



Town of Cornish, Maine
SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 24, 2024 @5:00



- Selectboard Member – Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:07 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 July 10, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- **ARFS:**
 - Old High and Anderson Drive.
 - Ann Nelligan and Beth Phelps
 - Byron Harding – 162 Old High Road.
 - On 07/22/24 Byron Harding has given written permission to let the Road Commissioner cut down the trees from 162 Old High Road to Echo Ridge and move the rock wall to make room for repairs and proper drainage of the road.
 - This written permission has been forward to the Road Commissioner.
 - Diann Perkins (Chair of the Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board).
 - For events on the Cornish Fairground’s Racetrack the Chair of the Cornish Advisory Board needs to ask permission from the Pub to padlock the gate.
 - Refer to the Conditional Use Permit.
 - The Cornish Fairgrounds Wheels & Meals.
 - September 10th and 24 ,2024.
 - The committee members are working on a few problems to improve the food truck event.
 - Nancy Perkins – Ungrateful dead.
 - Cornish participation emergency preparedness meeting.
 - Anyone involved with working with this procedure to move forward met at the Cornish fire station.
 - Nancy Perkins would like to know what direction the Town of Cornish would like to go with their emergency procedures to be listed on different Websites.
 - The Selectboard decided to meet with Fire Chief (Chris Calan) and Mat Cama (EMA Director) to put a procedure together moving forward.
 - Cliff Whitney
 - Would like the trees to be removed from the Mill Pond before this affects the river flow.
 - The Town of Cornish does not have the resources to proceed with further removal of the trees.
 - Cliff would have to contact the EPA and DEP for further information.
- Meeting with Dan Vaillancourt (CEO)(Chairman) and Steve Smith (Vice Chairman).
 - Town of Cornish Septic System.
 - Septic System beds are failing and there is no leakage yet.
 - This system is about 30 years old.
 - Contacted Right Pierce Company to get a quote (10,000.00) and guidance on how to proceed. There are enough funds in their account to move forward.
 - The selectman also suggested James Symore for information.
 - Once all the research has been completed and the contract has been made available, the Selectboard or the Chair will go over it and sign.
 - Katie Benson shall send letters to all the prospective Towns people and Business that are utilizing the septic system program for the awareness of this situation.

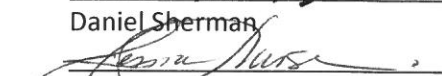
- All Selectboard Members approved.
- **Unfinished Business:**
 - Back street –
 - Waiting for funds to arrive.
 - Place of Historical Signs –
 - Waiting for construction to finish.
 - Late Mail –
 - A letter was addressed by the Selectboard of their concerns on why the mail needed to be delivered during office hours every day.
 - All Selectboard Members approved and signed the said letter.
 - Permit fees – **Tabled**
 - Fire truck – **Tabled**
 - Electronic Waste
 - September 14, 2024
 - Waiting on a place and time
 - Maine Bond.
 - Application has been reviewed by Toni Reed.
 - Monique Guptill (town Clerk) will submit.
 - FEMA Report – April 4-7
 - Mat Cama is continuing to move forward with all the reports.
 - Cornish Fairgrounds Grandstand - update.
 - Waiting on the Fire Marshalls report from July 17,2024.
 - Eagle Eye Display Station.
 - Still waiting on Chris Sandborn.
 - Speed limit signs on the High Road are being reviewed by Jessica Larson.
 - Posted at 35mph needs to be changed to 25mph based on MDOT documentation.
 - Cornish emergency disaster plan.
 - Push button – notification.
 - Three-year contract - \$3000.00 first year. The next two years \$2000.00.
 - Will have an icon on the bottom of the Cornish Website to subscribe to the push button notifications.
 - Can send notifications from anywhere in the world.
 - Can set up all different types of notification.
 - Will send back an automatic notification. If it is not recognized the notification, shall refer said person to a number.
 - Selectboard recommended to check other emergency push button places.
 - Mowing – Dana Batchelder
 - Brent Nelson has removed all sand so mowing and weed whacking can be done.
 - Selectboard (David Pike) will be doing a follow up on with Dana.
 - HECTOR Tower Project – Hessian Hill.
 - Moving forward 140' of tower has been established. Jessica Larson (Selectboard) will follow up with James Seymore.
 - MDOT
 - Pedestion flashing signs.
 - Selectboard need to do some research on finding an email from two years ago for the predicated location that this needs to be placed.
- **New Business:**
 - Jeff Hartford
 - Selling a PA system and wanted the town to have first offer at a discounted price of \$ 500.00.
 - Selectboard would like a Demo at their next meeting on August 7,2024.
 - Cornish Fairgrounds
 - They cancelled their exciting insurance and moved on to Varneys Insurance Co.

- Supported the Horse Harness Racing
 - Reasoning -
 - Exciting insurance was a year and priced too high.
 - Varneys Insurance is just for the event the day of at a lower price.
 - All Selectboard members approved.
 - Jessica Larson (Chair Selectboard) and Diann Perkins (Chair Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board) and Monique Guphill (Town Clerk) as a witness. Signatures signed off on the exciting insurance.
- County Tax
 - \$91,032.16
 - All Selectboard Members approved.
- Value return
 - All Selectboard Members approved.
- **Public Comments:**
 - Brad Perkins
 - Would like to see the Selectboard meeting on TV 2 or FB.
 - Selectboard suggest doing a warrant or a petition.
 - Reasoning – Let the Towns people decide.
 - Town Hall marquis.
 - Needs to be painted.
 - Brent Nelson has suggested Mikaela Shields.
 - Town buys the paint She charges \$20.00 an hour.
 - Mikaela Shields will bill the town \$100.00 to \$80.00 for this job.
 - All Selectboard Members approved.
 - FEMA
 - Flood Maps update
 - Case number - 10-01-114A – 5/13/2010 – Limerick Road – panel #23031C0037G.
 - Case number – 18-01-1659A – 8/13/2018 LOT 1—475 Main Street.
 - Dan Vallencourt (CEO) reviewed and added to the Town maps.
 - Meridith Harding
 - Problems with the construction crew working on the water district project.
 - Forward email to the Water Co.

ADJOURNED: 7:55 P.M.

Approved by Selectboard:


 Daniel Sherman


 Jessica Larson


 David Pike

