

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2011 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne, Larry Dingee

1. Eric Cooper met with Selectmen for a building permit. Replacing structure on existing foundation. Permit #349-11
2. Theresa Conrad called the Selectmen to report that Jeff Ketchum will be inspecting her neighbor's leach field on Saturday. John asked about her neighbor's chickens and cats. Theresa has spoken with our Police Chief about the issue. The chickens are free range and leave droppings all over her lawn and the cats are all over her cars. The neighbors have just started putting in fencing but the animals are still running free. John responded that we would be talking with the Chief for an update.
3. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to discuss the damage to his property from the flooding from Hurricane Irene. He would like the Selectmen to write a letter to the state requesting that they remove the build up under the bridge on Route 120 to avoid water from backing up in future flood times. Bill provided the address: Alan Hanscom, District Engineer, NHDOT, 8 Eastman Hill Road, Enfield, NH 03748.
4. Larry left the meeting to show the proposed road layout on Old Coach Road to a surveyor.
5. Connie Kousman and Ann Hier met with selectmen to inform the board of a donation to the Foss Kimball fund for aid to those in need. \$100.00 has been sent in. Board will talk with the trustees of the trust funds to see how to use the money so it does not become principal. We will also ask about the Cornish Welfare Fund.
6. Selectmen spoke with Swenson Insurance for clarification on an insurance issue. Fred Clements assured the selectmen that the certificate in our hands met the requirement.
7. John Hammond moved to award the bid for the new fire truck to Dingee Machine, as low bidder who has met all the specifications. Merilynn Bourne seconded. The vote was John, "Aye". Merilynn, "Aye". The other bidders were notified of the successful bid via email.
8. Paul Whalen met with Selectmen to report on a grant opportunity that could help with payment for the new fire department Engine. He will research restrictions.
9. Selectmen discussed Old Coach Road and the Duval petition. Merilynn recommends legal consultation before proceeding. The Board agrees.
10. Selectmen discussed Bill Ladd's application for current use for the two acres he just acquired. We need to review his request for "unproductive" status. Larry thinks it should be unmanaged forest. Board feels it should be the same category as the land it's adjoining.
11. Merilynn reported on her site visit of the land slide on Deb Dingee's land. John reported on his conversation with Troy Simino after Troy visited the site. Troy could not see evidence of any wrong doing on anyone's part. Circumstance of too much rain. The debris does need to be removed from the area of the brook. Merilynn reports that an engineer will be looking at it to see how to stabilize the bank. Merilynn will continue to monitor the situation.

12. Paul Duval called to speak with the Selectmen about the road issue. Merilynn commented that we needed legal advice regarding "process". Paul will call back next week.
13. Selectmen discussed changing Workman's Comp coverage from Primex to LGC. LGC will get us a quote.
14. Paul Whalen called to report we are "good on the grant"...since we have not yet taken delivery.
15. Adjourned, 5:00pm

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2011 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Merilynn Bourne

16. Selectmen reviewed the mail and approved minutes.
17. Jonathan Mather from the Cornish Fire Department met with Selectmen to ask about using the Town Office building for a drill since not many firefighters are familiar with the space. They would use a "smoke" machine to help with a "find and rescue" drill. Jonathan asked for October 12th. It is fine with the Selectmen; he needs to check with Mary for availability.
18. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to provide an update on the previous week's calls. Doug was commended for his good work.
19. Beverly and Paul Duval met with Selectmen to discuss the status of Old Coach Road. Paul wished to know if the Selectmen would acknowledge that, "by proscriptive easement", Old Coach Road actually didn't end until beyond the Rennie driveway where the old barn used to be. The road was plowed and maintained to that point through the 1940's. The Selectmen need to research all the facts. It was discovered that the Rennie house was not built until 1850. The road closure, which occurred in 1824, referred to a house that existed in 1824..."J.R. Wellman home"...there may be no way to know where that home was located.
20. Selectmen discussed a contract for the purchase of the new Engine for the Cornish Fire Department. The Selectmen approved a copy of the proposed contract to be sent to town counsel for review.
21. Adjourned, 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2011 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Sally Tanner from PRIMEX met with Selectmen to discuss the town's multi-year Workman's Compensation contract and the CAP program which provides assurance of annual increases in premium of 8% or less. The current contract ends December 31, 2014. Selectmen expressed their concerns about PRIMEX' unwillingness to honor a recent claim. The board is considering contracting with another carrier when the current contract ends. Sally will pass the concerns along to her supervisors. Sally also provided information about training classes developed to reduce "loss" events. Merilynn moved to sign the 3 year CAP agreement, seconded by Larry. The vote was affirmative and unanimous.
2. Jerry Esty stopped into the office to ask John to review his timber cut. John left the office at 2:45 and returned at 3:00pm.
3. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, spoke with Selectmen regarding a personnel issue. Kyle also reported on the purchase of a 55 gallon barrel of oil. The group discussed the possibility of an upgrade for one of the sanders which has a gear ratio that is too low. Kyle has a price from Sleeper and will get one from Osgood as well.
4. Selectmen spoke with Bernie Waugh about a pending case.
5. Peter and Caroline Storrs met with Selectmen to appeal an administrative decision regarding the "Song Garden" on St. Gauden's Road. They are appealing "Permitted Use", Article IV, Section B of the town's Zoning Ordinance. Paper work was filled out and signed.
6. Selectmen received a phone call from Doug Miller regarding dumping on upper Tandy Brook Rd. (the closed portion of the road). Selectmen reported that Chief Hackett was aware of the violation and was investigating.
7. Steve Fitzgibbons of Comcast called the Selectmen to "check in" and report that he was still working on a date to introduce his replacement, Tuck Rainwater. Damage from Hurricane Irene has impacted the company's ability to take care of regular business. The board reminded Mr. Fitzgibbons about our need for maps that are up to date.
8. Selectmen discussed Old Stage Road. Much of the reliable history of the road is "lost to antiquity".
9. Nancy Colburn met with Selectmen for current balance on the Mary West Estate. The property will be sold next Tuesday. Selectmen called the Tax Collector for a current figure on taxes due. A message was left.
10. Reigh Sweetser, Tax Collector, returned the Selectmen's call and provided the information requested. Selectmen called Nancy Colburn and left the information she requested in her "voice mail".
11. Selectman Bourne was asked to keep minutes going forward. She was pleased to accept.

Adjourned, 5:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2011 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed checks.
2. Selectmen discussed the Bean abatement. The abatement is for the 2010 tax year. Mary will cut the check.
3. At 6:45pm, Selectmen Hammond and Dingee left the office to visit Paul Gowey. He is building a shed without a permit and it is within the 30' road set-back. They took a permit application with them.
4. Selectmen Hammond and Dingee returned at 7:50pm. They reported they had advised Paul he needed to stop all work. Selectmen also advised him about the 30' set back and left him with the application to fill out and bring in.
5. Linda Fuerst met with Selectmen to ask if we knew about Windsor High School using our fields. We do. They are using our fields while their fields are being cleaned up from the Hurricane Irene flood.
6. Selectmen called Jonathan Sisson of Beaver Tracks regarding a septic design for a house by the covered bridge. The house shares a septic system with the house just north of it. Mascoma Bank now owns the property and must install a system in order to sell the property. DES has been contacted and supports the design. It is a special 3 tank system which is needed due to the proximity to the river. The setback requirements were waived by the DES. He needs the town's stamp at this stage. Mr. Sisson was informed that a Selectman must witness the percolation test and verify the location of the dig.

Adjourned, 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2011 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to bring the board up-to-date on department issues. Some gravel has been put down on Levitt Hill Road. We discussed removal of a few

trees along that road to improve the line of sight. Kyle was directed to contact the landowner for approval.

2. Chris Jewell called the Selectmen to talk about the change-use tax due from his subdivision. The amount due is \$1,180. Selectmen will send a notice on town letter head.
3. Selectmen discussed the amount due from Stephen DeCato for lot 87E. It is \$12,527 which includes the Change-use tax. He must pay the regular property tax plus interest and penalties and then selectmen will abate half of the Change-use tax and penalties. Mr. Lindberg, agent for Mr. Decato, would like it put in writing and sent to him so he can share it with his attorney. He would also like the date of the original billing of the Change-Use Tax. Selectmen will provide the letter but reminded Mr. Lindbergh that interest is building.
4. Selectmen left a phone message for Greg Hammond asking for the set-backs to be filled in on his building permit application. Selectmen can not sign the permit without those distances filled in.
5. Grace Newbold and Don Clark met with Selectmen to discuss property on 12-A which is for sale. There are a few mistakes in the assessing data. No basement or bathroom in the gift shop. Once the property is purchased, the assessing officials can be contacted to review the property.
6. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to share minutes from the last school board meeting. Mr. Wall wished to know if the Selectboard was ever informed of the reason the town did not receive the grant for energy improvements to the school. The town was not informed.
7. Tom Dombroski met with Selectmen to discuss the survey for the land swap with Blue Mountain Forest Association. He presented the proposed map. We will need to get a copy to the Association along with the sub-division application for the Park representative to sign. Mr. Dombroski also presented two septic designs in need of the town stamp.
8. Greg Hammond came in to provide the set-backs for his building permit application. Application was approved and the \$50 fee was paid.
9. The Energy Committee met with Selectmen to discuss the recommendations from the Energy Audit, (George Edson, Martha Zoerheide, Nancy Wightman, Mary Boyle and Bill Cable). The group discussed a town wide "No Idling" policy for the school and town sites. The group has 4 signs to provide. The Selectboard has approved one at the town office building. The energy audit highlighted the town office need for energy improvement. The building has a very high energy cost per sq. ft. To sustain momentum, a data collection process should be undertaken each year. Town volunteers can undertake the collection. The Selectmen discussed steps that are being taken to tighten up this building. George said the purpose of today's meeting was to garner the support of the Selectmen for the concept of improving energy use in town buildings. The Selectmen explained that structural issues to the building would need to be addressed prior to energy efficiency. Selectmen will work on the drainage issue here before winter. Mary reminded the board that Bob Walker will present a program called "Button Up NH!" on October 5th at 7:00pm at the town offices.
10. George Edson met with Selectmen to discuss some lumber that is being stored in the CREA Barn that should be moved in preparation for the October 1st Celebration. That space may be needed in the event of rain. George would like to ask the Road Agent for his assistance. The Selectmen approve.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2011 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Dale Rook met with Selectmen to discuss Recycling Center needs. Dale would like to have a conversation with the Road Agent regarding the storing of metals for recycling. The Road Agent would like to separate the metals to increase revenues. Dale agrees but does not have the resources or the manpower to make that happen. Perhaps Kyle can take the metals to the Highway Garage and separate/store them there until there is sufficient quantity to truck out. Selectmen will have a conversation with the Road Agent to see if that is a good "rainy day" project.
2. Heather Meeks met with Selectmen to discuss Trust Fund issues. Trustees would like to meet with the Selectmen/Trustees of the Cemetery and Dale Lawrence, Cemetery Sexton, to discuss procedures for cemetery funds. We will meet at 6:00pm on Monday, October 17th.
3. Brian and Deb Secord met with Selectmen to discuss permitting for a new mobile home. They were provided with an application.
4. John spoke about a call from Helen Lovell regarding her stone walls along the road side. She is concerned that the walls are getting undercut by road work. The Selectmen will review with the Road Agent.
5. Larry reports that he gave a copy of the survey map and the application for the annexation from Blue Mt. Forest Association to Troy Simino to provide to the park representative.
6. Selectmen signed paperwork and checks.
7. John Sumner met with Selectmen just to say "hello".
8. Linda Fuerst met with Selectmen to provide an overview of the events for "Celebrate CREA Day" on October 1st. Steve Jamison asked Linda if the boy scouts could sell popcorn at the event. The Selectmen approve.
9. Selectmen signed a letter to Steve Decato (cc. Ben Lindberg) regarding his lot and overdue taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2011 2:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Larry Dingee, Merilynn Bourne

1. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to review department work. The group discussed recycling and the separation of metals. Selectmen will meet with Kyle and Dale Rook for a site visit to be scheduled at Monday's meeting.
2. Heidi Jaarsma met with Selectmen to comment on the revised MS-4. She would like to meet with our DRA Representative next Friday.
3. Selectmen called Sally Tanner, Mary Lee O'Brian, and Carol Duval (from Primex) to discuss a worker's compensation claim. The claim is still open. Mary Lee described the process to determine a claim. She reports that the time line involved does not support a worker's comp claim. Selectmen stated the timeline "went long" due to a "wait and see" approach to the injury. The Selectmen wish to support the claim and the claimant. The Primex people can only rely upon the medical time line which included a "release to work" with full range of motion and function. No x-rays or MRIs were done on the date of the injury. Even if the initial fall started the injury, later activity that may have furthered the injury is not covered by Workman's Comp. There are no notes as to how or why the MRI was obtained. Primex needs to know who sent the individual for the MRI and why. That could be a missing piece of the puzzle. That would help acknowledge what the complaint was. Selectmen will see that the information is sent to Carol Duval or Mary Lee O'Brian.
4. Selectmen signed the Fire Truck Fabrication Contract with Dingee Machine.
5. Dan Hertzler met with Selectmen for a permit for a deck, 352-11. He also requested a Current-Use Application.
6. John Rand met with Selectmen to catch up on business.
7. Selectmen signed paperwork and reviewed the mail.
8. Dave Haseman met with Selectmen to visit.
9. Merilynn Bourne moved to "Not Act" upon the petition presented by Duvals and Klinglers for a Road Lay Out on Old Stage Coach Road. Larry Dingee seconded and the vote was unanimous for the motion.
10. Selectman Bourne left the meeting at 4:00pm for another meeting.
11. Maynard White came in for two Building Permits, 353-11 for a mobile home replacement and 354-11 for a shed.
12. Fire Truck Committee (Paul Whalen, Nate Cass, Scott Reuthe, Bill Fitts and Gary Chilton) met with Board of Selectmen to find out the status on the new Fire Department truck purchase. Nate Cass was given a copy of the signed contract. Larry Dingee will meet

with the Fire Department Truck Committee at 7:00pm on October 6th to go over the specification one final time before the chassis is ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectman