



**Town of Cornish, Maine**  
**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2024 @5:00**



- Selectboard Member – Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:03 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 18, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

- **Meetings:**
  - Assessor – Bob Konczal and Hannah Hutchinson.
    - State Valuation
      - The process is compiled by determining, through field work and meeting with the local officials, the approximate ratio of the full value on which local assessments are made, and by then adjusting the local assessed values in accordance with the Rules of Procedure Used to Develop State Valuation (08-125 chapter 201). State Valuation is a mass appraisal estimate of the 100% market value of all taxable property of a municipality and is established annually by the State Tax Assessor.
      - The report is comprised of five parts
        - The Sales Ratio analysis
        - BETE audit
        - State Valuation Analysis (PTF303.4)
        - Report of Assessment Review (a three-year comparison (PTF303).
        - Report of Assessment Review, informational review (PTF303.2).
  - GIS Mapping Program
    - Hannah Hutchinson
      - Did a demonstration on how a GIS mapping program works
      - The advantages are it could be put on the web site for the public to use. Realtors would have access to the program instead of coming to the Town Hall to ask the Town municipality for files. There are many mapping overlay modules that can be added to this program to benefit the town.
    - Monique Guptill (Town Clerk) shall reach out to CAI Technologies for a proposal for a future contract.
  - Abatement
    - Gretchen Bengio
      - Appeal on her taxes being excessively high.
      - Gretchen did not provide enough evidence to why her taxes should be lower per statutes.
      - Gretchen is now appealing to the County.
      - The Assessors will attend.
- **ARFS:**
  - Old High and Anderson Drive.
    - Ann Nelligan and Beth Phelps
    - Bob Sturgeon work should be done by the end of October.
  - Cliff Whitney - **Tabled**
    - Tree removal from the Mill Pond
  - Lianne Hoxie



- Meeting on 10/23/24 @ 6:00 P.M. Noth Berwick
  - Dave Pike or Dan Sherman will attend.
- Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors
  - Terri Charles still hasn't contacted Cornish Town Hall to be sworn in to the Board of Directors.
  - Another candidate Alan Bowles – invite to the next Selectboard meeting for a meet and greet.
- Fairgrounds House Rental
  - Lease was sign by Zack Parker
- Bangor Savings Annual Meeting
  - Meeting confirmed October 25, 2024 @ 10am.
- Sofias – mowing
  - Jessica Larson will investigate.
- Parks and Flags Committee
  - Veteran Day November 11, 2024
    - Plans are being made
  - Flags to be taken down on the telephone poles
    - David Pike
  - The informational sign in Thompson Park that was on the Kaios will be re painted with the name of Thompson Park on both sides and put back up on top of the Kaios with both sides showing.
  - Would like to name the intersection of Rt. 25 and South Hiram Road to have a Park name.
    - The Selectboard said yes, the Flags and Parks Committee could name the Park.
- Fairgrounds
  - The tree that was removed by Ralph Maxwell it was reviewed by Ranger Bennett and it is on Ralph Maxwells own property per Ranger Bennett's land review.
- Sofias
  - Mowing – Jessica Larson will investigate.
- **New Business:**
  - Closing of the public bathroom.
    - End of October
    - Paul Lyle – contact
  - Rescue
    - *Article 49:*
      - *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$101,808.00 for the maintenance and operation cost for Sacopee Rescue, to be paid in three equal installments: the first payable on or before November 15, 2024. All contingent upon a fully executed contract.*
      - A motion was made to send the full payment of the installment before the due date as Article 49 read that was approved by the Towns people at the annual Town meeting.
      - This is being done and recognized as a hardship on the rescue, which was brought to the attention of the Town of Cornish by Beverly Russell treasure of the Rescue Unit.
      - All Selectboard Members approved.
  - Natalie Beittel and Kyle Peckham
    - Dry fire hydrant on Kimball Hill
      - Chris Calnan will be at the next Selectboard meeting to discuss situation.
  - More pedestrian signs ordered from the State free of charge.
  - Contracts Due
    - Plowing, Trash Removal, Ladies Guild
    - Need to make decision for the budget.
    - Invite Blaze, Steve, to the next meeting.
  - Need to find out if Bob Sturgeon is still going to plow for the Town.
    - Invite him to the next Selectboard meeting.
  - Merle Sanborn needs to be contact also to see if he is still plowing for the town.

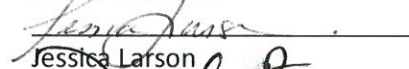
- The Fire Station needs to hire a cleaning person.
- **Public Comment:**
  - A real estate dealer approached Jessica Larson on buying the Fairgrounds for a large sum of money. The deed to the Fairgrounds states that the land cannot be sold.
  - Diann Perkins says the Food Park is doing great. The next one will be October 15, 4-8 pm.
  - Jessica Larson will contact DOT on the stabilization on the bridge.
  - Looking into the future for Pike Hall
    - A room for the Assessor
      - Maybe the ticket room
      - Maybe portable walls
    - Already rearrange the CEO Office/ Planning Board Office and add more filing cabinets and adding shelving. Also upgraded the computer.
    - The front desk would be like another handicap bench.
    - Town Clerk and Town Deputy needs shelving.

ADJOURNED: 8:15 P.M.

Approved by Selectboard:



Daniel Sherman



Jessica Larson



David Pike