

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 2, 2013 6:30PM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices, reviewed the mail and signed checks.
2. Merilynn reported on a call from Doug Hackett. He was driving the Durango to put 50 miles on it after the Inspect Engine light came on. Work was done, the light was turned off and now Doug must put 50 miles on the engine to see if the light stays off. If it does not come back on he will be able to have the inspection sticker attached and then take it to auction.
3. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to review department needs. Kyle asked about re-caps on highway department vehicles. Scott reported that re-caps are legal on anything but school busses.
4. Selectmen called Patrick Murphy to discuss Senator Pierce's request for a Town Hall meeting in December, following the Selectmen's Meeting. The Board needs more information.
5. Caroline Storrs called the Selectmen to report that the Meeting House trustees have applied to the NH alliance for preservation for a grant for \$7,500, a 50% matching grant to allow the committee to contact Scully Architects from Keene to create a plan to renovate/repair which will allow for an LCHP grant for a larger amount of funds for the restoration of the meeting house. Slate Roof, molding, steeple, etc. The Farmers market would like a composting toilet in the mix as well. Caroline would still like a line item in the budget for painting the building. They have a quote for \$10,000 for scraping, priming with oil base and finishing with latex.
6. Selectmen called Reyer Jaarsma to ask him to pull together a meeting of the Heavy Equipment Committee for next Monday to discuss purchases for the Highway Dept. The committee can meet with us anytime between 6:30 and 8:30. Reyer will make the call.
7. Steve Wilkie met with Selectmen to be sworn in as a member of the Conservation Commission. John administered the oath. Mr. Wilkie affirmed he would perform according to the state of NH.
8. Scott Reuthe and Paul Whalen met with Selectmen to discuss the Emergency Management Meeting tomorrow night at the Police Dept. at 6:30pm. There is a soft match grant so the town's time counts toward the MAPS facilitator's time. Incident command system is the most important feature of the work. Paul reported that PSNH is implementing a new system that may very well increase their response time. Scott reported that the Engine 3 (2002) pump has been repaired for a cost of \$13K. The repair has put the FD over budget. Engine 2 (1995) is now at Valley Fire in Bradford for its pump repair. The pump is being pulled to see what sort of work is needed and an estimate should be forthcoming in the next few days.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday December 6, 2013 3:00PM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed the mail.
2. Selectmen called the NH Division of Bridge Maintenance to ask that the town be allowed to hang a wreath on the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge. Steve Johnson, second in command, gave permission and asked that the wreath be removed after the holidays. The Selectmen will have the wreath removed by the end of January 2014.
3. Merilynn reported on her conversation with Doug King from District 2 of the NH DOT to discuss improvements to the parking area by the Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge. Doug will be available to meet with the Selectmen after the first of the new year. He also recommends that we contact UVLSRPC for funding sources for such work. Merilynn also asked Doug if the town would be able to buy guard rails for that area through the state. Doug reports that the state will not sell guard rail to towns. We will have to find our own supplier.
4. John Hammond moved to abate a portion of the tax on the town land swapped with Blue Mnt. Forest Assoc. in 2012, seconded by Scott Baker; the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. The land should have gone into Current Use at the time of the swap.
5. Mary Boyle met with Selectmen to ask about the potential for town funding for the The Community Alliance of Human Services. Selectmen explained that, at this time, they are not leaning toward funding any non-profit services that have not been funded in the past but we will take her request into consideration.
6. Reyer Jaarsma, Rich Heim, Dan Flynn and Heidi met with Selectmen to discuss the Road Agent's request to purchase a sander for the Road Agent's 550. Scott explained that the sander from the blue truck is too small for the 550 and that is why the Road Agent is asking for a new sander. There was no discussion about a sander at the time the truck was ordered but the Heavy Equipment Committee did have the truck set up with the hydraulics needed for a sander. The committee believes the truck should have a sander. Heidi reminds the group that an equipment purchase is technically a warrant article issue. The Selectmen prefer to purchase the sander through the normal channel of Town Meeting. The Road Agent will have to use the blue truck with its sander this season. The Committee will be invited back when the board is ready to get specs for sanders.
7. Heidi Jaarsma discussed town finances with the Selectmen. The check for the County will be printed but will be held until we have more tax receipts in hand. The Selectmen will sign the check and have it ready.
8. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 9, 2013 6:30PM

Present: Merylynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices and checks and reviewed the mail.
2. John Hammond moved to approve the minutes of December 6th, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
3. Rick Howard from Coldwell Banker met with Selectmen to discuss the Rock property that is for sale on Paget Road. Mr. Howard asked for a determination by the Selectmen regarding current use for that property. The Selectmen will check with Avitar. Mr. Howard will call back.
4. Selectmen returned a call to Caroline Storrs. She wished to report that she was going to sign the agreement with the NH Preservation Alliance for work on the Meeting House in the Flat. She will get a copy to the Selectmen.
5. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen. There was a discussion about icy roads on Saturday. The Selectmen directed the Road Agent to respond to requests for sand called in by the Fire Department, Police Department or Rescue Squad. The Selectmen discussed Kyle's request for a sander for the 550. The Board explained that the request requires a warrant article so it will have to wait until the March 2014 Town Meeting.
6. Scott Baker reported on a question from a citizen regarding property on the Cornish-Claremont town line. There is concern that an addition is being constructed without a permit. Upon investigation, it appears that there is not an addition, there is a concrete pad left behind after a porch was removed.
7. Scott Ruethe, Fire Chief, met with Selectmen to discuss the quote for the work on Engine 2. The quote ranges from \$12.4K to \$14.6K. The cost will depend upon which parts can be re-used. John moved to approve a purchase order for the work, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
8. Merylynn moved to approve the minutes of November 22nd and 25th and the minutes of December 2nd; seconded by John Hammond, the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
9. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merylynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday December 13, 2013 3:00PM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed the mail.
2. Selectmen called AVITAR to discuss the Rock property on Paget Road. Mark is not in the office and will get back to the Selectmen on Monday. The Selectmen would like direction relative to the Current Use taxation as the land may be less than 10 acres in reality. There has never been a survey of that lot.
3. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to report that the Durango will go to auction next Thursday. The check engine light has not come back on. Doug asked the Road Agent if he was going to sand today. The roads are a little icy. There followed a discussion about PD and FD calling for sand due to vehicles off the road. The Selectmen reiterated that it is their directive to respond to such calls by sanding. John asked Kyle about the use of his personal truck for sanding town roads. The board was unaware until this point in time that he was using his truck. The board will discuss the practice with LGC and ask for direction.
4. Mary Boyle and Nancy Wightman from the Cornish Energy Committee met with Selectmen to ask if the Selectmen would listen to a letter that they would like John Hammond to sign. The letter is to Vital Communities to apply for their "Solarize Upper Valley" pilot program. John asked to be able to have some more time to read and digest the material prior to signing. Mary reiterated that there are no costs to the town for this program. She will come back on Monday.
5. Tom Dombroski met with Selectmen to ask about the David Worth property on North Parsonage Rd. (the camp site at the top of the hill). Mr., Worth would like to build there. He has a well that is about 700' feet deep. Tom asked about the town requirement for the setback between the well and the septic system. As this is not a subdivision, the setback defaults to the state standard which is 75 feet.
6. Kyle met once more with the Selectmen to ask about the wetlands permit which may be required for the work on Hell Hollow Road. The Engineer has offered to do the work but the Selectmen need a quote prior to giving approval.
7. David Monette met with Selectmen to ask for an address correction to his tax bill. Mary made the corrections.
8. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 16, 2013 6:30PM

Present: Merylynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices and checks and reviewed the mail.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to report on the roads after the weekend storm.
3. Jim Strout called the Selectmen to ask about his tax bill. He does not see his 20% discount under Current Use for Recreational Use. Mary will call Avitar tomorrow for an explanation and any correction that may be required. Jim has already paid the 2nd half tax bill. Jim will call Mary in the afternoon.
4. Mary Boyle met with the Selectmen for John's signature on the letter to Vital Communities.
5. Selectmen reviewed the new contract from Avitar. There are enough questions that the Selectmen will put off signing until they can speak with Mark from Avitar on Friday.
6. Reyer Jaarsma met with Selectmen for a signature on an Intent to Cut for the Steve and Patricia Peters property. The Selectmen discussed the need for the Heavy Equipment Committee to review the Road Agent's specs for a sander for the 550 for the 2014 Warrant. Reyer will schedule a meeting.
7. Heather Meeks met with the Selectmen for their signatures on the request for Perpetual Care funds.

Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merylynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday December 20, 2013 3:00PM

Present: Merylynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed the mail.
2. Wayne Grey met with Selectmen to discuss the Road Agent position. Wayne states that he is interested in the position. He asked about medical insurance and start date.
3. Doug reported via email that the Durango went to auction and did not sell. The highest bid was \$2,900 which would have cleared the town \$2,600. The Board agreed to try auction one more time.
4. Selectmen spoke with Reigh Sweetser and asked for an accounting of taxes owed for land taken by Tax Deed. Reigh will get the board that information on Monday.
5. Mary reports that Mark Stetson from Avitar will meet with the board on January 10th at 3:00pm.
6. Selectmen called Todd Lique at Cornish Auto Repair to ask about the trailer behind the building. Todd reports that Mr. Jones reported he would remove the trailer but has not done so to date.

Todd also reported that he was told the trailer will be removed in the next two weeks. He will wait out the 2 weeks and see what happens.

7. Selectmen called Dale Lawrence to let her know that the board would increase two of her line items to reflect the theft of equipment from the Hearse House as well as to repair damage done to the building during the break in. She was not in so a message was left.
8. Doug Hackett stopped in to see the Selectmen. He was informed about the board's decision to send the Durango back to auction. Doug presented an invoice for work on the Crown Vic for the replacement of the steering column. Part of the work was covered under a recall.
9. Peter Blakeman, accompanied by his daughter Hannah, met with Selectmen to discuss the wetlands permitting process for the culvert work on Hell Hollow Road. The watershed area above the culvert location is between a Tier 1 to Tier 2 area. Peter would like to have the Conservation Commission and the abutting land owners write letters of support for the work to accompany the permit to the state. John Hammond moved to have Peter proceed with the engineering work and wetlands permitting for Hell Hollow Road, seconded by Scott Baker; the board's vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
10. Mary Boyle called the office to report that the town's application for participation in the solar project has been accepted.
11. Dale Lawrence called to let the board know she was appreciative of the increase to her budget to cover the theft and damage to the Hearse House.

Adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday December 27, 2013 3:00PM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond

Absent: Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed the mail.
2. John and Merilynn reviewed the year end department totals. As of December 27th, the bottom line is in the red by \$49,124 due to the July flooding. FEMA has today notified the town that we can expect a check for \$44,237.00 in 2014.
3. Doug Hackett met with Selectmen to present 3 invoices for the department.
4. There were no visitors and all business was completed so the Selectmen adjourned at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 30, 2013 6:30PM

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen signed invoices and checks and reviewed the mail.
2. Selectwoman Bourne moved to approve the contract with Rowley & Associates for the 2013 audit, seconded by John Hammond. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. The fee has not changed from the 2012 year.
3. Scott Reuthe met with Selectmen to provide an update on the trucks. All the trucks are back in their stations and functioning. Brakes needed to be fixed on the utility truck.
4. Selectmen called the Sexton to discuss the concept of contracting out the cemetery maintenance work. The expenses associated with replacing the stolen equipment and the worn out riding mower may mean this is a good time to explore that option. She was not in so a message was left asking her to call the office or come in to provide the Selectmen with her thoughts.
5. Doug Hackett stopped into the office to deliver his budget request for the 2014 budget.
6. Selectmen reviewed department budgets for 2013 and began working on the 2014 Draft Budget.
7. Adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman