



Town of Cornish, Maine SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, September 18, 2024



- Selectboard Member – Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:04 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 September 4, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- **Meetings:**

- The municipal officers of the Municipality of Cornish after notice and hearing, hereby amend the General assistance Ordinance by repealing and replacing appendix A – H of the existing ordinance, which shall be in effect from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. This amendment will be filed with the Maine Department of Health & Human Services.
- All Select Board Members approved.

- **ARFS:**

- Old High and Anderson Drive.
 - Ann Nelligan and Beth Phelps
 - Bob Sturgeon work in progress moving forward.
- Cliff Whitney
 - Tree removal from the Mill Pond.
 - Ownership of the Mill Pond (MMA response).
 - DEP - no response back – Jessica Larson will follow up again.
 - DEP is also short staffed.
 - If the Mill Pond is less than 10 acres the pond is owned by the town but not underneath the pond water which belongs to the State.
 - Removal of the trees from the pond would be subject to the shoreland zoning provisions of the land use ordinance.
 - Volunteers are covered under the same Maine Tort Claims Act as employees would be. However, waivers still might want to be signed.
- Highland Farms Sugar Works/Highland Farms Inc.
 - This project has been completed (9/18/24).
- Lianne Hoxie
 - Pound Hill Road
 - This road was dug up 4-8 weeks ago.
 - Orange cones were set up.
 - No reason why.
 - ARF has been sent to Bob Sturgeon.

- **Use of Town Properties:**

- Brandi Brown – September 28, 2024
 - Celebration of life at the Pike Hall (Harold Parker).
 - All Select Board Members approved.

- **Unfinished Business:**

- Tri-Town Disposal Contact – **Tabled**
- Casella Tipping contract expiring – **Tabled**
- Placement of Historical District Signs – **Tabled**
- Permit fee schedules – **Tabled**

- Sewer – **Tabled** (moving forward with the CEO).
- Eagle Eye Display Station – **Tabled**
- Painting Old Fellows Hall - **Tabled**
- FEMA report - April 4-7 disaster storm.
 - Matt Cama (EMA) submitted the application on 9/12/24.
- Push notification notices
 - Research is still being done.
 - Nancy Perkins sent information on RAVE to consider.
- HECTOR Tower Project –
 - A meeting was held on site 9/9/24.
 - Jessica Larson, Sam Gillpatrick, James Symore.
 - Updated plans to move forward.
- Late Mail
 - Postmaster will not change her mind.
 - Dee Hartford is still doing research on outdoor mailboxes.
 - Check with Chad Humphery.
 - FYI – Mailboxes are very expensive.
 - Jessica Larson will send an email to Pam Buck (Senator Collins).
- Electronic Waste
 - Went very well and had a huge turnout.
 - Select Board suggested to try it again in the future.
- Back Street – Follow up - FEMA
 - Monique Guptill emailed for an extension (2025).
 - Money is not obligated yet.
 - Suggestion to put this in next year's budget.
 - Hopefully the town of Cornish will get reimbursed.
- Maine Bond Bank
 - Monique will send Bond money.
- Speed limit signs on the Spur Road.
 - Signs have been ordered.
 - Bob Sturgeon has picked up signs to be placed.
- MDOT Pedestrian flashing Sign for the Thomson Park cross walks.
 - Cost – pending
 - Going to lose four parking places down by Thopson Park.
 - Committee
 - Adam and Erica Craig.
 - Jessica Larson will contact them.
- Mowing – Dana Batchelder
 - Tom Pengree has cleaned up the ball field from rocks and animal feces.
 - If this continues there will be signs going up no dogs.
 - Eagle Park was weed wacked around the flag area.
- Fire Marshell inspection
 - Send an email to clarify that this last email was it.
 - Nothing was coming in the mail.
- Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors
 - Town Of Cornish put an ad in the Shoppers Guide.
 - Terri Charles is a possible candidate.
 - If so, Terri Charles needs to take her Oath at the Cornish Town Hall.
- Fairgrounds
 - Diann Perkins has a concern with the Fire Marshal inspection.
 - The selectboard suggested sending an email to the State Fire Marshal with her concerns.

- The Grandstands can only be used twice a year.
- Foreclosure Policy - no response
- Painting of Old Fellows Building
 - Spring Of 2025.
- Meeting on September 17, 2024
 - Pam Buck (Senator Collins Office), Jessica Larson, Sam Gilpatrick, Chris Calana meet at the HECTOR site.
 - Moving forward (radio equipment).
- Bangor Savings Annual Meeting
 - October 25, 2024 @ 10am.
 - All Select Board members approved.
- Thompson Park – **Tabled.**
- **New Business:**
 - Fairgrounds
 - Tree removal from Ralph Maxwell on Town property.
 - Selectboard suggested
 - Matt Benett – Maine Forestry – Report the incident.
 - Jack Wadsworth to do the property lines.
 - Sofias
 - Mowing – Jessica Larson will investigate this.
 - YCEMA
 - Emergency Disaster Agreement
 - Chris Calnan approved
 - When the county takes over only.
 - All Selectboard Members approved.
 - State Valuations
 - Selectboard would like to meet with the Assessor to explain the mechanics of the valuation.
 - MMA
 - Not applicable
 - Mills Sand and Gravel
 - Increase of amount after October.
 - The memo was forwarded to Bob Sturgeon.
- **Chair Jessica Larson excused herself from the meeting at 6:00 PM**
- **Public Comment:**
 - Diann Perkins
 - Food truck, Motorcycle Swap Meet, Harness Racing was all a success.
 - Thank you, letters will be sent to volunteers, for helping.
 - September Housing Rental contract due.

ADJOURNED: 6:37 P.M.

Approved by Selectboard:



Daniel Sherman



Jessica Larson



David Pike

