

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday January 2, 2015 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Nalin Siriwardene came in to discuss current use options for his newly purchased property at 210 Cornish Stage Road. He was given a current use application.
2. Cameron Stevens of BSA Troop #332 came in with his father, Cory Stevens, to discuss a potential Eagle Scout project. Cameron would like to organize the replacement of shingles on the Little Town Hall. Preliminary paperwork was signed by Scott Baker. Cameron will come back with more details once the project has been approved by the BSA.
3. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, came in to discuss general road/highway matters. He mentioned an ice build-up issue on Dingleton Hill which the highway department took care of. (highway continued later in minutes)
4. The Selectmen returned a call to Linda Fellows. Steve Fellows answered so we spoke to him. They were concerned about the Board's notice in Connect Cornish regarding the Fire Chief appointment. They would like the fire fighters to choose one and have the BOS appoint their choice. Mr. Fellows was advised by John Hammond that we are working to update the Chief's job description to allow potential candidates to see what responsibilities they would have.
5. Merilynn Bourne called, along with sending an email, regarding the Fire Chief position. She would like to see the BOS provide more support for the position. She also asked about the CREA Property Management Plan. She heard the BOS have not "adopted" it. John explained we had done so with the exception of the hunting policy. He advised her that Jim Barker would be presenting a warrant article for vote at Town Meeting against hunting. Ms. Bourne also asked the BOS to allow AVITAR to post access to tax cards on-line for people to see vs going through Mary.
6. Laura Zell called to say she was putting an apartment above her garage at 300 Center Road. She will come in next week to complete a building permit.
7. Robert Rice of CFD came in to advise the BOS that there were still 12 air pack cylinders to be hydro tested. He also advised that the 3 large cylinders with the cascade system will need to be hydro tested in 2015. The BOS thanked him for taking care of this.
8. Bill Wall came in to discuss the Fire Chief position. He believes there is an experienced fire fighter within the department who would do a good job. Mr. Wall also stated that the department should be open for anyone who would like to volunteer.
9. Frank Parks came in to discuss the land for sale at Center Road/Jonesville. Mr. Parks also asked about the three Town owned properties at 800 Town House Road.
10. John Hammond made a motion, seconded by Scott Baker, to approve the following BOS minutes: December 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22 and 29. Motion passed. Approved by all.
11. Bill Lipfert came in to discuss the following:
 - a) To ask BOS to appoint Charlie Plimpton as an alternate to the Planning Board if he will accept.

- b) To let the BOS know that the Zoning Maps to be printed are just a reconstruction of the old ones. They have not been changed. Funds to pay for these maps will be cost shared by Planning Board and ZBA funds.
 - c) He would like to log a parcel of property he owns which is by the Town Forest. He would like the BOS to help with discussions with Claremont regarding their side of access by Paddy Hollow Road as the Town Forest Committee expressed an interest in doing low impact logging also. There is a culvert that will need to be addressed prior to any heavy equipment crossing it. The BOS will contact Claremont officials to see what can be done. Mr. Lipfert will pay the replacement costs.
12. Wayne Gray continued his conversation as the Road Agent. He is working on price quotes to replace the Cemetery/Highway truck. Once he has all the information he will get the Heavy Equipment Committee together. He also advised that Fairpoint would like to place telephone poles on the left side of Cook Road. It was suggested that Fairpoint contact property owners for their permission.
13. Adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully,

Dale Lawrence, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday January 5, 2015 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Tim Schad came in to discuss the posting of the Road Agent job. He was advised we are continuing to work on a job description for the position.
2. Selectmen reviewed paperwork.
3. Discussed both the Fire Chief's and Road Agent's job descriptions.
4. Jim Guy, Deputy Chief of CFD, came in with 2015 budget. He will discuss it with the officers and get back to us. Discussion about Fire Chief job description that the BOS are currently working on.
5. Doug Hackett, Police Chief, came in to discuss his 2015 budget.
6. Call made to Charlie Plimpton asking if he would like to serve as an alternate on the Planning Board. Message left.
7. John Drye came in to discuss the Fire Chief position and express support for Mike Boutilier.
8. Returned a call to Ruth Rollins. She wanted to say that Bob Rice should be considered for the position of Fire Chief. She would like to see an experienced person do the job. She would also like to see the repair work on the fire trucks done in town.
9. Selectmen began reviewing budgets.
10. Adjourned 8:50pm.

Respectfully,

Dale Lawrence, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday January 9, 2015 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Board of Selectmen reviewed mail and approved invoices.
2. Call made to City of Claremont regarding entrance to the Town Forest and a culvert issue on the Claremont side. John left a message.
3. Bill Fitts came in with quotes for replacing the lights at the Town Hall. He also discussed the roof of the Little Town Hall.
4. Ryan from Comcast Business called about Wayne Gray, Road Agent, and internet access at the Highway Garage. He will call back next week to discuss options for all Town buildings.
5. Larry Dingee came in for an intent to cut. He also discussed the purchase of a new Cemetery pick-up. Larry also talked about the Paving Capital Reserve.
6. Adjourned 5:00pm.

Respectfully,

Dale Lawrence, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday January 12, 2015 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Selectmen signed checks and approved invoices.
2. Ronald O'Keefe, Risk Management Manager with Property Liability Trust came in to discuss the position of Fire Chief in volunteer departments. He discussed the fact that volunteer departments are both responsible, and liable, for the safety of his/her firefighters and the people they serve just as full time departments. Mr. O'Keefe feels that the minimum qualification to be considered for the Chief's position should be certification as NH Firefighter 1. This certification contains several key components including fire behavior, fire size up, building construction and hazardous materials. Another qualification should be completion of an Incident Command class. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) class can be done on-line through FEMA.

There are other trainings that a candidate should have but he feels these could be completed over a period of time.

He also informed the Selectmen of several other classes that the PLT sponsors as part of the fee paid by the town. These classes can be attended by any town employee. They include; chain saw safety, Coaching the Emergency Vehicle Operator and Commercial Driver's License (CDL), prep programs.

3. Selectmen continued their work on the 2015 budget.
4. Adjourned 8:45pm

Respectfully

Dale Lawrence

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday January 16, 2015 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Call from Tom Parrott to discuss insurance payment for damage that was done to the Town Hall.
2. Jim Barker came in with a petitioned warrant article re: CREA property & hunting.
3. Call from Ryan at Comcast Business to discuss internet options at the Highway Garage.
4. Fred and Jenny Schad came in to discuss current use and the 20% additional discount. They would like to restrict their property from hunting without permission. Call made to the LGC regarding their concern. A message was left.
5. Returned a call to Bill Lipfert about a culvert on Paddy Hollow Road. Scott also discussed with Bill the Planning Board meeting and the Tim Schad subdivision of the Fox property.
6. Mary relayed a phone call from Bob Bladen who called in support of Bob Rice as Fire Chief.
7. Call made to Tom Dombroski regarding the septic dig at Tim Schad's property on East Road that was not witnessed by a Selectmen. Patrick Dombroski said his Father did the septic dig on the 30th of December. We asked for Tom to return the call. There was no witness to the dig at the Schad property (old Fox farm).
8. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, came in to discuss highway matters and review his proposed budget.
9. Adjourned 8:50pm.

Respectfully,

Dale Lawrence, Selectman

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday January 19, 2015 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Selectmen approved invoices and reviewed correspondence
2. Selectmen continued to work on the budget – review of Police and Highway budgets
3. Jim Guy, Assistant Fire Chief came in to discuss the budget. He would like the Board to consider adding funds for the replacement of 2 sets of gear. The board will add \$500.00 to the \$1500.00 already in the budget for this purpose. Jim stated that there were 5 or 6 members that were considered interior fire fighters. He would be looking to replace their bunker gear as priority. There was also discussion about a capital reserve fund being started for the replacement of SCBA's and gear. Jim was asked to get prices for both and get this information to the selectmen by Friday. Jim also stated that the Fire Department is looking for additional members.
4. John Rand came in to see the selectmen. Dale Lawrence made a motion, seconded by John Hammond to go into non-public session RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:20. Vote in the affirmative by John Hammond, Scott Baker and Dale Lawrence. Non public session ended at 7:35 PM. Motion made by Scott Baker, seconded by John Hammond to seal the minutes of this non public session. Vote in the affirmative, John Hammond, Scott Baker and Dale Lawrence.
5. Doug Hackett called to update the Selectmen on police matters and to discuss his budget.
6. Richard Simmons, Jr. came in to say he was resigning as of March 5, 2015 as a Trustee of the Trust Funds as he would be leaving Cornish.
7. Call from Heather Meeks at 8:35 PM regarding the posting of the Road Agents position. Heather feels that those attending Town Meeting last year voted to have the Selectmen Appoint the Road Agent's position vs having it be a popularity contest. She said it was the wish of the Town to have it changed. She said the selectmen said they were going to form a committee and go through a hiring process to get the best candidate. She was advised by Scott and John that it was a previous board member speaking for themselves who made that and it was never discussed as a whole board. Scott then told her that all three of the current BOS had previously listened and have a different perspective than she does in regards to the wishes of the town's people. John suggested to Heather that she come in and listen to the recording where that warrant article was discussed. Heather then made mention of previous Road Agents and their work. She was advised that personnel will not be discussed.
8. Adjourned 9:15pm.

Respectfully

Dale Lawrence

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday January 23, 2015 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Dale Lawrence

Absent: Scott Baker

1. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, discussed a warrant article for paving.
2. Frank Parks for NH Electric Coop came in to discuss clearing of power lines on South Parsonage Road. They know to stay within their right-of-way.
3. Selectmen signed correspondence and invoices.
4. Heidi Jaarsma came in to discuss the 2015 budget. She will come back with firm figures.
5. Bob Rice came in to discuss Fire Department business and purchases of equipment to be made by the Ladies Auxiliary.
6. John and Dale worked on the budget.
7. Adjourned 5:00pm.

Respectfully,

Dale Lawrence, Selectman

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday January 26, 2015 6:30pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Motion made by John, seconded by Scott to allow Mary to work from home tomorrow. Voted on in the affirmative.
2. Mary updated us on her work on the budget.
3. Tim Schad came in for an intent to cut at 52 Tift Road. Tim also asked about the Selectmen witnessing a percolation test. He suggested a more obvious display of this rule/RSA.
4. Board of Selectmen worked on the budget.
5. Call returned from Chief Hackett in regards to the warrant article for the police cruiser. We also discussed with Chief Hackett his work on disposal of property for evidence he received. Motion by Scott, seconded and voted in the affirmative for Doug to sell an old siren to Lyme Police Department.
6. Call made to Joanna Sharff in regards to her quote for replacement of lights at the Town Hall. Selectmen asked her if warrant article passes, would she hold to her quote of \$3,200.00.
7. Mike Monette came in to discuss the Recycling Center. He may advertise for composting bins. He also discussed the Swap Shop. Mike will be looking for volunteers to oversee it. He would like to see an article rescinding the no salt usage on roads.

Respectfully

Dale Lawrence

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Friday January 30, 2015 3:00pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Dale Lawrence

1. Selectmen discussed the Town's partial financial backing of an Eagle Scout project. The Board of Selectmen are presenting, again this year, a warrant article to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Building Capital Maintenance and Improvement Fund. John made a motion, seconded by Scott to support this project with funding up to \$2,000. The balance of the funds to be raised by the Eagle Scout candidate. Voted in the affirmative by all three selectmen. This is only binding if the warrant article passes at Town Meeting, 2015.
2. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed mail.
3. Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer, came in to discuss fund balance and its potential uses.
4. Call from Wayne Gray regarding the Highway Budget for 2015. It is basically level funded. All Highway workers will receive a 1.5% raise. Also discussed repairs to the Chase Hill Bridge.
5. Selectmen spoke with Heather Meeks regarding her expired term on the Finance Committee.
6. Adjourned 5:00pm.

Respectfully,

Dale Lawrence, Selectman