

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond,
Absent: Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Richard Melloh met with Selectmen to discuss the changes he has made to his lot in order to qualify for Current Use. The power is gone, the phone line is gone and the mobile home is gone. He has had the septic tank pumped as required by the board.
3. Selectmen called the Rumney Board of Selectmen to answer their questions regarding Discretionary Preservation Easements. Dan Kimball spoke for the Rumney Board. He was interested in knowing how this board determines what percentage to provide as an easement. We explained that a working farm (agriculture is the primary means of creating income) is given the greatest consideration.
4. Selectmen sent an email to Paul Toms requesting that he contact this office as it appears he has not received the letter sent to him on June 7th.
5. Doug Hackett called Selectmen to report on the new cruiser. The car is insured. Doug reported on calls for the past week.
6. Scott Reuthe called Selectmen to ask about a parade policy. Scott would like a policy that allows the children of firefighters to ride on the trucks in parades, such as 4th of July. Scott reports that Plainfield, Meriden and Claremont all allow this practice. It's a great way to keep members active for parades. The Selectmen approve and would like Scott to put the policy in writing and provide the office with a copy for our files.

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

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond
Absent: Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, met with Selectmen to review the status of those roads damaged by the July 2nd heavy rainfall. The group was joined by Heidi Jaarsma and Bill Caterino to discuss expenses. Doug Hackett was also present. RSA 32:11 dictates "Anticipated Emergency Over-expenditure", which is a three step process. After a public hearing, an emergency request letter along with meeting minutes must be sent to the DRA prior to going over budget. Heidi will forward the procedure sheet from Jamie Dow to the town office. Kyle states he expects 3,000 yd. of gravel in order to reconstruct Paget. The group discussed staking and taping any significant drop-offs. Kyle asked about overtime pay for July 4th. John moved to approve over time for the Road Crew for July 4th; seconded by Merilynn. The vote was in the affirmative.
3. Mr. Ivanoff stopped in to speak with Selectmen about permitting the shed on his property. He was asked to come back later in the week.

4. Selectmen called Plainfield Town Manager Steve Halloran to discuss the status of Hell Hollow Rd. Steve was told that Cornish plans on closing the Cornish section of that road for the time being. Steve is fine with that plan as they will be building a berm along the Cornish/Plainfield line. It is not a high priority for either town at this time.
5. Doug Hackett asked about creating a special revenue fund for the PD for the acceptance of gifts for the department. Doug has a \$200 donation for the Police Department as a "Thank you" for its service. Selectmen explained that the funds would have to be deposited into the general account where they would sit until a special revenue fund is created by town vote. The Selectmen will contact Jamie Dow of the DRA for the procedure required for the creation of such a fund.
6. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to report a mildew problem at the town hall. The doors under the stage are "mildew" on the inside and the floor of the stage has mildew. We may need to put in a dehumidifier to get rid of the dampness. Merilynn suggested running the ceiling fans for a few days to see if that will help. Bill also reported that he will be doing the repair work on the exterior duct work at the Town Hall.

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

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Heidi Jaarsma met with Selectmen to review the Year to Date Town Treasurer's Report. We are in line with the past two years. Selectmen commented that next months report should reflect the work for the road damage from the July 2nd storm which will give us a better idea about the year end projection. Heidi will meet with the Selectmen at the end of each month for the next several months as we track spending.
3. Kyle Witty, Road Agent, reported on road repairs. He's "plugging away" at Lang Rd. and getting some small things done with the backhoe. He is trying to get a lot of the little jobs done and out of the way so he can then put all his focus on Paget Road. Once Paget is completed, we will look at Hell Hollow Road. Some work has been done to make it passable for emergency needs (such as power lines) but the road is still closed to travel.
4. Bill Gallagher met with Selectmen to ask about the plans for Paget Road. Selectmen reported on their visit to Paget Rd. with FEAM and NH DOS personnel on Wednesday. We are expecting a Disaster Declaration to reimburse the town for the cost of repair. Repair work is underway.
5. Selectmen called Jessica Hodgeman per her request. No one answered and there was no voice mail. Selectmen will try again on Monday night.
6. Scott Baker asked about the Cemetery Mower. Kyle reported that there is a problem with the frame and there is an oil leak. Kyle commented that, in his opinion, it's time to replace it.
7. Selectmen reviewed the digital photos from the flood of July 2nd.

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

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Bill Wall met with Selectmen to ask about the existence of gravel on town owned land. He states that past road agents have indicated there is gravel and sand on town land such as CREA and the Town Forest. Bill asked if the Selectmen would be willing to hold a hearing to open up that land for gravel if it was found to exist there. The Selectmen stated there was no point in holding the discussion on "hearsay". Bill was encouraged to direct those individuals who may have knowledge to the Selectmen's office. He was told the selectmen would look into any significant deposit on town land.
3. Kyle Witty joined the Selectmen. He told Mr. Wall that even if there was gravel in the Town Forest, improving access to that site may very well cost more than the value of any gravel that might be found. Kyle reported to the Selectmen on today's work. He is still locating and cleaning out plugged culverts and filling in small washouts.
4. Bill Woodman met with Selectmen for the stamp on a set of septic plans for the Adams property on Town House Road.
5. Dick Barill called the Selectmen to discuss the removal of the electric line that feeds the pole at the back left corner of the Town Hall. Mary will call New Hampshire Electric Cooperative.
6. Mike Monette met with Selectmen to ask about the status of Hell Hollow Road. Selectmen explained that it has been repaired to allow for the passage of emergency vehicles but it is closed to the public until it has been rebuilt.
7. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes of June 17,21,24,28 and July 1, 8 and 12, seconded by John Hammond. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

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

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Kyle Witty was present to discuss road work. He has started staking out Hell Hollow Road for repair work. New placement of culverts, etc. Troy Simino will help Kyle with the computer programs needed to determine size of culvert pipe for flood water control.
3. Al Stevens met with Selectmen to discuss property taxes. Selectmen will speak with the Tax Collector about the amount due. He would like forgiveness of any late fees.
4. Joan Baillargeon met with Selectmen to ask about the status of Paget Road. She has heard rumors about the town's intention. The Road Agent explained his restoration plan.
5. Sydney Lorandau met with Selectmen to discuss his tax bill and a credit amount due of \$3.56. Sid said there was a difference in amount paid and the actual amount due. He has asked the Tax Collector for a refund of the amount due but has not gotten a reply. Selectmen called the Tax Collector for her input. She was not in. It appears that Sid took the credit on his 2012 bill and

now the Tax Collector is going to place a lien on his property for that amount. Selectmen will ask the Tax Collector for her input.

6. Deanna Kearns called the Selectmen to talk about a car registration issue. Her car was not appropriately registered. Selectmen explained that the Selectmen do not have any authority over the Town Clerk or the registration process. She needs to address the issue with Paula or with the DMV.

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

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to report on departmental issues. There have been several burglaries in town. Doug has solved two of them. Doug reports it was a long weekend with little sleep.
3. Representatives of Community Alliance met with Selectmen to discuss their Volunteer Driver Program. All drivers go through a safe driver program and a criminal background check before they are allowed to drive those in need of the service. Last year, 165 rides were provided for 4 or 5 households in Cornish. The agency is seeking town funding.
4. Jessica Hodgeman called to ask about her driveway at 387 Center Road. She wanted to know if the town would reimburse her for the damage her driveway suffered when the pond across the street overflowed Center Road during the July 2nd flood event. She and her partner have put most of the gravel back. Selectmen explained that the town does not reimburse homeowners for driveway "wash". Selectmen explained that her property is in the floodplain. Ms. Hodgeman stated that she was aware of that fact.

