

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday April 1, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merylynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed checks and reviewed mail.
2. Selectmen discussed Brian Mayette's request for repair of the gate on Skyline Drive. John recommended putting up round rails in place of a gate. Kyle will drive up and take a look at the gate to determine the best fix.
3. Reyer Jaarsma dropped in to deliver a Report of Cut.
4. Paul Toms called the Selectmen to schedule a time to discuss his delinquent timber tax from 2010. He will come in on Friday.
5. Duane Tabor came in for a building permit for a deck expansion with roof. Approved. #389-13
6. Selectmen approved the Sexton's request for a link from the town website to a site with information on the town's cemeteries and cemetery policies.
7. Selectmen discussed the road plan with the Road Agent. Kyle feels there is a need to include a plan for asphalt. The Board agreed to setting aside time on Monday evenings to work on the plan. Copies of the current road plan draft were distributed to the Road agent and members of the board for their review. Once the draft plan has been completed, a committee will be created for review and input.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merylynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday April 5, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merylynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Troy Simino met with Selectmen to discuss sand and gravel needs. How much do we need per year and for how many years? What price would we be interested in paying? How would we truck the material? Would we use our own loader at the pit or hire a loader and operator?
3. Jeff Reardon from Davis & Towle Insurance met with Selectmen to talk about the town's Property & Liability insurance needs. Mr. Reardon stated that the town of Henniker is covered by Trident through Davis & Towle. The town's current policy is in effect until June30, 2014. Mr Reardon will call again in January of next year. Regarding Health Insurance and its escalating costs, he recommended that we call Michelle Degesse in the town of Washington to discuss her solution for health coverage.
4. The Town Treasurer met with Selectmen for a review of the 2013 First Quarter financials. She recommended holding off on any unnecessary expenditures between now and the end of June. Selectmen will call Avitar to find out where they are in the process for pick-ups to make certain we are up to date prior to the tax bills being issued. Regarding the 250th celebration, Heidi reported that she is looking into speakers for the June 23rd program.
5. Caroline Storrs met with Selectmen to discuss ZBA membership. She was advised to contact the Town Moderator as he appoints members to the ZBA. She also spoke about the "Town of Cornish" signs and the importance of making sure they are all repaired in time for the 250th.

6. Selectmen agreed upon April 29th for the public hearing for the Kaufman Barn Preservation Easement renewal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday April 8, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Road Agent Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review department business and to discuss the Road Plan draft. The group also discussed the purchase of sand. Kyle will speak with Troy Simino about Rugger's pit and he will look into the Miller operation in Windsor. Kyle reports that one of the pins on the grader needs to be replaced. Scott suggested checking with Town Line Equipment to see if they can take the job on. Caroline Storrs stopped in for just a moment to mention to Kyle that the blue bags for Clean Up Week are starting to show up on the road sides early. She also reported on some tire dumping.
3. John moved to approve the minutes of April 1 and April 5 as presented. Seconded by Scott. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative.
4. Bill Lipfert called the Selectmen to report that Charlie Plimpton has expressed an interest in being on the Planning Board as an alternate. Selectmen will take the recommendation into consideration. He would like the Alternate Position filled fairly soon.
5. Scott Ruethe met with Selectmen to report that he will not be using Dingee Machine for repair work in the future. On Saturday Larry Dingee had a conversation with Scott and stated that "if he (Larry) was a member of the fire department, the repair work on the trucks would go much quicker". Scott feels the comment was highly inappropriate and unprofessional. The Selectboard supports the Chief's decision.
6. Paul Toms met with Selectmen to discuss his timber tax. Paul paid \$1,500 of the tax in July of last year. He has been out of work for more than 6 months due to an injury. The balance due is about \$2,665 plus \$1,000 in interest and penalties. Property tax due is \$250. Paul was not able to pay the December 2012 tax bill. Selectmen will review the situation and give Mr. Toms a call on Friday. Selectmen agreed to waive the interest on the timber tax only. John moved to a require timber tax payments of \$225 a month for a year and to waive the interest. The regular property tax is to be paid in full; motion was seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. John will call Paul to tell him of the decision. The board will send a formal agreement for Paul to sign and return.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday April 12, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed the day's mail.
2. Selectmen discussed the purchase of a new cruiser. Chief Hackett has requested the board's approval of a P.O. for a Police Interceptor SUV for \$26,999.00. It is an SUV version of the Crown Vic. Selectmen called Chief Hackett to discuss his request and to review the package. Equipment includes a radio, cage, gun racks, lights, etc. for \$5,540.00. Doug states he will use all of the allocated funds. John asked about the second car. What happens when it is no longer road worthy? Doug stated it will be replaced by donation of a vehicle or funds for a vehicle. If there are no funds donated, it will not be replaced. Doug would like to take the Durango to auction. Merilynn feels we would get a better price if we sell it by sealed bid, with the right to refuse any and all bids if they are too low. John moved to approve the P.O. for the new vehicle, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. Doug asked about placing a new officer on his roster to replace a part-time officer he is removing from the roster. The Selectmen approved with the stipulation that he continues to stay within his budget.
3. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, met with Selectmen. Kyle reports that things are quiet. He has not yet researched sand prices and he still needs to research options for the repair work on the grader.
4. Merilynn reported on her conversation with Justin Bennett regarding Dale Lawrence's request for a link on the town's web site for the Cemetery Department. Justin believes what has been requested is a separate web site that the town maintains. The Board feels that a tab on the Town's web site is all that is needed and that work on that tab would need to be minimal as it was not included in this year's line item for web site maintenance.
5. Selectmen reviewed the bids for painting of town buildings. John moved to award the painting contract to Jeff Moffett Painting of Plainfield, NH, seconded by Merilynn Bourne. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. Selectmen called Mr. Moffett to inform him of the award. A message was left as he was not in.
6. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes of March 25th, April 1st, April 5th and April 8th as presented, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday April 15, 2013 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker

Absent: Merilynn Bourne

1. Reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Signed checks.
3. Reviewed minutes of Town Meetings
4. Very quiet evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm
Respectfully submitted, John Hammond, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday April 19, 2013 3:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker
Absent: Merilynn Bourne

1. Reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Had a conference call with Nancy McCullough and Jill from Southwest Community Services concerning a resident.
3. Scott reported on a discussion about Planning Board appointments.
4. George Edson came in to get signatures for Moose Plate Grant for the Meeting House.
5. Fred Weld came in to get survey map for Hart Lot near Whitewater Brook Reservoir.
6. Kyle came in to discuss Highway issues.
7. Chief Hackett came in to report on police matters.
8. Spoke with Jeff Moffitt about the painting contract for the town buildings.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
John Hammond, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday April 22, 2013 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker
Absent: Merilynn Bourne

1. Brian Meyette called about gate on Class 6 portion of Skyline Drive. Kyle was in the office to address his concerns.
2. Reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
3. Kyle Witty was here to discuss the highway department.
4. Tom Dombroski came in to have a septic design stamped to be sent to Concord.

Adjourned at 8:15pm
Respectfully submitted,
John Hammond, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday April 26, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Heidi Jaarsma and Colleen O'Neil met with selectmen to provide an update on the fundraising efforts for the 250th Celebration. The group has raised close to \$10K. They would like to order more t-shirts, hats and license plates for a total of \$1,500. Heidi would like to use the Town Offices Miscellaneous line for that expenditure to allow the \$10,000 to be used for the events. Proceeds from the sale of the extra items would be placed in the general fund. John asked Colleen about the make-up air problem with the stove in the Town Hall. Colleen feels we may need to put a pre-heater into the make-up air for winter time. Also, Nate Cass has talked with Colleen about a time capsule for the 250th. He will make a box to place in the vault here in the office that will be sealed. Colleen suggests photos and family stories by residents to be placed in the box.

2. Ben Lindbergh called the Selectmen to discuss the 3 properties on Parsonage Road. Ben reports that Steve DeCato wants to know why he is still getting a bill with penalties. What about current use? Selectmen will research and call back. 603-738-6164 (cell).
3. Selectmen reviewed the mail and signed invoices.
4. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to report on department business. Two pieces of equipment have had mechanical problems this week. Winter sand is being brought in and Kyle needs to move the gravel pile off the Fair property. Parts for the Grader are in. Kyle will be working on that repair next week.
5. John moved to approve the property abatements for Riviezzo and Demaggio, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative.
6. John reported he will not be available on May 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday April 29, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed the mail and signed checks.
2. At 7:00pm, Selectmen opened the Public Hearing for the renewal of Judith Kaufman's Barn Preservation Easement. Present from the public: Judith Kaufman, Kyle Witty. The Selectmen heard from Judith regarding her upkeep over the past ten years. She has replaced glass in the broken windows; she is searching for hardware for her barn doors that will match the existing hardware. She may have to find something that is close in look, if not exact. John Hammond provided Judith with some names for hardware that is colonial. Judith stated that the landscape work around the barn is in keeping with the plantings of the period. Judith and the board reviewed the new deed which is calling for another 10 year term. Judith is agreeable. John moved to renew the Kaufman Barn Preservation Easement, as established, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. The deed was signed by all parties and notarized.
3. Selectmen and the Road Agent worked on the Road Plan draft. Kyle will provide the selectmen with a list of annual maintenance needs. Merilynn will update the draft to reflect today's edits.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman