



**Town of Cornish, Maine**  
**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @5:00**



- Selectboard Member - Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:00 P.M.
- Roll Call – Chair - Jessica Larson, Dan Sherman, David Pike, Monique Guptill, Dee Hartford, M. Angel Eastman per diem Secretary, were present.
- All Payroll and Accounts payable warrants were reviewed and approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Minutes from May 29, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

- **ARFS:**
  - Allen Metcalf –
    - Signs on Route 25 and intersection of South Hiram Road (Amish moveable sign and Rise and Shine).
    - One is on Sophias property and on the other side is Town Property (two different signs).
    - CEO – Dan Vaillancourt – Read the Town of Cornish ordinance for these signs.
      - *Only businesses that provide a product or service that traditionally has depended on public recognition of a particular brand name as a basis for patronage are permitted to have signs which specifically advertise that brand name. Examples of such products or services would be automotive gasoline products, automobile dealerships franchise names, etc... Signs with permanent letters or figures other than window displays that are intended to advertise one (1) or more products brand name, whether in conjunction with conveying other information or not, are not allowed. Signs which use removable letters to convey temporary messages may use the letters to state a brand name as part of the temporary message. (Section 2.8.18., D., v.).*
      - A very long conversation between the Selectboard, CEO, Allen Metcalf, Jon Baily, John Blakeney, Rusty Eastman, Jennifer Small, Jim Ray, Steve Smith, Shawn Moulton, Steph and Lyman McKeage. All the above named are Business owners or Managers
      - Results – CEO – Will talk with the Amish to have all signs taken down on June 13, 2024. Suggestion - A MDOT sign.
      - Shawn Moulton – Business from Moulton’s Lumber would like to discuss their signs also. CEO – will meet on June 13, 2024.
  - Cliff Whitney – Update
    - Little River Dam Gate Opening Notification.
    - Cliff called Mike Sturgeon of the Water Company and said the Town water would not be shut off at this time. The Selectboard contacted Mike Sturgeon for confirmation. Chris Calhan (Fire Chief) okayed the opening and closing dates that Cliff had provided. The request was amended for closing of the dam by 06/09/24.
    - All Selectboard approved.
    - All went well with the procedures of opening and closing of the Dam Gate on Little River.
  - Saco river Hideaway Campground
    - Fireworks display – July 5, 2024 – Evening
    - All precautions will be taken place.
    - The Fire Chief will be notified of this event.
    - All Selectboard Members approved.
- **Use of Town Properties:**
  - Sharon Beaver – President - SRFA

- Rain dates for the Pike Hall only if it rains for the concerts at the Gazebo at the Cornish Fairgrounds.
    - July 2, July 9, July 12, July 23, 2024.
    - All dates are available
    - All Selectboard approved.
  - SVRC Lee Jones
    - Karate – Pike Hall
    - Dates – 6 -13 – through 9 -24. Every Thursday – 5 pm – 7 pm
    - All Selectboard approved.
- **Unfinished Business:**
  - Eagle Eye display Station - **Tabled**
  - Tri -Town disposal Contract – **Tabled**
  - Casella Tipping contract expires June of 2025. - **Tabled**
  - Historical Signs – Adam Craig and Jessica Larson will be placing the signs according to MDOT regulation.
  - Maine Bond Bank – Monique is moving forward.
  - Back street – Still waiting to hear from the FEMA.
  - Late Mail – **Tabled**
  - Cornish emergency Disaster Plan - **Tabled**
  - Permit fees – **Tabled**
  - Fire truck - **Tabled**
  - Placement of the flagpole at the intersection of Route 25 and South Hiram Road. Dig safe has given the Town of Cornish the okay to move forward. Sam Gillpatrick and Brent Nelson shall move forward.
  - Old High Road and Anderson Dr. have a drainage problem that comes off the Old High Road. Another ARF form was picked up to be filled out with complaints.
  - FEMA Report – April 4-7 – Mat Cama followed up and moving forward.
  - Pike Hall – Has been approved for their theater license.
  - Eagle Park – A contract needs to be drawn up with the Town and Pratt Co. for parking their equipment in Eagle Park.
  - Speed limit signs and MDOT documentation sent to Bob Sturgeon for High Road. No update on School Street.
  - Jessica Larson and Angel Eastman did the sweeping on motorcycle pad in Eagle Park.
  - Cornish Fairgrounds is scheduled for an engineering inspection on June 13, 2024, at 11:30 am.
  - Salt Bid – Approved
  - Propane and Oil quotes should be ready for the next Selectboard Meeting
- **New Business:**
  - Grateful Undead
    - Use a room for the Medicare consultation.
    - Southern Maine Agencies of Aging.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 10-3 pm.
    - Planning Board room is available.
    - All Selectboard Members approved.
  - Janice Miller (Town Clerk of Poter) – June 30, 2024 – retirement party. There will be a card mailed.
  - The proposed county tax assessment is \$91,032.016. Meeting was held on June 10, 2024
  - Mowing Contract
    - Town owned property, RT. 25 at the intersection of South Hiram Road will need to be added to the existing contract.
    - Dee (Town Deputy Clerk) will contact Dana Batchler for a quote and if he would be interested in an amendment to the contract.
  - Jessica Larson
    - Federal Funding for the Town of Cornish public safety communication.


- Susan Collins requested \$218,000.00 for the fiscal year of 2025. Commerce Justice and Science Appropriations bill for this project. This will be the first step.
- Jess wrote a thank you letter to Susan Collins.
- Notification was sent to the Selectboard to let the Town of Cornish know that the North Atlantic Arts Alliance will be camping along the Ossippe River (June 26, 2024). This will consist of repair of roads and electrical poles.
- SAD#55 instalments will start in July in the monthly amount of \$ 123,650.84.
- Fairgrounds bill of \$300.
  - Fairgrounds would like to know why they are paying.
  - Selectboard wants to contact Brandon Fenderson to itemize the bill.
  - Sweeping lawn should go into Road Account and Sweeping of the Road entrance will be the Fairground Account.
- Diann Perkins wrote thank you letters for the participants of the Memorial Day Parade and the Selectboard signed them as well as Diann Perkins.
- **Public Comments:**
  - North Coast Services, which does electronic waste collection.
    - Cost \$1000.00 – shared cost \$500.00 per town.
    - Sept 14, 2024, share with Parsonsfield for advertising.
    - Check on the price of advertising.
  - John Skelley – MDOT
    - Dan Sherman will meet - June 21, 2024, at 10am.
    - Land on Route 25 dealing with the new bypass.
    - Diann Perkins would like the Selectboard to write a letter to Caleb Vacchiano.
      - Gatorade award 2023-2024 Maine Baseball player of the year from Sacopee Valley High School.
      - A scholarship at the University of Maine was given to Caleb.
      - All Selectboard Members approved.

**ADJOURNED: 6:34 P.M.**

Approved by Selectboard:

  
Daniel Sherman

  
Jessica Larson

  
David Pike

