



**Town of Cornish, Maine**  
**SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2024 @ 5PM**



- Selectboard Member – Chair - Jessica Larson called the meeting to order @ 5:05 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 November 13, 2024, were approved by all Selectboard Members.
- Minutes from February 21, 2024, were amended and approved by all Selectboard Members.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

• **Meetings:**

○ **Assessors** -Bob Konczal and Hannah Hutchinson

▪ Grethen Benggio – ref. - U03-065

- The County Commissioner’s findings of fact on zoom meeting were of by \$300.00.
- The Selectboard suggested a letter be sent to the County Commissioners for correction on the findings and facts.
- The abatement for the Benggio has included the correct amount of \$584,000. The Prior Value was \$709,300. Value Change of \$125,300.
- All Selectboard Members approved and signed.

▪ Timothy and Anna Hansen – ref. – R08-041A

• Abatement

- Prior Value: \$270.100 – New Value: \$211,400 – Value Change: \$58,700.
- All Selectboard Members approved and signed.

○ Allen Bowles

- One of the Board of Directors for the Town of Cornish to represent on Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors.
- Allen thinks the Paramedics are under paid
- Allen asked the Selectboard what they are expecting of him being a representative? The Selectboard suggested anything out of the ordinary should be reported to the Selectboard.

• **ARFS:**

- David Hall - **Tabled**

• **Use of Town Properties:**

- **None**

• **Unfinished Business:**

- Tri-Town Disposal Contact – **Tabled**

- Placement of Historical District Signs

- Will be done in the Spring.

- Permit fee schedules – **Tabled**

- Sewer

- The Selectboard would like to meet Dan Vaillancourt and the Sewer Committee on January 22, 2024 @400pm.

- Eagle Eye Display Station – The Selectboard suggested sending Chris Sanborn an email.

- FEMA report - April 4-7 disaster storm

- Forms were filled out and sent to Maine Recovery for review.

- Push notification notice

- TextMyGov

- The Selectboard would like an email sent to Parsonsfield to see how many Towns people have signed up for the notification.
- Fairgrounds email letter to the Fire Marshall - **Tabled**
- The Cornish Fire Truck - **Tabled**
- HECTOR Tower Project –
  - Jessica Larson sent an email to James Seymour two weeks ago.
  - Still waiting for a reply.
- MDOT Pedestrian flashing signs
  - Adam Criag is checking into the pricing and placement requirements.
- Late Mail
  - The mail arrived before closing.
- Back Street
  - The bidding process will start in the winter of 2025.
- Casella Tipping - **Tabled**
- Sacopee Rescue Board of Directors
  - Terri Charles was Approved by all Selectboard Members and signed
  - Terri Charles has been sworn in.
- Fire Lane dry hydrant on Kimball Hill - **Tabled**
- Spirit of America Award
  - Historical Society – They were very honored to receive a plaque.
  - The Selectboard suggested the Plaque to be presented to them at the Annual Town Meeting.
- Boston Cane
  - Sandy Howe
    - The oldest person in the Town of Cornish is Gustie Day
    - The Selectboard suggested presenting Gustie Day with a plaque at the Town Annual Meeting.
- Comprehensive Plan - **Tabled**
- MDOT flashing pedestrian signs - **Tabled**
- Mellen's Addendum needs to be signed by him - **Tabled**
- Rise and Shine Green House and Nursery sign issue at Sofias
  - The Selectboard received the minutes from the Board of Appeals.
  - The Letter of Decision has not been received yet.
- The new Maine State foreclosure policy needs to be put in place.
  - All Selectboard Members approved.
- Pedestrian signs
  - Three free signs received
  - Dan Vaillancourt picked them up.
  - Selectboard would like to thank Dan for taking his time to do this.
- Bond Bank
  - Has been signed
- Blais Whitney
  - Addendum
  - All Selectboard Members approved and signed
- **New Business:**
  - Quit Claim Deed - 1997
    - Amber Carr – ref. U03-060
    - All Selectboard Members approved and signed
  - Liquor Licenses
    - Sacopee House of Pizza
      - All Selectboard Members approved and signed
    - Bay Haven Lobster Pond
      - All Selectboard Members approved and signed

- Parks and Flags Committee
  - M. Angel Eastman had a discussion on the Veteran's Park on what they thought about flag and poles of the different branches of the Military to reside around the Veteran's Monument in the Riverside Cemetery.
    - One 25-foot pole and an American and State Flag was mentioned to be order now.
    - Six other poles were mentioned to be an Article for the Annual Town Meeting.
  - The electrical boxes over by the drinking fountain are no good.
  - The Selectboard agreed they needed to be replaced
  - Brent Nelson, maintenance, will replace them.
- Mowing Contract
  - The years on the contract that has been signed is for four-years instead of a three-year contract.
  - When the contract is discussed in the Spring this will be pointed out to Dana Batchelder.
- Town Report
  - Cover – A picture of the old Cornish Train Station.
    - All Selectboard Members approved.
    - Monique Guptill
      - Asked if the Boards and Committees could do a year-end report for the Town Annual Report.
      - All Selectboard Members agreed.
- CEO – Dan Vaillancourt
  - Appointment
    - Term will be indefinite.
    - All Selectboard Members approved and signed.
- The Zelman Public Parking Lot.
  - During snow storms a vehicle has been parked thereover night.
  - Should this be posted?
  - The Selectboard wants to see if this continues before acting.
- Paid Family Medical Leave
  - This will come into effect in 2026
  - This is the time to start a budget.
  - This will be a payroll contribution starting January of 2025.
  - More information about this subject at the next meeting.
- Renewal of new insurance.
  - Let the Cornish Fire Department know to see if they need anything added
  - The Selectboard would like to meet with Thomas and Melissa from Clark Insurance before renewal date.
- Christmas in Cornish
  - They had a choir for singing which dressed like 1920.
  - Santa was there talking to the children and handing out candy canes.
  - The towns people donated cookies and there was hot coca also.
  - The lighting went off without a hitch.
  - The biggest turnout Cornish has ever had.
  - The weather was perfect, snow on the ground but the temperature was only 25 degrees. Fun by all.
- Old School Street
  - Parking from 9 Old School Street's tenants, owned by Arron Hutton, is blocking the road.
  - Selectboard will send a letter to the new owner of the situation.
- Budget talk
  - December 18, 2024 @ 400 – 600pm.
- **Public Comment:**
  - Monique Guptill (Town Clerk)
    - Website – Milly Welsh

- Needs a new look
- Organization
- Monique Guphill (Town Clerk)
  - GSI mapping
  - Budget
  - Have a proposal for the January meeting.

**ADJOURNED: 8:09 P.M.**

Approved by Selectboard:



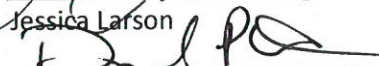
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Daniel Sherman



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Jessica Larson



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David Pike