with Selectmen for a building permit for a small shed. # 355-11.
6. Pat Pinkson-Burke met with Selectmen to discuss the re-cycling of metals. Pat reports that if Kyle re-cycles through the NRRRA, at the same location in Claremont, the town gets more money. Pat will email the procedure to the town office and it will be passed along to Kyle. Pat suggests that the public be asked to help the process by separating the metals. Provide barrels for separating. Dale Rook joined the meeting to talk about this process. Perhaps a roll-off in the metal bay would make the process smoother; then the town would no longer need to sort or haul. Revenue would be reduced but no more than what it is now when you factor in the cost of paying the Highway Dept. to do the separating and hauling. Pat will research the cost and report back.
7. Tom Dombroski met with Selectmen for the town stamp on a septic design.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2011 6:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen met with the Trustees of The Trust Funds and the Cemetery Sexton to discuss the use of Perpetual Care Funds. Trustees: Heather Meeks and Rick Simons; Sexton: Dale Lawrence. Rick commented that for the purpose of this meeting, the Trustees of the Trust funds are meeting with the Cemetery Trustees (the Selectmen). Heather reported that after a gathering of information and research for clarification, the Trustees of the Trust Funds realize the current process for allocating Perpetual Care Funds is not in line with state statutes. Rick presented the group with notes about the disbursement of Perpetual Care Funds. In order to use the funds as dedicated, records need to be brought up to date. In the past, about \$2,000 has been pulled annually toward the support of the perpetual care lots. Rick explained that we need to be able to state the amount spent on the Perpetual Care lots each year. Not all plots are perpetual care plots. Dale gave the example of Cummings Cemetery which has 533 plots; only 57 are perpetual care plots. Heather feels the voucher work can be done once a year and not month by month. Dale believes the vouchers must be done month by month according to law. This will need to be ferreted out. We need to determine exactly how many perpetual care plots exist in each of the town's cemetery. Merilynn asked when the Perpetual Care Fund was created so

we would know how far back we need to go. 1904. The Cemetery Trustees (The Selectmen) need to decide what to do about perpetual care going forward. The Cemetery Trustees, along with the Sexton, need to create a standard for determining the labor associated with the care of a standard plot which can be applied to the Perpetual Care lots. Heather reports that last year's fund interest was \$2,000 +/- . First step is for the Cemetery Trustees to write new language for the "sale" of lots in the future. The Attorney General's office will be contacted for assistance with language. Rick stated that he would like something by budget time to justify budgeting Perpetual Care Funds for 2012. Heather asked about the Sanderson Fund.

2. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen for a purchase order for repair to the Crown Vic cruiser. It is leaking gas from the tank. The tank must be replaced due to rust. It will cost \$335 which is the low bid from Tony Swett. The repair should be done early next week.
3. John Rand stopped in to say "hello".
4. Doug Blair met with Selectmen to ask about septic issues. He has an existing system that needs some work but wanted to know if repairs could be done without elaborate steps. As long as the system has not failed, he can undertake replacement of the cover. Doug also asked about grey water management.
5. Selectmen reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks. John reported he may be a little late for Friday's meeting.
6. Selectmen wrote a letter to be sent Certified Mail to Paul Govey instructing him to stop all activity on his shed as he does not have a permit and it is being constructed within the set-back. The Selectmen spoke with him on September 19, 2011 and informed him that he needed to stop all work and apply for a permit. He has not as of this date.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2011 2:00pm

Present: Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Sylvia Sivret, Cornish School Principal, met with Selectmen to discuss CREA land and in-kind contributions from the school to help with yearly maintenance. The town will be happy to accept any effort to help with maintenance. Doug McGrath will be overseeing the liming and aeration of the field this fall. Sylvia will see about pulling together volunteers for the purpose of pulling grasses, raking and spreading/replenishing jock sand.
2. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to discuss department business. Selectmen asked about the closing of Dingelton Hill Bridge next week. Will children be able to cross the bridge on foot for bus pick-up and drop-off? They will. Kyle presented three pricing sheets for compactors/rollers which would be used for packing dirt roads and for paving. Prices range from \$18K to \$34K. The purchase of a compactor would also necessitate the purchase of a trailer.
3. Art Holmes met with Selectmen to request that the town no longer plow snow onto his land during winter plowing. Art says the plowing of snow onto his property is eroding his

entrance. Art was introduced to Kyle and Kyle said he would take a look at the site. They left together to go to his property.

4. Bill Gallagher met with Selectmen to present the Cornish Community Farm fund raising letter. He asked if the town had a bulk mailing permit which his group could use. Selectmen are not aware of the existence of one.
5. Dingee Machine presented a fax with a dollar amount as timely "proof of order" for the International chassis for the new truck. There were no specs or Purchase Order associated with the acceptance of order. Dingee Machine states that "this is the way it is always done". Merilynn requested that the specs associated with that order also be provided to the town as the fax the town has been provided does not verify what is being ordered. Dingee Machine will provide the specs on Monday.
6. The Volinsky's met with Selectmen for a building application.
7. Kyle Witty returned from his site visit. Kyle asked about the landslide on Levitt Hill Road. He has not noticed any effort to remove the trees from across the brook and is concerned that when ice jams up, it will block the brook and create a flood hazard downstream. The landowner will be contacted over the weekend for an update on cleanup plans.
8. Selectmen contacted Doug Hacket for a phone number and to request that he deliver a certified letter to a citizen.
9. Chief Hacket stopped into the office to pick up a certified letter which he will deliver in person. Doug called at 4:05pm to report the letter had been delivered.
10. Selectmen called Claremont City Manager's office to request a new contract for the Payment In Lieu of Taxes agreement.
11. Mary Boyle called to ask how many vehicles in the Highway Department are diesel. The Selectmen report that all the vehicles are diesel – 4 trucks and 3 pieces of equipment (grader, loader, tractor).

Meeting Adjourned 4:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2011 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Heidi Jaarsma reported to Selectmen that Peggy Ogilvy is not able to get through to the Fire Chief regarding a site visit to review access for her site plan compliance. Selectmen will contact the Chief.
2. John Auten, representing Carol Rennie, came in to talk with Selectmen about the status of the Old Coach Road issue. Carol is concerned about liability issues. The Selectmen provided Mr. Auten with an update.
3. Larry reported that BMFA is logging on West Pass Road this fall and that the logger had submitted a bond check for any damage that may occur to the bridge.
4. Kyle Wittey reported that the Mill Village Bridge is now open and that Richard Thompson will have an engineer in next week to evaluate some other concerns with the bridge. Kyle also informed the Selectmen that a FEMA rep will be here next week regarding an

application for Hazard Mitigation Funds. Kyle also expressed concerns about the slide on Levitt Hill Road. Merilynn provided the Selectmen with an update on her communication with the land owner.

5. Merilynn arrived at 3:30pm. Merilynn provided the Selectmen with an update on her communication with the land owner.
6. Kevin Schmidt from ENPRO called the Selectmen to discuss what is needed for the final DES report on the required monitoring of the test well and neighboring wells near the Meeting House in the Flat. This is the close out process for the oil spill in the Flat in 2008. A contract was signed to engage the services for ENPRO. ENPRO will also apply for mitigation funds from the state. John signed for the Board.
7. David O'Connell from the Local Government Center called the Selectmen to discuss road issues.
8. Tom Spaulding stopped in to ask about an addition to a shed. He was provided with a building permit.

Meeting Adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
October 31, 2011 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. John Auten stopped in to report to the Selectmen that he had been in contact with surveyor Chris Paton and Chris reports that the field work is done. He is waiting to hear from the Selectmen before he draws up the survey.
2. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed checks.
3. Art Holmes came into the office to ask about his tax bill. He was directed to the Town Clerk or the Tax Collector.
4. Art Holmes returned to the office to discuss his concerns about snow plowing around his lot. Selectmen will speak with Kyle to learn about his discussion with Art regarding future plowing. Art reports that Dan Flynn has offered to repair his entrance to his lot.
5. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to report on the cost of the new gas tank for the Crown Vic. The tank will cost a little more than he thought. Doug reports that things are quiet in the Flat and Halloween trick or treating went very smoothly. Doug discussed utilizing a Dog Officer for animal control to free up his time. Selectmen asked for a cost estimate. What would the savings be for the town?
6. Larry Dingee moved, seconded by John Hammond to contact Chris Paton to direct him to draw up the survey. All approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman