

MONDAY, AUGUST 3
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

You are hereby notified that the Cornish Selectboard will hold a public hearing under NH RSA 31:95-b, Appropriation of Funds Made Available during the Year, to accept a gift of \$80,000 from the estate of James C. Kibbey. Time and place of said hearing is as follows:

Monday, August 3, 2015, 7:00 pm
Cornish Town Offices
488 Town House Road
Cornish, NH 03745

Present: Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence, John Hammond (3:15), Mary Curtis

Sign in sheet attached

John Hammond opened the Public Hearing by explaining the reason as noted above.

Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer, spoke about the acceptance of the gift by James C. Kibbey as a requirement of the State for amounts over \$10,000.00.

John Hammond spoke about a phone call he received from Peg Meyette in regards to her memory of James C. Kibbey and the fact that she may have some photographs of him. She will be invited to visit with the Selectmen during office hours.

John Hammond made a motion to accept the gift by James C. Kibbey in the amount of \$80,000.00. 2nd by Scott Baker. Voted in the affirmative.

Frank Hawkins and Ruth Rollins relayed information from Mr. Kibbey's cousin, Barbara Craig who resided in Cornish. Ms. Craig stated that she knew that Mr. Kibbey wanted to be buried back in Cornish where he grew up.

He loved music and dance. Attended Stevens High School graduating in 1945 and enlisted in the Air Force serving in WWII.

His parents owned a dance hall located off of Burr Road. His mom served refreshments during dances. The dance hall burned to the ground.

It was thought (not confirmed), that he may have attended grade school where the Masonic Hall is currently located on School Street.

His nick name was Bim

Ideas of how to use some/all of the monies given to the town:

- Place a portion of the money in the Veteran's Memorial upkeep fund – *Bill Catarino*
- Repair and update the veteran memorials in the Flat
- A portion of the money for school aged children as scholarship for music as this was a love of Mr. Kibbey – *Heather Meeks*
- Place the money in the general fund to offset taxes – *Fred Sullivan*
- Name a road after him – Christine Heins
- Make it long lasting – create some kind of a fund in his name – *John Hammond*

There was also talk about if/how we could bring Mr. Kibbey's remains (he was cremated), back to Cornish. Dale will follow up with the Power of Attorney in VA to see if this is possible.

It was also suggested to have his picture on the cover of the 2016 Town Report so he could be remembered by all.

A motion was made by John Hammond and 2nd by Dale Lawrence to spend up to \$3,000.00 to make bring Mr. Kibbey's remains back to Cornish if possible. These funds would also be used to update his headstone which stands, along with his parents Everett and Ruth Kibbey at the Child Cemetery. This was voted on in the affirmative.