

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

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Scott Baker  
Absent: John Hammond

1. Jeff Moffitt met with Selectmen to talk about the painting contract. Jeff is not certain when he will be able to start but it should be fairly soon. Jeff asked if there was water at the Town Hall. Selectmen will contact Bill Fitts to ensure that the water is turned on for the outside spigots. Jeff will wash the exterior prior to painting. If there are clapboards that need to be replaced, we will need to find someone to do that work and that work will be extra. We believe the trim color on the Town Hall is Essex Green.
2. Selectmen reviewed invoices and mail.
3. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes from April 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29, seconded by Scott Baker; the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
4. Audrey Jacquier called the Selectmen on behalf of the Cornish Garden Club. The Club would like to do something in the memory of Ray and Elli Philison who were members of the Garden Club. The club was thinking of an apple tree as well as a flower pot near the entrance to the Town Offices.
5. Bernie Brasseur met with Selectmen to discuss a new product he is making from recycled, large soda bottles. Mr. Brasseur asked for approval from the selectmen to purchase them from the recycling center here in Cornish. Selectmen approve as long as the Recycling folks are agreeable to the price per unit. Selectmen will call Mary Ann McGrath to fill her in on the conversation.
6. Gar Heir met with Selectmen for a permit for the DiAntonio addition to the cottage.
7. Mary reported on calls for the day. Caroline Storrs wishes to make certain that the individual who has placed a bid on the Chase House understands that any plans to change the use must be approved by the Zoning Board. Selectmen will pass that message along after the closing.
8. Scott Reuthe met with Selectmen to discuss departmental business. The Selectmen asked Scott about the Fireman's Association and if it was part of the Cornish Volunteer Fire Department. Scott reports that it is a separate fundraising entity with its own officers. Scott also reported that the pump in Engine 3 needs work. Scott stated that the cost could be as high \$10,000 in the event it needs to be completely rebuilt. There is no way of knowing until the pump has been taken apart. Scott is hopeful it won't cost more than \$2,500. Scott will take it to Valley Fire. Scott borrowed the Town's 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan for a meeting with NH Emergency Management Service next week. He will return it to the town next Thursday.
9. Selectmen called Carol Rennie to ask about her Waiver for the road layout. She will bring it with her to the Public Hearing on Monday.

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

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

Present: Merylynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

Also Present: Heidi Jaarsma, Doug Hackett and Kyle Witty

1. At 6:30pm, Selectmen opened a duly warned public hearing under RSA 31:95-b (Unanticipated Revenues) to discuss the acceptance of the EMPG Grant Agreement Terms as presented. This grant is for an LEOP Local Emergency Operations Plan; the project cost is in the amount of \$9,990 with a local match of \$4,995 in soft costs. The hearing is also for a second grant for two mobile radios for the police department in the amount of \$12,980 with a local match of \$6,490. Chief Hackett reported that the last LEOP was from the 1990's. It is more than time to update. There is a consultant who will write the plan but the department heads must meet with the consultant as she does her work. These meetings constitute some of the soft costs. John Hammond asked about the ability to ask for other grants once the LEOP is re-written. Chief Hackett reported it will allow us to apply for numerous grants. The information on grants should be coming through the town's Emergency Management Director (the Fire Chief). Chief Hackett then explained the need for new mobile radios. The UHF radios currently being used can not hear the new narrow bands. Doug can not hear Windsor as a result. New radios are needed. John Hammond moved to approve application for both grants, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
2. At 7:00pm, Selectmen called to order a duly warned public hearing for the purpose of Laying Out at Road. Present: Leo Maslan, Carol Rennie, Paul & Beverly Duval, Laird Klingler, Kyle Witty. Selectwoman Bourne explained the purpose of the meeting and then asked for public comment. Leo Maslan asked about the width of the extension at the start and the end. Merylynn explained that the road is following the current road surface, more or less. Beverly Duval asked if the abutters would receive a letter from the Selectboard reporting on this meeting and any vote. The Board will get the minutes approved and a copy to abutters in tomorrow's mail. There were no more comments or questions so the public portion of the hearing was closed. After due consideration by the board, John Hammond stated that public good, convenience and necessity require the layout and establishment of the proposed highway and that this class 5 Highway will not create an undue financial burden on the town, and, as the owners of land over which the highway will pass have all signed Waivers of Damage, John moved to approve the layout as presented in the Patton survey (with the correction of the spelling of KLINGLER), seconded by Scott Baker, the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
3. Leo Maslan asked about the requirements for putting an in-law apartment over his garage. John responded that he needs to look at his septic design to determine how many bedrooms are allowed.
4. Reyer Jaarsma met with Selectmen for signatures on an Intent to Cut on Brian Meyeette.
5. Caroline Storrs and Karim Chichakly met with Selectmen to update the board on ZBA membership and roles. Caroline Storrs is Chair and Jason Bourne, Vice-chair. Karim is an alternate, Bill Balch is now a full member as is Jim Brown. Alternates are Dale Rook, Kate Freeland and Karim. Caroline was asked about school participation for Memorial Day. She reported that grades 5-8 participate so we should expect 65 students with 10 adults.

6. Jesse Salzarulo met with Selectmen to ask about permission to operate her business prior to Planning Board review. The Board stated that since she will not be opening up spaces for any more than two children, she should feel free to operate at that level prior to her Planning Board review.
7. Selectmen worked on Memorial Day Plans.
8. After review of the evening's minutes, John Hammond moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

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

Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday May 10, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Heidi Jaarsma met with Selectmen to report that the Berry House on Dingleton Hill Road was being advertised for sale as "House with 19 Acres". The deed shows that the house lot is 53 acres. A subdivision application would be needed in order to sell the house with 19 acres. Bill Lipfert, Chair of the Cornish Planning Board, has sent an email to the realtor providing that information. The Selectmen will also contact the listing agent.
2. Mail was reviewed. Letters were printed to be sent to Utility companies operating within the town's borders.
3. Selectmen called the Tax Collector to approve her request to start printing up the tax bills.
4. Selectmen discussed the need for letters to Steve Cherino and Art Holmes reminding them that they need to come into the office for this season's camping permits. Both individuals have their campers on site but they have not filed for their 90 day permits.
5. Jim Jordan came in with his building permit for a renewal. It expires in June. It is now good until June of 2014.
6. Selectmen called Bill Fitts to ask him to turn on the water to the outside faucet at the Town Hall.

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

Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday May 13, 2013 6:30 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, signed invoices and checks.
2. Ray Adams met with Selectmen to discuss his septic system design. He is adding a room onto his garage. He was advised to speak with the designer of his system to determine if an upgrade is needed.
3. Linda Fellows met with Selectmen to be sworn in as a new Trustee of the Trust Funds.

4. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to propose a new fee/fine schedule for dog issues. It has been a long time since the fines have been reviewed and they are so low they do not deter the owners of nuisance dogs. Merilynn moved to approve the schedule as presented; Scott Baker seconded. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
5. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes of May 3 and May 10<sup>th</sup>, seconded by John Hammond. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
6. Selectmen called Henry Homeyer to ask if he would like to do the invocation for Memorial Day. He was not in. A message was left.
7. George Edson met with Selectmen to discuss the 250<sup>th</sup> History Book. The printers would like to know where to ship the books. After a short discussion, it was decided that they will be shipped to the town offices and stored in the supply room which is locked. George asked about trees that are being removed to clear land. He was asked how many cords would be cut. It appears there will be enough cut to warrant an Intent to Cut form. George was given the form to fill out and return.
8. Doug Hackett returned the call to the Selectmen regarding a property in town in violation of the Junk Yard ordinance.
9. Connie Kousman returned a call to the Selectmen to discuss welfare issues. The group decided to call the LGC on Friday for guidance.
10. Tom Dombrowsky came in for a signature on septic plans.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday May 20, 2013 6:30 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, signed invoices and checks.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review department work.
3. Christine Hines met with Selectmen to report on damage to the Dingleton Hill Covered Bridge. Kyle stated that the individual responsible has reported the incident directly to him.
4. Selectmen provided the Town Clerk with a copy of the "Return of Highway Layout" for the end of Old Stage Coach Road.
5. Frances Morse came in for a building permit for a deck. Permit # 391-13 was approved. The fee was paid by check.
6. Stuart Hodgeman came into the office for a conversation about Memorial Day. Stuart has agreed to be the M.C. for the day. Selectmen still need to find a speaker. Cheston Newbold has agreed to say the prayer for the Navy. Selectmen contacted Robin Monette to ask if she would make the wreaths. She stated she would be pleased to. Robin will also ask Mike if he will set up the sound system. Mary will call the school tomorrow to order the food. John Rand was called to ask to borrow his grill. He is happy to provide the grill. Nate Cass was called for the Army prayer. Nate asked for a copy of the prayer. Selectmen called Caroline Storrs and asked for the program for Cornish students. Bill Fitts was contacted and asked if he would once again cast the wreath into the brook at the bridge after the Naval prayer; he will. Selectmen called Leo Maslan

to make certain he was all set with the Boy Scouts. John will call Mary Boyle to ask for her group of pipers.

7. Selectmen called Paul Thoms to discuss a payment plan for his Timber Tax. \$225 per month for 12 months and the Selectmen will waive interest. Paul agreed to the arrangement and will start payments immediately.
8. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes of May 10, 13, and 17, John Hammond seconded. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
9. Selectmen called Reigh Sweetser to discuss unpaid property taxes and the process for collection. Reigh will provide the board with some literature on the process.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday May 24, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to provide an update on the Highway Department. Kyle was thanked for the repair and placement of the Town Offices sign. The placement is excellent and will prevent future damage to the sign.
3. Adam Ricker from UVLSRPC met with Selectmen to discuss the White Water Brook as part of the Sugar River Watershed Area. FEMA is funding a study relative to flood hazard in this area. It will become part of the Cornish Hazard Mitigation Plan. There will be a meeting next Thursday evening in Newport for public discussion. For questions or information, Adam may be contacted via email at [aricker@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:aricker@uvlsrpc.org) or by phone at 603-448-1680. The assessment will be occurring sometime in mid-July. VHB is the company that will be conducting the study and has notified abutters to the Whitewater Brook of their surveying work.
4. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen for signatures on grant forms.
5. Selectmen called Will Reed and Mary Boyle to schedule events for Memorial Day. Will is not available to sing this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday May 31, 2013 3:00 pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen for an overview of department work.
3. Selectmen called Reigh Sweetser to ask about a tax abatement request. She was not in so a message was left asking her to return our call.

4. Selectmen reviewed mail from Avitar regarding abatement applications. Selectmen have questions for Mark so a message was left with his office for a call back.
5. Mike Duval met with Selectmen to discuss a driveway permit for his property on 120. He wanted to know if the Selectmen were required to sign his state driveway permit. He was told that the town does not issue permits on state roads, nor do we approve them. We are simply notified of their issuance.
6. Eric Brann and Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to swear Eric in as a Cornish Police Officer. Eric was duly sworn by the Board.
7. Ray Adams met with Selectmen to follow up on our conversation regarding his septic design and his plans for an addition. Selectmen called Charlie Woodman to ask him about the design plan. Selectmen then approved the building permit for an addition. #392-13 Ray paid the fee (\$50) in cash.
8. Reigh Sweetser called the Selectmen to report on the Timber Tax for Paul Toms. Timber Tax is treated just like a property tax and a tax deed can be taken for failure to pay. There is a lien and the deed will be taken in July of 2014. Reigh will join us Monday evening to review the file and draft a letter to Mr. Toms.
9. Mark Stetson returned our call. A discussion followed regarding his recent tax abatement recommendations. Selectmen will review the files and take his recommendations under advisement.

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