



**Town of Cornish, Maine**  
**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2024 @5:00**



- Selectboard Member - Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:08 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 June 12, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**


- **ARFS:**
  - Old High and Anderson Drive.
    - Ann Nelligan and Beth Anderson.
    - Unpassable with sink holes.
    - Pictures were shown.
    - All ARF forms and pictures will be sent to Bob Sturgeon (Road Commissioner).
    - All Selectboard Members approved.
- Meeting with Assessor:
  - Robert Konczal and Hannah Hutchinson.
    - Letters shall be mailed to the Towns people to let them know that the valuation of their property will be going up.
    - Hopefully if there are any questions on this letter the Towns people will make their calls before taxes are mailed out.
    - There was a long conversation explaining how the valuations are made.
    - The valuation numbers are still in process but will meet the towns deadline for taxes.
- **Use of Town Properties:**
  - Sacopee Valey Adult community ED. – Renee Payeur.
    - Relax and Pain W/ Sue – Sept 3, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13 time 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
    - Watercolor Basic – Oct 19 – 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
    - Fun Crayons – Sept 21, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
    - Zentangles – Oct 5, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
    - Collage Arts – Nov 16, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.
    - Calligraphy – dec 7, 1;00 – 3:00 pm.
    - Growing Great Garli – Sept 25, 6;00-8;00 pm.
    - Climate Policy – Sept 17, - 6:00 - 8:00 pm.
    - Solar 101 – Oct 29, - 6:00 – 7: 00 pm.
    - Tia Chi – Sept 10 - Dec 5 Tues and Thursday – 10; - 11:30 pm.
    - All Selectboard Members approved if dates are available.
  - Crescendo Performance of Arts.
    - Aug 12 – 15 and Aug 16-18.
    - Fee of \$800.
    - All Selectboard Members approved.
- **Unfinished Business:**
  - Eagle Eye display Station –
    - Monique Guptill (Town Clerk) talked to Jim Gallagher
      - Suggested the mirrored looked.
      - Monique is going to talk to Chris Sanborn about Jims suggestion.
      - Will get a quote from Chris Sanborn.


- Town still has \$87. Left from ARPA account. The rest will come out the computer update account.
- 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 Guptill (Town Clerk) shall have the application completed for the July 10, 2024, Selectboard Business Meeting.
- Back street – **Tabled**
- Late Mail – **Tabled**
- Cornish emergency Disaster Plan
  - Nancy will be getting in contact with Monique Guptill.
- Permit fees – **Tabled**
- Fire truck – **Tabled**
- Allen Metcalf – Update - Dan Vaillancourt (CEO) – Meet with the Amish and all signs have been removed on 06-13-2024.
- Placement of Flagpole update - in process of being placed.
- Letter -Update
  - Caleb Vacchiano – Senior at Sacopee Valley High School.
  - First Class C school.
  - Certificate of Baseball
  - Gatorade Award.
  - John Witten Award.
  - All Selectboard Members Approved.
- FEMA Report – April 4-7 – Mat Cama is just waiting for invoices from Road Commissioner (Bob Sturgeon).
- Eagle Park – The General Agreement for the Use of Eagle Park with Pratt & Sons was signed by the Selectboard Mike Sturgeon (Water company) will present the contract to Pratt & Sons. All Selectboard Members approve
- Speed limit signs on the High Road have been put in place.
- Cornish Fairgrounds meet with Criterium Engineer (Blaise Nganyi, P. E., senior Structural Engineer)
  - Conclusion - The grandstand is in general good condition, with adequate structural members and bracing, but needing some repair. The most critical repair is the rotten sill plates and cracked post, which should be repaired in 2024. The seat boards should be closely inspected to identify loose or deteriorated boards for repair. The electrical cable along the back wall of the grandstand should be addressed for public safety.
  - Ask Brent Nelson if he thinks he could do this work.
  - Evan Colby will do the electrical work.
- Fairgrounds
  - Bill – for \$300.
  - Monique called Brandon Fenderson to break the bill down.
  - Grass - \$200 – goes to the Fairgrounds. Pavement - \$100 – comes out of road.
  - All Selectboard Members approved.
- Propane and heating oil
  - Propane - \$1.899 -J.P. Carroll
  - Oil – Fire Department - \$2.799 – CN Brown
  - All Selectboard Members Approved.
- Mowing Contract – Dana Batchelder
  - Amendment for next year contract for additional mowing at the intersection of Route 25 and South Hiram Road. For the remainder of this year contract will be charged \$75. as needed.
  - All selectboard Members Approved.
  - Talk to Dana about why some places are not being mowed. Remind him if not mowable please let th  
Town Office know.
- Electronic Waste

- Cornish and Parsonsfield each will pay \$210. For two weeks or \$105. Per issue. These adds will be ¼ of a page in Shopper guide. Need to check with Maine Sales/North Coast LLC. just in case some of their requirements have changed.
    - \$1000. Is the cost of the pickup.
    - For the cost of Cornish would be \$605.
    - This will come out of solid waste account.
    - Discuss having this as an article next year.
    - All Selectboard Members Approved.
  - Janice Miller – Card was sign for her retirement.
  - HECTOR Tower Project – Hessian Hill
    - Sam Gilpatrick (Captain) and Jessca Larson (Chair – Selectboard) met with James Seymour (Sebago Tec). Sam and James went to the site to review the preliminary plans for the Shelter generator, propane tank placement. Also did a site walk for some new grades.
- **New Business:**
  - MDOT
    - Bridge on Little River on Route 25 slop stabilization.
    - Joe Gammon & Sons
    - Would like to use Eagle Park for equipment.
    - A contract will be made between the Town of Cornish and Gammon & Sons.
    - Remind both parties (Pratt&Sons and Gammon&Sons) to coordinate scheduling and how to handle fixing Eagle Park at the end of each departure’s projects.
    - All Selectboard Members approved.
  - Dan Sherman, Jessica Larson (Selectboard) and John Skelly (MDOT) met to discuss land agreement at the bypass on Route 25.
    - MDOT will review with Konstantinos Lambroulis (U01-023) and Moulton’s Owners(U01-011) to decide on the remaining land involved with the route 25 bypass.
  - MMAs member municipalities nominations for Legislative Policy Committee. A ballot has their names has been enclosed. Please select your candidate.
    - Selectboard Members only may complete.
    - All Sectboard Members voted on the candidate.
  - Out of State Alarm System
    - Sam Gillpatrick (Fire Department Captain) reviewed and resolved.
- **Public Comments:**
  - Flood Plan has been reviewed by the MFMP.
    - It is in compliant.
    - A copy of the ordinance will be sent to the FEMA regional office in Boston and SMPD.
    - A file will be kept at the MFMP.
  - Diann Perkins
    - Cornish Fairgrounds.
    - Food Trucks
    - Make sure all the permits and insurance and licenses are up to date.
  - Jessca Larson (Chair Selectboard) and Heather Dumais (FEMA) tentative meeting on August 13, 2024.

**ADJOURNED: 8:00 P.M.**

Approved by Selectboard:

  
 Daniel Sherman

  
 Jessica Larson

  
 David Pike

