

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday August 2, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to show photos of the repair work he has done to the damaged hood vent on the town hall. The work looks good. We discussed placing a sign post in the vicinity of the vent to prevent anymore damage. Bill also asked when the last time was that the septic tank was pumped. Selectmen will review the records and let him know.
3. Mary reported that the NH Retirement Auditor was in today and her books passed with "flying" colors. Selectmen thanked Mary for her attention to detail.
4. Paul Whalen & Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Grant work. Kyle has received a bid for pipe for Hell Hollow Road which totals \$6,700. Labor and equipment will add another \$5,300. Kyle reported on work to date. He has worked for 3 days bringing over 400 yards of material onto Paget Rd. Kyle feels the base will be completed by Monday. Paget will be closed on Tuesday of next week for culvert work from 9:00am to 11:00am. Kyle will notify the Fire & Police Depts. John asked about the ditching work on the CREA land and reminded Kyle that we still need to look at lowering the water level in the fire pond in the Flat to dredge it. The culvert work on the CREA land runs along Parsonage Road. Scott stated that there are some grates in that area that should be identified. Selectmen will get 3 bids for the ditching work.
5. John Hammond moved to appoint Paul Whalen as the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Cornish, relieving Fire Chief Scott Reuthe of that responsibility, seconded by Merilynn Bourne; the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
6. Selectmen called Everett Cass to request a bid on dredging the fire pond in the Flat. Selectmen called Mike Duval to request a bid for cleaning out the culvert along the soccer field on the CREA land.
7. Selectmen called Ricky Poor to ask about the pond on the CREA land. She was not in. Paul feels it needs to be dredged or we are going to lose it. A call was placed to Bill Gegas of Land & Water Conservation Funds (under DRED) to ask about dredging the pond. The pond does not appear to have been described in the CREA project.
8. Selectmen signed a raffle permit for NH Timberland Owner's Association, Sullivan County Chapter.
9. Selectmen received a call back from Everett Cass regarding our request for a bid. Everett asked if there was a liner in the pond. There is. John explained that Kyle will start draining the pond on Monday. Everett asked about the status of town roads since the flood. Selectmen reported on the work completed to date.
10. Merilynn stated she would contact Bill Gegas via email to ask about the fire pond and the issue of hunting on CREA land. A written response would be good to have for the file. Project #33-00525 (development) and Project #33-00481 (acquisition).

Adjourned at 5:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 5, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review road work. More gravel has been hauled to Paget Rd. Scott McClay will provide the gravel for that road. Merilynn commented that the July 2nd storm was now a declared disaster and eligible for FEMA funds, up to 75% of actual cost. Kyle is keeping records of all labor, equipment and materials. Kyle will be putting in the culvert on Paget Rd. tomorrow.
3. Scott reported that he had spoken with Wayne Gray from the Fair Association and Wayne has offered to put a post in the ground near the exterior duct work at the Town Hall. Since the board had already discussed that solution Scott told him that would be much appreciated. Scott suggested Wayne get in touch with Bill Fitts for his recommendation as to exact location.
4. John moved to have Hampshire Fire inspect the hood at the town hall, seconded by Scott Baker. Scott and John voted "aye".
5. Jim Schubert met with Selectmen for renewal of his building permit. #377-12
6. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to review departmental business. He reports that the new cruiser will not be done by Fair time. The Selectmen agree that it does not make sense to rush it. Doug discussed disposal of confiscated items. He would like to consign the items to a gun shop and to use the credits for the purchase of ammunition for the department. There is about \$1,500 in value. Selectmen will discuss and get back to Doug with their decision.
7. Reigh Sweetser met with Selectmen to review Paul Toms' tax bill. Mr. Toms was on the speaker phone. Reigh told Mr. Toms that the \$1,500 he sent was posted to his account before the lien when into effect. \$4,165.49 was the tax bill. \$3,524.15 was what was left after the \$1,500 was posted. Interest starts to accrue after 30 days on any timber tax. The group discussed an abatement figure and an abatement date of May 20, 2013 as that was when we entered into the discussion with Mr. Toms. Merilynn will draft a letter to Mr. Toms to be approved by the board at the next meeting.
8. Doug Thayer came in for building permit for a 10 x 10 entry way for his house. The concrete pad is in place. Granted. #397-13. Mr. Thayer will drop off the \$50 fee this week.

Adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 12, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Scott Baker, John Hammond

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Selectmen met with the Tax Collector to review the letter from the NHHFA. Apparently all properties held by NHHFA are tax exempt.

3. Mary was asked to contact Avitar this week and request a visit from Mark the Friday following the Cornish Fair; August 23rd.
4. Selectmen approved a letter to Sharon Strout regarding invoices for work performed.
5. Selectmen approved a letter to Paul & Theresa Toms.
6. Selectmen discussed Chief Hackett's request regarding the disposal of confiscated items. Selectmen will have Mary contact the DRA to ask about the proper procedure for the sale of confiscated items. It may be that the funds from such a sale belong to the town, not the department.
7. Charlie Woodman met with Selectmen for their stamp on septic plans for the Adams property. The state has asked him to increase the size of the leach field.

Adjourned at 8:30pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 19, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Scott Baker, John Hammond

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Joan Littlefield met with Selectmen to talk about the roadway washing into her lower driveway. The Selectmen will need to pay a site visit to understand what her concerns are.
3. Joyce Terceira met with Selectmen for an extension on her building permit for a deck. The original # was 340-11. Some of the work has been started. The new number is 398-13.
4. Doug McGrath met with Selectmen to discuss mowing for the soccer field for games beginning in September. He would like to see it mowed once a week. Program runs Monday – Thursday. Some home games will be on Friday. The first game is September 13th. Practice begins 28th. Selectmen will call the Fair Association to schedule the work.
5. Everett Cass met with Selectmen to discuss dredging the pond. The Road Agent has not pulled any of the boards yet. Everett was told to remove a board at a time.
6. Selectmen called Peter Burling to let him know he could pick up a key to Trinity Church. Peter reported on an Agricultural Dept. meeting at Dartmouth regarding regulations for agricultural endeavors.
7. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes of July 29, August 2, 5, and 12th, second by John Hammond. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
8. Selectmen called George Edson to report on the mowing schedule for Cornish Soccer Season. A message was left on the answering machine.
9. Mary reported that Mark Stetson from Avitar will meet with the Selectmen on Friday.

Adjourned at 8:15pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday August 23, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Scott Baker, John Hammond

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. NH State Representative Linda Tanner met with Selectmen to discuss her candidacy. She is the "floaterial" representative for the district. Linda discussed her interests and her common sense approach to the position.
3. Mark Stetson from Avitar met with Selectmen. Mark reports that Blue Mt. Forest Association has 5 camp sites in Cornish. One has just been removed and replaced with a larger, newer structure which will pull a Land Use Change Tax as well as a new assessment. Another one is in bad shape and will probably need to be replaced. The Selectmen will send a letter to BMA to remind them that they are subject to Cornish zoning regulations and will need to apply for a building permit. The group discussed the Goodwin property. There were some physical measurements that were not listed correctly as well as physical conditions that were not reported or reflected accurately in the assessment. Merilynn moved to abate the Goodwin tax assessment from \$765,555 to \$741,147 based upon an interior measurements update and corrections; seconded by Scott baker; the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. Mark discussed the Current Use application for Richard and Reigh Mellow. The whole lot did not qualify as of April 1st so the application is not allowable for the current year. The submitted Current Use application will be good as of April 15, 2014. A new application for just the land area that did qualify as of April 1st of this year will be acceptable. Selectmen will provide this information to the Mellows. Scott asked about the 20% reduction on Current Use property that is not posted. The property must remain open to non-motorized recreation. If, after the fact, the property is posted, it will loose the 20% reduction for three years. If the landowner asks the Selectmen for permission to post a small area of the overall property, that is allowable. A letter to the town for the property file will document any changes after current use acceptance. Mark reminds us that next year (2014) is the "full-up evaluation". Sales data will help with the new assessments. Avitar will be fine tuning the descriptions for the assessment. Items such as topography, site conditions, road surface...driveway surface, etc., will be considered and create differences in value from one residence to another.
4. Gar Heir met with Selectmen for a building permit for an addition to a garage and a cottage. Approved #400-13.
5. Selectmen called Paul Toms regarding his tax bill. Paul will contact the Tax Collector to discuss future payments and request a statement after each payment.

Adjourned at 5:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday August 26, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Scott Baker, John Hammond

Absent: Merilynn Bourne

1. Kerry Mills from Eagle Times came in and talked about the Windsor covered bridge being cut to one lane for 8 weeks and asked if we had been contacted by the State.
2. Linda Feurst came in and talked about conservation land and easements. She also asked about the CREA land and swales being done.
3. Kyle came in to report about the progress on Hell Hollow and Paget Roads. An engineer will be needed prior to installation of a culvert on Hell Hollow.
4. Wayne Gray came in to talk about electric checks at the fair and the fair supplying the inspectors. Board of Selectmen advised him to start the process and provide names and addresses to send information to. Wayne reported that the fair was successful and the attendance was the best in the last 12 years. A discussion was held about closing off exit at CREA field after the fair.
5. Reviewed mail and signed checks.
6. Discussed a building permit in regards to a septic plan and proper documentation.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Baker, Selectman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday August 30, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. In preparation for a Public Hearing, Treasurer Heidi Jaarsma and Road Agent Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review the projections for the Highway Dept. budget as a result of the July 2nd flood event. The group feels there is potential for overspending the Highway Budget by \$113,000+/- . The Selectmen scheduled the Public Hearing for September 16, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Town Offices.
3. John reported on a conversation with Pat Pinkson-Burke regarding the closing of the Wheelabrator facility. John encouraged Pat to meet with the full board for a discussion.
4. Judy Atwater met with Selectmen to discuss the Chase House which was recently purchased by her son Darrell Atwater. Mrs. Atwater asked for a reassessment of the property. The Board provided Mrs. Atwater with an abatement application. Her contact number is 603-675-9137.
5. John reported on the Conservation Commission's meeting this week. John brought up the lack of a gravel and sand source in the town and commented that we do not want to restrict the development of such a resource, keeping Best Management practices in mind.
6. Paula Harthan called the Selectmen to ask for advice regarding a bounced check written for the purpose of registering a car. She was advised to call the DMV.

7. Linda Fuerst met with Selectmen to review the Management Plan for the CREA property. Linda remarked that she has removed the Cornish Youth Rec. Committee and the Barn Committee from the plan as those committees no longer exist. Perhaps George Edson could represent the interests of the former Barn Committee. Selectmen will reach out to George. John asked about the section on "Generating Money" and the concept of a CREA Maintenance town account that would allow for donations. This would not be a line item account for the town budget. It would allow non-tax funds and event revenues to be deposited and held for the benefit of the CREA land. Linda asked about hunting on CREA land. The Selectmen have spoken with that department in the past and were led to believe they have the authority to make that decision but will call DRED to ask again and request the response in writing. The Selectmen thanked Linda for her hard work and persistence in getting this task completed. Linda asked Kyle if he could talk with Mike Duval about the drainage issues near the soccer field. Kyle said the ditch needs to be cleaned out and refined.
8. Leo Maslan met with Selectmen for signatures on an Intent to Cut for the Rennie property on Old Stage Coach Road.
9. Doug Hackett called the Selectmen to touch base. The new car will be done on Sunday. "Things have been quiet this past week." Kyle asked about the radio from the Crown Vic. Doug said the transfer from that vehicle to Kyle's truck can be done next Friday here in town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman