

Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2009 6:30PM

Present: John Hammond, Keith Jones

1. Bill Monette came into office to discuss building permit regulations.
2. Heather Meeks came into office to discuss Municipal Audits.
3. Selectman Hammond and Jones made a call to Merilynn Bourne to check on her recovery after a recent fall on Saturday and broke her leg. She is resting and on the mend. We wish her well.
4. Dan Flynn came to discuss roads.
5. Bev Duval called to ask about road frontage on Old Coach Rd

Adjourned, 8:30PM

Keith L. Jones, Selectman

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Friday  
September 25, 2009 9:00AM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones, John Hammond

1. Patrick O'Grady from "Claremont Villager" joined the Selectmen for the morning.
2. Fran Turner called the Selectmen to reserve Trinity Church for July 24, 2010. Selectmen will ask Samantha to contact Fran upon her return.
3. Linda Fuerst met with Selectmen to report on the CREA fields. They are looking very good and the dug outs are coming along as well. There followed a discussion about a maintenance plan for the fields. Selectmen believe there should be a meeting of all committees involved in early November to hammer out the plan. Linda called later to state that the meeting can be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Selectmen approve.
4. Selectmen called Libby Backhofen to ask if we could stop by this morning to measure the stone step that belongs to Trinity Church. She will be home so Selectmen will meet her at 11:15 this morning.
5. Selectmen called Bob Bladen to discuss crew plans for the cemeteries next year.
6. Jim Strout met with Selectmen to discuss fund raising concerns for the Youth Soccer program.
7. Selectmen left the office at 10:45am to travel to Meriden to view the step stone at the Backhofen property.

Adjourned, 12:00PM

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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September 21, 2009 6:30PM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones, John Hammond

8. Kathy Gay met with Selectmen to follow up on her request for signs for Clark Camp Road.
9. At 6:37PM, Selectmen, at a duly warned public meeting, reviewed applications for Barn Preservation Easements. Selectman Hammond abstained from voting as his barns are under consideration. After a short question and answer period for the public benefit, the votes were as follows:
  - a) Blow-me-down Farm: The Beaman Barn – Selectmen Bourne and Jones voted "no" as the barn is not visible from a public way as stated in addenda to the application from the St. Gaudens Trustees. Upon review of the criteria, the Selectmen realized they erred as the barn needs to meet only one of the criteria, which it does by contributing to the historic or cultural integrity of the property. Selectmen Bourne and Jones voted for a 25% abatement of the appraised value as it is not visible from a public way.
  - b) Caterino Barn – easily visible from road, ca.1800, adds to the cultural landscape. Selectmen Bourne and Jones approved a 50% abatement of the appraised value.
  - c) Fox Barn – easily visible from road, more than 100 years old (house is a 1780's cape). Selectmen Bourne and Jones approved a 50% abatement of the appraised value.
  - d) Balloch's Crossing Barns – Large Barn 1840  
Horse Barn 1880  
Grain Barn 1890  
Blacksmith Shop 1800All Barns are highly visible from Route 12-A which is designated a Scenic By-way. The barns add to the cultural landscape and Balloch's Crossing is an important historical site in town. This is also a working farm. Selectmen Bourne and Jones approved a 75% abatement of the appraised values due to the importance of preserving agriculture in Cornish.
10. Chief Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to report on police calls for the week.

Adjourned, 8:30PM

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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September 18, 2009 9:00AM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones, John Hammond

1. Patrick O'Grady from the "Claremont Villager" joined the Selectmen for the morning meeting.

2. Cheston Newbold called Selectmen to deliver messages regarding the Joint River Commission meetings and apple cider.
3. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to discuss recent articles in local papers about the Citizen's Patrol.
4. Bob Bladen met with Selectmen to discuss the soccer field mowing. There are some spots that are still a little low that need to be evened off next year. Bob also asked that the Selectmen place a notice in local papers reminding citizens to remove all cemetery decorations by October 1, 2009 as the crew will be removing items that are left after that date. Bob also asked that the town recognize John Rawson & George Abbott who are not returning next year for their years of service on the cemetery crew. Bob also asked about the process for encumbering funds for purchases made in one year that are not paid for until the following year.
5. Reyer Jaarsma called with a bid for removing the tree near the War Memorial in the Flat. \$960 (including stump grinding).
6. Kathy Gay met with Selectmen to talk about caution signs for children at play on Clark Camp Road. The speed limit was also discussed and it may be appropriate to reduce the speed to 25MPH.
7. Selectmen contacted Chief Hackett to speak about traffic issues in town and departmental business.
8. Selectmen spoke with Leo Maslan regarding a project for Eagle Scouts and to discuss the bid request for removing the tree in the Flat.
9. Jim Strout met with Selectmen to discuss the funds for the Soccer Program raised at the Cornish Fair. He also discussed maintenance of the CREA fields.
10. LGC called Selectmen to discuss legal issues. RSA 676: a gives the Planning Board the ability to revoke a subdivision if conditions are not met within a reasonable time. RSA674:39 speaks to vesting. Selectmen are empowered to enforce. The sale of lot does not change subdivision requirements...simply changes who has to do the work. Conditions run with the land. Not in compliance, no permit. Selectmen also discussed camping regulations and enforcement. We need guidance. Further, Selectmen, asked about scenic roads and tree cutting where the federal government is concerned. The feds do not need to follow local zoning regulation. Christine will get back to us about camping issues and regulations.

Adjourned, 12:00PM

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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September 14, 2009 6:30PM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Keith Jones, John Hammond

1. George Edson met with Selectmen for a building permit.
2. Bob Bladen called Selectmen to discuss mowing the soccer field with the cemetery mower. Selectmen approve.
3. Frank Hawkins met with Selectmen to discuss the Veteran's Exemption. Mr. Hawkins believes he is entitled. Mr. Hawkins also mentioned that his name and the names of his sons are not on the Veterans monument in the Flat. Selectmen asked for the names of the Hawkins family

members who should be on the monument. Mr. Hawkins stated that the names were on the old wooden monument but must have been overlooked when being transferred to the new monument. Selectmen will pass the information to the appropriate party.

4. Stephen Wright came in for his building permit.
5. Selectmen voted to approve the audit proposal from Rowley & Associates.
6. Selectmen met with Chief Hackett to discuss the newly formed Citizens Patrol.
7. Gwynn Gallagher met with Selectmen to present his bid for removal of the dead maple tree near the War Memorials in the Flat.

Adjourned, 8:30PM

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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September 11, 2009 9:00AM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond

1. Patrick O'Grady, reporter for "Claremont Villager", joined the Selectmen for the morning.
2. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to suggest a form for the Citizen Patrols to make Samantha's job easier. Bill would also like to see the town purchase a few camcorders to further document any questionable activity. The Selectmen recommend that homeowners install video camera system in their homes if they have concerns.
3. Chief Cass met with Selectmen to present his request for replacement of the pumper at Station One. The Selectmen will review the specifications.
4. Selectmen contacted Attorney Kim Holquist at LGC regarding regulatory requirements for bidding for municipal equipment. Kim reports that there are no statutory requirements for this process. Municipalities are free to follow whatever practice they like.
5. Dan Flynn met with Selectmen to report on department matters. Merilynn asked Dan about the repair of the guard rail for the Dingelton Hill Bridge. It was hit by a vehicle this week.
6. Selectmen reviewed Article 19 from the 1981 Town Warrant. In response to this Article, Selectmen will be issuing notice to residents via the website and Connect Cornish when the Highway Crew will be cutting brush or ditching roads on their road/street.
7. Selectmen reviewed the year-to-date financials.
8. Selectmen set September 21<sup>st</sup> as the date to review Barn Preservation Easements and to vote upon said applications.
9. Selectmen discussed formation of a Capitol Reserve Maintenance Fund for the CREA lands. The concept would need to be addressed through a Warrant Article at the 2010 Town Meeting.

Adjourned, 12:00PM

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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September 4, 2009 9:00AM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond

1. Patrick O'Grady stopped into the office to present the Selectmen with the first edition of the Claremont Villager.
2. Auditors from Rowley & Associates met with Selectmen to discuss parameters for the 2008 audit.
3. Jim Strout met with Selectmen to discuss the mowing of the soccer field. Jim wants to know who should be handling the mowing. The Fair Association mows the soccer field under a contract.
4. Selectmen called Libby Backhofen regarding her offer of the 14' step from the Trinity Church. It's to the left of the driveway. John will try to get out there today to look at it.
5. Selectmen called Mike Meeks to provide him with the number for Mr. Boadway who is qualified to appraise organs.
6. Selectmen voted to apply for the NH Municipal Energy Assistance Program.
7. Selectmen signed an abatement for Blow-Me-Down Farm for the removal of the steel building in 2007.
8. Selectmen were contacted by Ed Boadway regarding the organs in Trinity Church. Mr. Boadway reported on three organs. One of them belongs to the Episcopal group who used the church in the past 4 years. Selectmen will contact John White to find out what his group would like to do with the third organ.
9. John Hammond contacted the Elm Research Institute regarding an 18' Liberty Tree Memorial for the town.

Adjourned, 12:00PM

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman