

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 1, 2014 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Selectboard reviewed minutes and mail.
2. Ed Mitchell came in to express his concern about not being called for wrecker calls. He feels he has not been given calls. Chief Hackett was here to be part of the discussion.
3. Chief Hackett came in to discuss the status of the crown vic police cruiser. It is 10 years old and is in need of replacing. Doug has had interest from people donating money for replacement of the vehicle.
4. Caroline Storrs, George Edson and Susan Chandler came in to announce an LCHIP grant for NH Preservation Alliance of \$50,000.
5. The Selectboard revisited the CREA management plan. After much discussion and research, information from DRED and Parks & Recreation for the State of NH, the Board has decided to leave the usage as originally planned. Any change of use would need to be approved by DRED and NPS.
6. Selectboard signed an intent to cut for Joseph Simino on Map 9, Lot 48.
7. The Board drafted a letter to committees about the upcoming budgets.
8. Selectboard minutes for November 3, 7am, 7pm, 10, 14, 17, 21 and 24 were approved.

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday December 5, 2014 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker

Absent: Dale Lawrence

1. Joe Lajewski from NH Electric Coop came in to talk about energy upgrades in the Town Hall, Highway Garage and School. The programs are limited funded. NH Electric funds 50% of these projects. Lights would be changed from fluorescent to LED lighting. Lower energy usage and less maintenance for LED lighting. Estimates for refitting the

Town Garage is material & labor (\$11,000 + \$3,000) about \$14,000 total. 50% would be covered by NH Electric Coop. NH Coop offers a Smart Start finance program. Multiple projects can be lumped together. Town Hall costs are materials \$1,800 and labor \$100/fixture for a total of \$4,000 total. Contractors are Burt Sutcliffe, Plymouth NH, (ECO Electric), Joe Simino, Emily Electric, Dick Baril and Jim Osterlund.

2. Wayne Gray came in to discuss Highway Department issues. To date his budget is okay and the department should have enough money to end the year. The Board decided to have Leo Maslan repair both Dingleton Hill and Squag City bridges. He has the material and will start the end of next week.
3. Heidi Jaarsma came in to talk about raising the limit per financial institution from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. She also brought in a new town website policy referring to posting announcements and news. The Selectboard will be responsible for material posted. Scott made a motion to change the balance from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. Vote was unanimous.
4. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices.

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 8, 2014 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices and signed checks.
2. Richard Thompson called to talk about bridge repairs being done by Leo Maslan. Richard was not aware that time was of the essence. Leo has ordered the materials and will start at the end of the week.
3. Mary Ann McGrath came in to request an abatement on the house she purchased on Center Road.
4. Laura Zell called about not receiving a tax bill. Her assessment has dropped since the fire and there is no tax due.
5. Tim Schad came in to discuss the appointment of the Road Agent. He feels the Board should post the availability of the position and have job qualifications listed. A review process should then be held.
6. Scott Reuthe came in to announce that he would not be interested in renewing his term as Fire Chief. The Board will be working on coming up with a replacement.

7. Doug Hackett came in to discuss police matters. He discussed the warrant article for use of donated money to Police Department.
8. The Selectboard discussed the proliferation of beaver at places in Town.

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday December 12, 2014 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Heather Meeks came in to express concerns about posting the Road Agent position and search committee. She feels it should be posted soon.
2. Bill Fitts came in to discuss lighting at the Town Hall and Town Highway Garage. LED lighting is about 3 times as expensive as the T-8 lighting. Bill will still get quotes for roofing the little town hall.
3. The weather has been tough the last week. Road conditions have been difficult the past 4 days. The equipment has had problems with the sanders and trucks. The heavy wet snow doubled the time needed to plow the roads. Wayne Gray said his crew worked 30 hours in a 36 hour period.
4. Bob Rice came in to discuss Fire Department issues. He has concerns how the next Fire Chief will be appointed. He feels that the most important issue is that the membership be comfortable with the candidate.
5. The Selectboard listened to the discussion of Article 13 from March Town Meeting 2014. The discussion centered around changing the Road Agents job from elected to an appointed position.
6. Selectboard reviewed invoices and opened mail.
7. Adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 15, 2014 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Sarah Hutcheons called about her Mother at 762 East Road. She has concerns about the road condition and her Mom getting help if needed.
2. Selectboard met with the Trustees of the Trust funds. Issues discussed were payment of the perpetual care fund for cemetery maintenance. A discussion was brought up to consider ending the perpetual care program and have the money for the lots be put into the general fund. The Trustees feel this would make tracking the financial interest much easier.
3. The Board reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
4. The Board reviewed and discussed the CREA Management Plan. The Board added that no changes to the original plan will be made as this time.
5. Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday December 19, 2014 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Jim Barker came in to discuss the NH Right to Know Law. He feels that the Selectmen have been remiss in the information given the posted meeting minutes.
3. Everett Cass came in to voice his concern over the condition of the roads. He feels that the roads need to be open to get to and from work. Everett feels that the new pickup should be a 250 and not a 350. He prefers a gas engine not diesel. A gas engine will reduce overall cost of vehicles.
4. Caroline Storrs came in to say that the Meeting house received a grant of \$7,500 from Mascoma Bank Foundation. The money is earmarked for slate roof repair.
5. Bob Rice came in to say he is withdrawing his interest of applying for the Fire Chief job. He feels that he doesn't have the time to do the job and keep up with his other work load.

6. Bill Fitts came in to inquire his hourly wage for taking care of the Town Hall. He is currently being paid \$10.27/hour. Bill feels it is time for a raise.
7. Mike Boutilier came in to talk with the Board about the Fire Chief position. He is interested in the position. The Board informed him that a new job description will be formed.
8. Scott Baker made a motion to increase Bill Fitts' pay to \$10.48/hr. Seconded by Dale. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.
9. The Board had a discussion on the skating rink. There is a liability issue on the upper ball field. An alternative would be next to the Town Hall on CREA property. Leo Maslan, who heads up the rink, will be asked to contact the school about putting it next to the Town Hall as it is on school property. Leo called the office and discussion was had about the skating rink.
10. John made a motion to not meet December 26, 2014. Seconded by Scott. Dale will not be here.
11. Selectboard approved December 15 minutes. Scott Baker made the motion, Dale Lawrence seconded. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.
12. Wayne Gray came in with a quote on a new Dodge Ram, both 2500 and 3500 series from Lambert Auto. The quote is for a diesel engine.
13. Cameron Stevens called the office to say he is interested in an Eagle Scout project concerning Town property. His project will be putting a roof on the Little Town Hall.
14. Leo Maslan called and said he would repair the Dingleton Hill Bridge before the end of the year.
15. Scott Reuthe submitted in writing his desire not to be reappointed at Chief of the Cornish Volunteer Fire Department. His 3 year term officially ended 12/9/14. Dale drafted a letter informed Assistant Chief Jim Guy that he will act in the Chief's capacity until a new one is appointed by the Selectboard.
16. Adjourned 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 22, 2014 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Chris Chilton came in to discuss the appointment of Fire Chief. He is fully supportive of Chief Reuthe's consideration of Mike Boutilier appointment as a replacement.
2. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices.

3. Jim Guy came in to express his support for Mike Boutilier as replacement Fire Chief.
4. Gary Chilton came in to express his support for Mike Boutilier as Chief.
5. Selectboard discussed getting 3 quotes for the repair of the Town Hall. The Board will contact Dan Michaud, Caleb Belford, and Josh Neily.
6. Motion was made to adjourn.
7. Adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday December 29, 2014 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Tom Spaulding came in to submit the proposed cemetery budget.
2. Selectboard signed checks, reviewed invoices and mail.
3. Larry Duval came in for trapping permits.
4. Chief Hackett came in to discuss police matters. He said that Officer Brann will be out of work for 4-6 weeks.
5. The Board spoke to a person interested in purchasing the non-buildable lot in Jonesville. He is aware of the restrictions on the property and would like to place a camper on the lot.
6. Bob Rice came in to talk about testing the air bottles for the air packs. The cost is \$22.00 per bottle. The department has 29 bottles, 15 have been tested. The 2014 budget has been fully spent. The Board discussed adding the remaining expense to the 2015 budget to pay for the testing.
7. Mike Monette came in with information about duties of the Fire Chief drawn up in the past. He also had a discussion with the Board about the recycling budget.
8. Adjourned 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted:

John Hammond, Selectman