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

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Mike Duval met with Selectmen to ask about mowing around the soccer field in time for the Fair. Selectmen approved the work. There followed a discussion about sand and gravel. Mike suggested that the Selectmen call Tim Schad to see if he can assist.
3. Reigh Sweetser called Selectmen to discuss Tax Deeds. John asked Reigh if she would meet with the Selectmen for about an hour to review liens and tax deeds and the process she follows for those issues. She will meet with us on August 5th. Notice of Late Payment is followed by Notice of Impending Lien and the liens are filed when payments are 6 months in arrears.
4. Bill Caterino met with Selectmen to ask for a link on the town web site to the Historical Society's facebook page. He mentioned that the Recycling Center also has a facebook page and he

thought it might be good to link to that as well. Merilynn will contact Justin and provide him with the address for the facebook page. Bill also asked if there were any pictures from the flooding event of July 2nd that could be put on the Historical Society's facebook page. Merilynn will load the ones that she has.

5. Selectmen called Jamie Dow to ask about the process for planned over expenditure of the Highway Budget due to the July 2nd rain event. Jamie will send along the documentation she sent to the Town Treasurer. Jamie also explained that we do not have what the state recognizes as a formal Budget Committee. The town must adopt a specific RSA for that to occur.
6. Deanna Kearns called to report on her conversation with a Municipal Agent. The agent reported that the State of NH does not have jurisdiction over a town clerk's job performance. It is up to the Selectmen to oversee the Clerk. Deanna was advised to get a letter from the Town Clerk explaining that there was an error in the registration process. Deanna states that the Clerk is not receptive to the idea. Selectmen will speak to the Clerk. Deanna needs the letter by August 5th.
7. Two citizens stopped in for pistol permit applications.
8. John reported on a conversation with a resident about hired equipment for road repair work.
9. Therese Warhold, who is looking at homes in Cornish, called to ask about high schools and high school tuition. Selectmen provided her with their limited information and recommended a call to the School Principal and the SAU Superintendent. She was given the phone numbers.
10. Doug Hackett called to respond to our question about the fee for pistol permits. Doug reports that the fee is set by state statute.
11. After a short discussion, John Hammond moved to deny the abatement request by Gillian Goodwin, seconded by Merilynn Bourne. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
12. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 19, 22; seconded by John Hammond. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

Adjourned at 5:15pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Connie Kousman and Ann Hier met with Selectmen to announce that they would not be running for Welfare officers in March. Selectmen stated they were sorry to receive the news but understand that after 22 years of service Connie and Ann were in need of a change. Selectmen recommended they post a notice in Connect Cornish to start a search for individuals who may wish to run for the position in March.
3. Selectmen spoke with the town clerk about a letter for Elizabeth Kearns. The Clerk will be happy to write a letter of explanation regarding her registration.
4. Tim Schad met with Selectmen to discuss gravel. Kyle Witty joined the conversation. Tim suggests that the Selectmen speak with the Plainfield Selectmen about the possibility of buying gravel from Plainfield. Kyle reported that Plainfield may be interested in selling Cornish gravel for Hell Hollow Road repairs. The Selectmen and Road Agent need to quantify the annual yardage/tonnage needs for both gravel and sand. Kyle stated that he uses about 3,500 yards in

sand each year and 14,000 yards in gravel. Selectmen will invite Scott MacLeay to meet with them to discuss his pit. They will also speak with the Plainfield Selectmen.

5. Wayne & Tammy Gray met with Selectmen to discuss Fair activities. Wayne asked for a road closing. John Hammond moved to approve the Notice to Close North Parsonage Road on August 16, 17 and 18; Scott Baker seconded. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative. The Road Agent was notified.
6. Selectmen spoke with the Road Agent about hired equipment and the need for bids before any work is hired out.
7. Selectmen called Paul Toms regarding his tax bill. There is still some confusion in Paul's mind about what is due. Selectmen stated they would call Paul on August 5th when the tax collector is in the office.
8. John Hammond moved to approve the minutes of July 26, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was unanimous and in the affirmative.

Adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman