

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Friday November 1, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Scott reports that a section of new fence is lying on the ground at Edminster Cemetery and Scott was wondering if the crew was still working and if they plan to fix that section before winter. Selectmen will contact the Sexton to ask about the issue as there are funds in the budget to cover any labor required to set that section. The Sexton reported back that she is taking the sections down one at a time to paint and then replace,
3. Merilynn moved to approve October 21, 25 and 28, Scott Baker seconded; the vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
4. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to talk about Highway Dept. business. There are issues with the twist-a-wrist on the back hoe. The cylinders are bad. There is no warranty for this add-on feature. Kyle has ordered parts. Kyle also reported on progress toward repair on the vibratory roller. He has found a company willing to come to Cornish to diagnose. Kyle was asked for his thoughts regarding the Road Plan draft.
5. Merilynn reported that she will be away November 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>; Scott reported he will be away December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
6. Scott reported on a new statute that allows large (\$100K +) expenditures to be spread out over a 5 year period after a town vote. This is not a bonding process. The new statute could be an effective way to budget for paving needs. Scott will find the regulation and bring it into the office.
7. Selectmen called the LGC to discuss town meeting procedures and the process for changing the Road Agent's term from one year to three years.
8. Mary was asked to "notice" that the Selectmen will be meeting with the Planning Board on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Selectmen notified the Planning Board.

Adjourned at 5:30pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday November 4, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Scott reports that a headstone in Chase cemetery has tipped over. Selectmen will notify the Sexton.
3. John reports that he will not be present for this Friday's meeting.
4. Mellissa and Todd Lique met with Selectmen to discuss their pending purchase of Cornish Automotive. Selectmen provided them with the ZBA decision regarding expanded use.
5. Jim Barker met with Selectmen to ask about Ricky Poor moving from an alternate position to an appointed position on the Conservation Commission. Does she need to come to the Selectmen for that appointment? Yes. Marilyn Gray owns a house that is in Claremont but has some of her land in Cornish. She would like to be a member of the Commission. As she is a voting resident

of the town of Claremont, Selectmen are not certain she can be appointed according to RSA 36-a: 3. Selectmen will call the LGC on Friday for clarification. Jim reported that he will be shooting the boundary line on the conserved piece of the "Niedecker" property.

6. Scott Reuter met with Selectmen to review the fire event of this past Friday. He reported on the housing situation for the gentleman whose camper had burned.

Adjourned at 8:00pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Thursday November 7, 2013 7:00pm

Present: Marilyn Bourne, Scott Baker, John Hammond

1. Selectmen met with the Planning Board for a review of the Selectmen's Road Plan draft. The plan was discussed in detail and the Selectmen agreed to remove one line regarding Class V roads as the town's zoning ordinance covers that topic. The group also discussed the advantages/disadvantages of a one year term vs. a three year term for the Road Agent. If a Road Plan is to be carried out, it is helpful to have continuity in the Road Agent's position. There was also a discussion about the pros and cons of "hired" vs. "elected" for that position. Heidi Jaarsma asked if the Selectmen would contact the LGC for clarification of enforcement of a Road Plan when the Road Agent is elected. The Planning Board felt it would be advisable to have any newly elected Road Agent sign a form stating he/she has read the document, understands it and is committed to carrying any approved road plan forward. Overall, the Planning Board received the plan without disapproval.

Adjourned at 8:00pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
Marilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Friday November 8, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Marilyn Bourne, Scott Baker  
Absent: John Hammond

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Beverly Duvall called the office to make the Board aware that Old Stagecoach Rd. is in need of work due to logging traffic for the last 3 months. The Road Agent is aware of the need and will grade it next week.
3. Selectmen called the LGC to ask about the enforcement of a formal road plan with an elected Road Agent. The LGC reports that RSA 231:65 states that if the road agent refuses or neglects to comply with lawful direction of the Selectmen, he/she can be removed from office after a written warning. The process is as follows: Selectmen vote to remove the agent from office and file a copy of the removal order with the town clerk and appoint a new agent until the next election. RSA 231:62 states that the Road Agent works under the direction of the Selectmen. Regarding the appointment of an individual to the Conservation Commission, RSA 36-a, section 3 states that members of the Conservation Commission must be residents of the town.

4. Selectmen called Pete Blakeman to ask for a quote for engineering work for Hell Hollow Rd. Pete said he will get us a quote by Monday.
5. Dawn Tewksbury called to ask about Old Stagecoach Road. Selectmen reported that the work will be done next week.
6. Merilynn moved to approve the minutes November 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Scott Baker; the vote was in the affirmative.
7. Doug Hackett called Selectmen to report that the steering column in the Crown Vic has been temporarily fixed but the entire steering column needs to be replaced. The new column will be in within two-three weeks. The cost is covered as it is a re-call issue. Doug reports that the department is completing its firearms training for the year.

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

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday November 11, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Selectmen called Chief Hackett to ask about the auction of the old cruiser. Doug reports that the stripping must be removed first. He hopes to get to it in the next week or two. Selectmen commented that it would be good to have those revenues in this year's budget.
3. Heidi Jaarsma, Treasurer, and Bill Caterino met with Selectmen to review the estimated 2013 tax rate. At March Town Meeting, the voters moved to take \$41,000 out of fund balance to offset such articles as painting town buildings, purchasing truck radios, repairing the swales on the CREA land, etc. The town tax rate in 2012 was \$2.50 per thousand. We estimated \$2.77 for 2013 but at town meeting, voters increased expenditures by \$18,192 so the estimated town tax rate is now \$2.84. The county rate was \$2.91 and is estimated to go to \$3.09. At the moment, fund balance is \$631,898. The town received unanticipated revenues of \$19,000 which will go into fund balance so the discussion centered on returning some of those funds to the taxpayer by using fund balance to keep the tax rate at \$2.77. The Selectboard is comfortable with that decision. Heidi believes the tax bill may be able to go out next week. The Selectmen thanked Heidi and Bill for their time and their expertise.
4. Dan Flynn met with Selectmen to ask what was happening with Art Holmes and his vehicles. The Selectmen explained the situation and contacted Chief Hackett to ask about the status of the cars and the camper as they are in the town's right-of-way and also impede line of sight when entering Center Road from Jonesville Road. Chief Hackett said he would be in contact with Mr. Holmes or his case worker this week and get an answer. The vehicles may need to be towed off the site.

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

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Friday November 15, 2013 3:00pm

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker  
Absent: Merilynn Bourne

1. The Road Agent came in to talk about the roller issues. The problem was a bad diode. It now functions properly.
2. Selectmen reviewed mail and signed invoices.
3. Board called LGC inquiring about vehicles parked on town roads. A parking ban goes into effect November 15<sup>th</sup> thru April 15<sup>th</sup> per RSA 41:11. The Selectboard will post this information on Connect Cornish.
4. The Cornish Energy Commission, Mary Boyle and Nancy Wightman, came in to discuss energy issues and potential projects.

Adjourned at 5:00pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond, Selectman

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday November 18, 2013 6:30pm

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker  
Absent: Merilynn Bourne

1. Selectboard reviewed mail and signed checks and invoices.
2. Discussed faded flags at Town Office and Trinity Church
3. Jim Barker came in to discuss appointments to the Conservation Commission. An alternate is needed.

Adjourned at 8:15pm  
Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond, Selectman

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Friday November 22, 2013 3:00pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, John Hammond, Scott Baker

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Selectmen discussed the MAP proposal from AVITAR. Next year is the full-up appraisal year so this would be a good time to digitize the map/lot system. Selectmen will ask AVITAR for a proposal.
3. John and Scott went to Edminster Cemetery to repair a section of fence that has been lying on the ground for several weeks.
4. Deanna Meadows met with Selectmen to provide them with the picture files from the 250<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Selectmen thanked her for her work.
5. Mike Duval met with Selectmen to discuss roads and the Road Agent position.
6. Selectmen reviewed the new Health Trust contract for medical coverage. John moved to approve the contract, seconded by Merilynn. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

7. Merilynn moved to approve minutes from Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.
8. John moved to approve the proposal from Blakeman Engineering for the Hydrologic survey for the culvert work on Hell Hollow Road; seconded by Scott Baker. The vote was in the affirmative and unanimous. The funds will come from the Highway budget under contracted services.

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

Town of Cornish  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday November 25, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Merilynn Bourne, Scott Baker

Absent: John Hammond

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Kyle Witty met with Selectmen to report on the weekend activities resulting from the high winds. The crew spent many hours removing downed trees from the roadways. The Selectmen asked about paving needs for the town. Kyle reports that Center Road from Jonesville to Rt. 120 is in need. Kyle recalls that the price for that section was around \$110K. Peniman Road needs paving and some paving needs to be done on Jackson Road. There are places on Dingleton Hill Road that need work as well. Kyle also asked about the purchase of a sander for the F150. The price would be right around \$6,651. The Selectmen will discuss the issue when the full board is present.
3. Scott Baker signed the state application form to certify Cornish Auto Center as a vehicle inspection station. (Formerly Cornish Automotive)
4. Doug Hackett stopped in to report that the Durango has been stripped of its decals so it can go to auction. He also filled the Selectmen in on the calls over the weekend. There followed a short discussion about emergency needs and protocol for events such as the power outages the past weekend. Some areas were without power for 12 hours. In cold weather that can put the elderly and the very young in jeopardy of hypothermia. A committee will be meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss emergency protocols.

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