



Town of Cornish, Maine SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, November 13, 2024



- Selectboard Member – Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:01 P.M.
- Roll Call – Chair - Jessica Larson, Dan Sherman, David Pike, Monique Guptill, Dee Hartford, M. Angel Eastman per-diem Secretary.
- All Payroll and Accounts payable warrants were reviewed and approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Minutes from October 30, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

• Meetings:

- Sacopee Rescue Unit
 - Beverly Russell – Treasurer
 - The Selectboard and Beverly have agreed on changing the installment payments in the Article for the Annual Town meeting 2025.
 - As read now:
 - *To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate sum \$101,808.00 for maintenance and operations cost for Sacopee rescue, to be paid in three equal installments: the first payable on or before April 15, 2024, the second payable on or before August 15, 2024, and the third payable on or before November 15, 2024. All contingent upon a fully executed contract.*
 - Proposed article:
 - *To see if the town will vote to raise an appropriate sum of \$\$\$\$ for maintenance and operation cost for Sacopee rescue, to be paid in four equal installments: the first payable on or before April 15, 2025, the second payable on or before June 15, 2025, and the third payable on or before September 15, 2025, and the fourth payable on or before November 15, 2025.*
 - The final proposed article is due December 1, 2024.
- Assessors – Bob Konczal and Hannah Hutchinson
 - The town assessors denied Benggio tax abatement.
 - The County hearing was on 11/6/24 and was granted.
 - There was a long discussion between the assessors and the selectboard on what direction this could go next. No decision was made.
- Calista Cross
 - Did not attend the meeting
 - The Selectboard decided to email all documents concerning the Kiosk which had been discussed in previous meetings.

• ARFS:

- Cliff Whitney
 - The Selectboard had no more questions on the Mill Pond tree removal.
- David Hall
 - Mentioned different places for tree removal.
 - Email the ARF over to the Road Commission Bob Sturgeon.

• Use of Town Properties:

- Crescendo School of Performing Arts
 - December 13-15, 2024 – play
 - Approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Elyse Peare

- Birthday Party – December 1, 2024.
- All Selectboard members approved.

• **Unfinished Business:**

- Tri-Town Disposal Contact – **Tabled until Spring**
- 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**
- FEMA report - April 4-7 disaster storm
 - All documents have been completed and sent.
- Push notification notice – **Tabled**
- Fire Lane Hydrant on Kimball Hill
 - Selectboard would like to meet with Chris Calnan - **Tabled**
- Painting the Old Fellows Building – **Tabled until Spring**
- Fairgrounds email letter to the Fire Marshall - **Tabled**
- Sofias mowing – **Tabled until Spring**
- Two new free Pedestrians from MDOT.
- Board of Appeals meets on November 18, 2024.
- Foreclosures Policy
 - New policies were discussed between the Town Clerk and the Selectboard.
 - Going forward more discussion. **Tabled**
- Spirit of America
 - Historical Society was chosen
 - Awards - 11-20-24 @3:30
- Shannon Surette
 - Snow removal for business
 - A letter signed by the Selectboard and Maine State Statutes were sent.
- Mellen
 - Addendum II signed by the Selectboard.
- Blais Whitney needs an Addendum.
- The Cornish Fire Bond
 - Final documentation was mailed.
- HECTOR Tower Project
 - Jessica Larson needs to follow up.
- MDOT Pedestrian flashing signs
 - Adam and Erica Criag are checking into the pricing.
- Late Mail
 - The mail carrier has been taking a different route, so he has been arriving before the closing of the Town office.
 - The new route the mail carrier is taking seems to be working so far.
 - A log of his arrival is being kept.
- Back Street
 - Funds of \$102,313.48 have arrived.
- Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors
 - Terri Charles will be taking her oath

• **New Business:**

- York County Shelter Program
 - General Assistance
 - The Selectboard suggested waiting for more information for what was sent was very unclear what they were asking for.

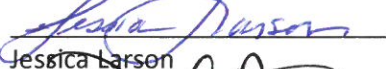
- Quick claim deed
 - Ref. R05-029A-3
 - Signed by all Selectboard Members.
- Sacopee Rescue Unit submitted a monthly report on calls.
- Matt Clark is no longer with Clark Insurance, there will be a new representative.
- November 27, 2024, the Selectboard meeting has been canceled.
 - All Selectboard Members Approved.
- Comprehensive Plan - **Tabled**
- **Public Comment:**
 - Dan Sherman announced that Charles Whitney passed away.
 - Charles held the Boston Cane award
 - The town needs to investigate how to proceed with a new candidate.
 - Monique Guptill asked David Pike if he could donate balsam fir again this year for Christmas wreaths. David Pike said yes.
 - David Pike would like a copy of Ralph Maxwell's Deed.
- The Selectboard would like to thank M. Angel Eastman and the Parks and Flags for a wonderful Veterans Day Ceremony.
- The Selectboard would like to thank the Cornish Fire Department for a stretch of calls every hour of the day or night.
- December 4, 2024, David Pike will be attending Casella Tipping meeting

ADJOURNED: 7:03 P.M.

Approved by Selectboard:



Daniel Sherman



Jessica Larson



David Pike

