

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday June 3, 2013 6:30 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks. Reigh Sweetser notified selectmen she would not be able to meet with them this evening.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to report on the roads. There was a lot of rain on Sunday but very little washing on the dirt roads. The board set a date to review the work on the Road Plan. June 17th.
3. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to report on damage to the exterior air exhaust on the Town Hall. The Cemetery crew hit it with the roll bar on the tractor over the weekend. Mary will call the LGC tomorrow to see about insurance coverage.
4. John Hammond made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 24 and 31; seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm
Respectfully submitted,
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday June 7, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond
Absent: Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Christine Michaud came in for renewal of her building permit. It was renewed until June 7, 2014.
3. Heidi Jaarsma met with Selectmen to discuss the budget for the 250th Celebration. It appears that after all expenditures, there is a cushion of about \$800. John recommended spending \$500 for the printing of the new "booklet". Merilynn agreed, stating she felt printing 200 booklets would be more than sufficient. If the booklets are a "hot item", the committee could take pre-paid orders for more. Heidi reported that the Town needs to send a check for \$600 to the band hired for the 250th by next week. Heidi asked for approval of the \$600 allocation for the Newmont Band. Merilynn Moved to approve \$600 for the Newmont Band, seconded by John Hammond. John and Merilynn both voted "Aye". Heidi then discussed tax liens and explained how to read various tax reports.
4. A letter was written to Paul & Theresa Toms explaining their tax lien and requesting that they contact the office.
5. Selectmen called Mark Stetson at Avitar to ask about the change use tax for the Sullivan property on Upper East Road. Mark reminded the Board that there was a pre-existing one acre parcel already out of current use. Selectmen then discussed further the tax abatement request for Lot 14, Map 1. The Selectmen need time to consider Mark's recommendation for that site.
6. Selectmen called Linda Fuerst to ask if she would be coming to the office. She was not at home.

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

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday June 10, 2013 6:30 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Christine Heins met with Selectmen to discuss the sand in the ditch and on the road at the junction of Mill Village and Root Hill Roads. The sand on the road is creating a problem for cars trying to stop. She reports that the road surface in the rain is as slippery as ice.
3. Doug Hackett called for permission to use the town credit card for a gun belt and vest carrier for the new police officer. The amount would be about \$460. The money is in his budget. Doug researched a number of "on-line" suppliers. The funds are in his budget so Selectmen gave him approval to use the card.
4. Colleen O'Neil, Christine Heins and Karen Gillock met with Selectmen to discuss the printing of the little booklet/passport/quest book for the 250th Celebration. Selectmen had an opportunity to view the booklet and provide the committee members with their expenditures to date. There are funds to cover the cost of the printing. The committee wishes to print enough booklets for 400 households because the booklets act as "Passports" for all those attending the 250th Celebration. It is reasonable to expect that a household may wish to have more than one booklet.
5. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to talk about the cost of replacing the light fixtures in the Town Hall. The cost for parts and labor is \$3,206.25. The cost for the outlet for the stove is around \$300. There are funds for the outlet but a warrant article will be needed next year for the lights. Merilynn asked if Bill could get a quote for LED fixtures. Those fixtures are more expensive but LED saves energy over the long term. Bill reports we still have not heard anything about a quote for the repair of the exhaust pipe. Bill asked about the Highway Dept. putting a few posts in the ground around that area to prevent future accidents. We will look for granite posts.
6. Selectmen called Ben Lindberg at his request. He was not in so a message was left.

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

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday June 14, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Frank Hawkins met with Selectmen to discuss his 8x10 covered foundation which is not a deck. Avitar has assessed it as such. He would like the file corrected. Selectmen will visit the site.
3. Selectmen called LGC to ask about Public Health Issue calls for the Health Officer. Occasionally the Health Officer may need an Administrative Inspection Warrant (see RSA 595: b). Health Officer may make an initial visit to the property without advance notice. Selectmen asked about youth employment at the Recycling Center. LGC stated that anyone aged 15-17 needs parental permission before being employed.

4. Justin Raney met with Selectmen to pass along a message from Dale Atwater who is purchasing the Chase House and would like to know about property tax abatement. Selectmen asked Justin to report to Mr. Atwater that we would need to speak with him directly once he is the owner of record.
5. Richard Simons came into the office to present an invoice for Gnomon Copy for the 250th Booklet. A check will be ready for him by Tuesday.
6. Merilynn Bourne moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of June 3, 7, 10, seconded by Scott Baker, the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
7. Colleen O'Neil met with Selectmen to pick up a key to the Little Town Hall. Selectmen reported that they approve the use of the Highway Dept.'s dumpster the day of the 250th Picnic for overflow trash.
8. Rick Melloh met with Selectmen to discuss property taxes. Selectmen discussed the steps needed to put the second lot into current use. The utility pole and meter need to be removed. State law does not permit utility lines serving property filing for current use. Once the changes have been made and the changes have been verified, he can file.

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

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday June 17, 2013 6:30 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices and checks.
2. Jim Barker met with Selectmen to lodge a complaint about a "firing range" on the Crosby property on Tift Rd. This past Saturday there was a parking lot full of cars and for three hours, the neighborhood was overwhelmed by the sound assault weapons as well as three explosions from some other sort of weapons. Jim was also concerned that some of the weapons sounded like they were fully automatic. It was recommended that he call Chief Hackett. Selectmen will also speak with the Chief about the ramifications.
3. Peter Storrs met with Selectmen for an Intent to Cut.
4. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen for an update department business. Selectmen reported on the visit from Jim Barker. Doug explained that there is no ordinance in town regulating the firing of weapons. There is no state ordinance either. Doug will speak with Mr. Barker.
5. Clayton Gino called the Selectmen to ask about the septic system and foundation on the property for sale along the Connecticut River. He was advised to consult with an expert on the issue of septic systems and invited him to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the required set back from water ways.
6. Mary reported that the Town audit will start tomorrow. Mary also asked for Friday, July 5th off. The Selectmen will close the office on July 5th.
7. John Hammond moved, seconded by Scott Baker, to approve the minutes of June 14th; the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

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

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday June 21, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Scott Baker

Absent: John Hammond (Haying)

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Roy Stone met with the Selectmen for signatures on a Raffle Permit.
3. Colleen O'Neill met with Selectmen for signatures on a Raffle Permit and to discuss the photography contract with Deanna Meadows. The contract is for photography at the 250th Celebration weekend. A call was made to Deanna to ask about a few of the details. Deanna explained that she holds the license to any photos she takes so she would not be required to receive permission from the Selectmen prior to using any of the photos for commercial purposes. Merilynn moved to approve the contract as presented, seconded by Scott Baker; the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
4. Jean Burling called to ask about the time for tonight's speaking event at Trinity Church. She was told 7:00pm.
5. Selectmen met with Kyle Witty for an update on department business. The crew is cutting brush as well as raking and rolling the gravel roads. Merilynn asked about the repair work to Dingleton Hill Bridge. Kyle said Leo Maslan would be attending to the repair work in the next week.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday June 24, 2013 6:30 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, signed invoices and checks.
2. Selectmen administered the Oath of Office for Town Clerk, Paula Harthan.
3. A building permit for Jane Crandell-Glass was approved. Permit # 393-13
4. Jim Barker met with Selectmen for signatures on the Conservation Easement for the Hammond property. Scott Baker and Merilynn Bourne signed for the town. The Selectmen set a tentative time of 3:00pm this Friday here in the Town Office for the transfer of the easement.
5. Selectmen discussed sending for Best Practices Manuals from the "Roads Scholar" organization at either UNH Technology Transfer Center or the NH Department of Transportation. The board would like to build and maintain a "Best Practices" library for the Highway Department.
6. Selectmen called Jeff Katchen to request a visit to a residence.
7. Jay Young met with Selectmen for a building permit for a Sugar House. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday June 28, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. At 3:15pm Selectmen Bourne and Baker and Linda Fuerst from the Cornish Conservation Commission met with Peg Merrens and Jeanie McIntyre from the Upper Valley Land Trust for the signing of documents for the conservation easement on the John & Linda Hammond property along the river. Merilynn asked if the UVLT could use its influence with the State to have the orange Comcast cable running above the river from Cornish to Windsor removed to its original "below the river" location. It is a significant spoiler for the Scenic By-way.
3. Bill Fitts met with Selectmen to report on the quote for the damage to the outside exhaust on the Town Hall. One quote is for \$500 from McNeil. Bill is still waiting for a second quote from Grey Sheet Metal. John Hammond recommended a quote from John Andres on Methodist Hill. Bill also reported that our power company may have a program to subsidize lighting upgrades for the Town Hall.
4. Doug Hackett called to ask about the check for the new cruiser. Selectmen reported the check is signed and waiting for his retrieval.
5. Scott Baker presented a Building Permit application for a garage replacement. Approved (#395-13) and \$50 fee paid by check.
6. Debbie Chapin met with Selectmen for a Building Permit application for a mobile home. Application 396-13 approved, fee of \$100 paid for by check.
7. Tony Newton called to ask about the fire pond on School Street. He would like to see the pond dredged. The Selectmen explained that there is already a plan in the works to do that this summer. Currently there has been too much rain and rain is called for every day next week.
8. Selectmen placed a call to the Selectmen of Rumney to answer questions they had regarding Discretionary Preservation Easements. The office was closed so a message was left that we will call back Monday evening when both boards are in session.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

