

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 2, 2025 4:00–6:00 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, (Chair), Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Board members reviewed mail and invoices.

Keith Mullane, Adam Morse, Colleen O'Neil and Peter Macleay, came in from the CCI to enquire about the building permit. Jason asked about Planning Board recommendation #13. Keith reported that CCI had met with Trumbell Nelson and Banwell Architects. CCI has removed mercury (thermostats), fluorescent bulbs and freon. The architect feels this is satisfactory. Jason asked about #11. There is concern that not being accessible might be a burden on a handicap employee. Keith Mullane said the building is code compliant. Colleen pointed out there are three ADA entrances. Jason moves, Keith seconds that #11 is satisfied because building is up to code and any handicapped employee can use the three entrances and ADA parking. Passed 2-0. Colleen presented water testing results. She reviewed bacteria, radon, VOC and PFAS. Jason asked about what the parameters are in order to interpret the test results. Colleen reported that Endyne had told her that the water is good. Jason asked if she had gotten anything in writing from Endyne to that effect. Keith asked Colleen if the Liberty Utilities service entrance (pole plan) was just 1 pole. She said it was 1 pole. Keith asked if there was any documentation. Not yet. She will forward it when available. The Board approved the permit.

Jason moved, Keith seconds that the Town hire Parry Construction to reinforce the Town Hall to support the mini-splits and to install a rain diverter. Affirmative 3-0.

Tom Vagliards from Conexon (NH Broadband), Eric Pyra from Louxon, John Farnom, Eustis Cable, were in. They are burying cable on North Parsonage Road. It has been buried 18-24 inches deep. 6 inches from ditches. Jason asked Mike Duval if he had seen this. He had and said we will not be able to ditch. Dillon asked why they are not going overhead. Tony explained that 1 pole is too short. Dillon asked if it was a Co-op pole. Yes. So far 250 feet of conduit has been laid. No fiber has been pulled through. The road has not been ditched for several years and will need to be soon. Also, the cutout by Hackett's will be impacted and heavy runoff may expose the cable. Tony explained that it may take 6 months for the Co-op to set another pole and move the utilities. Tony will contact the Co-op about another pole and check back with the BOS.

Mike Duval came in to follow up on the cable being buried. He reported that Highway needs 2 new bed chains, including on the '24 truck that Wayne operates. BOS was told in the Spring that sanders and chains had been pressure washed and treated with open gear lube. The chains will cost approximately \$4,500.

The '02 truck is at Osgood's Welding to have sander hydraulics diagnosed. The Town has no spare hydraulic motors. He will source one. Plows have been worked on and hoses that have been worn down to metal have been replaced and have hose guard. The 550 needs rear tires for winter. The cruiser needs tires. Sand is all set. Salt is ordered but not delivered. Mike checked coolant on the

roadside mower and roller. The roller will need to be flushed to remove contaminants. Mike asked if he needed a purchase order for the bed chains. There is only a single source for each brand chain. The BOS recognized that as a sole source he is authorized to order them.

Keith asked about tire chains on the grader. Mike has done some research and will follow up.

Ken Dipaula came in to follow up on a building permit for a barn replacement on the old Stone property.

BOS discussed applications for truck driver and Road Agent.

Keith moved, Dillon 2nd to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 6, 2025 6:30-8:30 pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee
Absent: Jason Bourne, Chair

Dillon Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board members signed checks, reviewed the mail folder and invoices.

Erich Weeks came in to discuss the Road Agent job which he had provided a resume for previously. He filled out a new application as well. He re-iterated his skill sets and knowledge. He currently works for the Hartland, VT, Highway Department. He discussed gravel surface treatments, road surface material, mud season maintenance, and other road material selections. Keith asked Erich about his equipment skills. He has run all highway equipment. Hartland uses a joystick grader.

Lyle Parry came in. He mentioned a resident on 12A that needs a building permit for a pre-existing building. Lyle will be working with this resident and will be happy to provide necessary information and meet BOS on a site visit. He mentioned that people have been using sea containers as storage units. BOS discussed the Highway Department roof, Town Hall improvements and cemetery maintenance.

Mike Duval came in to report on paving. Blaktop will finish the shim on Center Road tomorrow and be back to do Perkins and East Roads next week when the weather is better. Jackson Road will be done after East.

Keith asked Mike about sander bed chains. The '02 truck is going into the shop at Osgood's and sanders should be made operable soon. Mike expressed frustration with the complete lack of maintenance.

Tristan Robison came in to meet with BOS. BOS discussed current conditions at the Highway Department. BOS and Tristan discussed ladders to access sanders for safety.

Keith moved, Dillon seconded, to adjourn. Adjourned at 9:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2025 4:00–6:00 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, (Chair), Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Jim Magoon called regarding a building permit for construction that had already been completed at 1038 NH Rte 120.

Alex Carpenter came in to explain about a bicycle accident and his doctors note excusing him from work until October 9th. He expects to be back to work on Monday.

Mike Duval came in and showed the BOS some hydraulic fittings that had not been maintained as reported. He reported on paving. He reported that he had asked Osgood's to quote for fabrication of ladders for sanders. They will also quote for repairing rear corners of the dump bodies. The F550 dump body frame is cracked and will have to be welded as well. The department has been spending much time replacing incorrectly installed wiring associated with plows and sanders.

BOS discussed the status of employment applications for Road Agent and Truck Driver. Mary has emailed interested parties for clarification. BOS wants to set up interviews and fill the positions.

BOS discussed an individual that was nominated by the CCC to be an alternate member. Jason moved to appoint David Haseman to Conservation Commission as an alternate member. Keith seconded. Vote was affirmative 3-0.

BOS called John McSwain to discuss a camping permit.

Keith moved, Dillon seconds to adjourn. Passes 3-0.

Adjourned at 7:02.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 13, 2025 6:30-8:30 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, Chair, Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

Board members signed checks, reviewed the mail folder and invoices.

Chairman Bourne called the meeting to order at 6:30.

BOS briefly discussed the Thursday meeting schedule with several building permit site visits and the possibility of interviews with candidates for Highway Department job openings.

Jacob Simino from the Fair Association came in. There were 11,247 attendees over the three days. \$120,000 in ride income. Parking went well despite North Parsonage. Trail from CREA was a big hit. Dig safe would only locate wires on Town property. Jacob is researching the electrical locations on the entire fairgrounds. The Fair Association will have a complete map. The English BBQ wants to use the fairgrounds again. Jacob reports that the Fair will offer to lease them space, including water and electricity. The Town would be responsible for all other regulations. During the roughly 4 months the English BBQ paid the fair \$1,400. The Fair does not see this as a valuable investment. Jacob relayed that the thank you letter from the BOS was welcomed, and the BOS agreed that the relationship was much improved. Keith pointed out how pleased the Conservation Commission was with the new trail. Keith reported that the phone line at the highway garage may have been interfered with during the fair. BOS and Jacob discussed carnival worker parking on Town property (highway). Jacob reported that the fair will improve communication with the amusement vendor and parking will not be a problem next year.

Mike Duval came in. He reported that a sink hole near the Dingleton Covered Bridge was related to a NH DOT catch basin. Mike started the crew this morning. They were shuttling vehicles for undercoating, painting plows, and installing plow headgear. The F550 sander is rewired, and sander is good to go. Once the plow gear is installed it will be ready for snow. The '02 hydraulics have been tested. Mike will give BOS an update on paving quantities. Keith asked Mike about the leaf blower on the Kubota. The chute cannot be angled down so it may not be effective for cleaning deep ditches. Mike described how to attach the power angle plow from the '09 on the loader. Town would need to purchase a coupler. He recommended running ice chains on the front if it was to be used for plowing. The chains should be removed for regular service. The grader is the strongest plow platform available to the Town.

BOS discussed planning for plow season including call out times, routes, and hierarchy.

Keith moved, Dillon seconded, adjourned at 9:33.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 16, 2025 4:00–6:00 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, (Chair), Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Chairman Bourne swore in David Haseman as Conservation Commission alternate.

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

BOS interviewed Derek Plummer. Jason moved, Keith seconded that the interview be non-public per RSA 91:A3 (hiring of any person as a public employee). Vote was affirmative. Entered non-public at 4:05.

Eric Maher, attorney for Michael Venditto, called. Jason explained the BOS had just received his letter. Mr. Venditto wants to be taxed in Cornish because he is concerned that his assets are protected. Eric suggested that the Town give the documents to assessors. BOS informed him that they had not had much time to discuss this matter. BOS confirmed contact information for DTC law. BOS will ask Mary to forward the information provided to Avitar.

Mike Duval came in. Paving is coming close to the estimated tonnage. He was able to mount the headgear for plowing on F550 despite the accident and associated damage. He was able to split the sander bed chain on the '24 truck that had seized due to lack of maintenance. It will have to be replaced. Bed chains are approximately \$2,500. He is still looking for grader wheels to mount old tires for running chains in the winter. Jason asked how long Mike was willing to help the Town. Mike is willing to help until the Town finds a Road Agent. During plow season he will work around his plowing schedule. BOS and Mike discussed call out procedure for snowstorms.

Justin Walker came in to follow up on the mini-split installation at the Town Office. Joe Simino has completed the electrical connections and the units are operational.

Jason brought up a request from the SAU to have the BOS contact the NH DOT regarding proposed crosswalks near the school. BOS will seek a call with DOT at 4:00pm on the 23rd. BOS left for site visits at 5:50.

Adjourned at 6:05.
Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2025 6:30-8:30 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, Chair, Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

Board members signed checks, reviewed the mail folder and invoices.

Chairman Bourne called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Bill Wall was in to describe the recycling center and the state of waste disposal in the area. He quoted from a Valley News article. The article referred to Hartford, VT.

Jason moves to enter non-public session per 91-A:3, II(b), Keith seconded. Vote in favor 3-0 at 6:34.

Keith moved, Dillon seconds to approve September 2025 minutes. Motion passes 3-0. September 2025 minutes approved.

Town Hall renter left the Town Hall messy. Mary will arrange a cleaning and deduct from the deposit check. BOS discussed finding a new cleaning person as Kellie Patterson-Parry is retiring at the end of the year.

Lyle Parry called to explain that he will finish the punch list for the Town including railing at Town Office, rain diverters at Town Hall, Dingleton covered bridge boards and wind braces at Squag City covered bridge. He will also replace the roof screws on the Highway Department garage roof with updated hardware, paid for with LFRF money and Highway Department building maintenance funds.

Caroline Storrs came in to follow up on electrical usage and billing at the Meeting House. The billing will be transferred to the Town of Cornish. The Town will budget for six months of electricity and the remaining six months will be paid for by the Meeting House Committee.

BOS took a call from Frank Parks. He respectfully declined the nomination of Town Health Officer. He had mentioned he had asked a few people if there was interest. He has not found any interested parties. Frank asked about the status of Road Agent. Jason explained that BOS is interviewing candidates. Mike Duval is currently acting Road Foreman. The BOS have not received an application from Mr. Duval.

BOS called Mike Duval about paving on Jackson Road.

Adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 23, 2025 4:00–6:00 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, (Chair), Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
3. BOS discussed Map 6, Lot 99A. Per the annexation dated 12/6/2001 the lot is unbuildable.
4. Larry Duval came in to ask if there was hunting on the CREA property. BOS referred to a Town Meeting vote restricting hunting on the property. It is unclear whether the grants and funding for the CREA property would allow a ban. Jason asked how we would get an answer. Keith suggested talking to Dale, previous long term chair. Jason looked up information on CREA and relayed that grants were approved by DRED on 1/18/1984 and 9/25/1985. BOS will look for the grant records, and request information from CREA and the Conservation Commission.
5. John Dryfout and David Kruidenier came in to talk about the Chase grave at the Trinity Cemetery. They presented a quote from Dave Fielder for \$2,500 to elevate the stone. David Fielder will donate \$1,000 of his time to reduce the cost to \$2,500 from \$3,500. David Kruidenier said the Historical Society wasn't in the business of doing cemetery repairs. David and John want the project complete this fall which may not be feasible. John relayed a note of permission from a Chase relative.
6. Representatives from Hub66 and 3 members of the Broadband Committee came in: Michael Fuerst, Corey Stevens, Shelly Brookings. The representatives from Hub66 were Andrea Vient and Michael Mateja. Jason explained that BOS wanted to have any accurate update of progress. He pointed out that July had been proposed as the install date for hardware installation at the Flat Fire Station. Andrea and Michael pointed out that make ready licenses were delayed. Dillon asked if there was already fiber on the 120 corridor. Not Hub66, but yes. Jason asked if the work was seasonal, Hub66 noted they can work in the winter. Hub66 has their own crew and can bring in outside resources. Dillon asked if Hub66 would just hang the fiber without the make ready licenses. Hub66 said they would reassess around the new year. TDS has provided the licenses. They are now waiting on Liberty. Shelly pointed out that this was predicted to be built out of September 2025. Shelly asked about a spreadsheet that Hub66 was going to send to the BOS. Andrea followed up with some vague language pointing out how Hub66 would allocate resources. Jason and Shelly asked why there is no plan. Dillon reiterated his questions about when the fiber would be hung. If licenses are not provided by spring, they will hang fiber anyway to meet the deadline of September 2026. Corey pointed out that licenses and make ready issues are common in the trade. Keith asked if in March would Hub66 be hanging fiber. Michael Mateja said they expect to start in January. Keith asked if Hub66 was for profit. Yes. Keith pointed out that if they fail, they stand to lose a lot of money. Jason asked about applications for licenses. Every request has been approved except the Liberty applications. Hub66 will build the head end in November and the build out and splicing in January. Jason asked if Hub66 could build the head end at another Town building, so Hub66 could install on the poles with licenses. Shelly pointed out her frustrations. Hub66 then pointed out that they may start in March. Keith reiterated that March is a firm start date. Keith asked what the fine was for hanging on Liberty poles. Michael Mateja said the fines were very specific in theory

but in practice can be pretty general. Jason asked about service to Town buildings. Is there a discounted rate? Hub66 can also connect all buildings and create a single system.

7. Dan Brown came in to talk about death. Green burials specifically. The closest place to have a green burial is in Lebanon. He left a name of a website, a brief flyer, and a sample warrant article. Keith asked about use of casket or shroud and the depth is not 6 feet deep, it is less. A green burial creates a mound that makes maintenance difficult. Keith pointed out that a section for green burials would be the best way to implement.
8. Lyle Parry called to report on the punch list items. He has completed the bridge repairs. The Squag City bridge had spare wind braces. He used one and left one as a template. The Town Hall took extensive effort to remove insulation and install blocking for the mini splits, divert rain, etc.
9. Adjourned at 6:30. Keith, Dillon, aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2025 6:30-8:30 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, Chair, Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

1. Board members signed checks, reviewed the mail folder and invoices.
2. Chairman Bourne called the meeting to order at 6:30.
3. Christina Griffin came in to request a temporary driveway permit for forestry access on Pete Daniels Road. She left her application with Mary to be forwarded to the Planning Board.
4. Barbara Shepard from Paddy Hollow Road in Claremont came in. She reported that there are walking trails that are accessed by Paddy Hollow Road. The trails in question are in the Town Forest. She asked if the Town could help to maintain the road as she and her neighbors are responsible for the maintenance. She explained that people are living in cars. She has called the Claremont Police Department, but suspects left before police arrived. There is a parking area for the Town Forest near the Claremont line and people are accessing it from the Claremont end. She is unsure as to the frequency of camping. She will contact the Town Forest Committee. BOS will alert Lieutenant Vivian about the use of the parking area.
5. Mike Duval asked if the general public is allowed to dump at recycle. BOS said no. Mike took 2 plow cylinders to get resealed. They are junk and require new pistons. He has not heard from Osgood about sander ladders. Mike brought up tire chains for the trucks. He will price built chains vs. the parts to rebuild the miscellaneous chains we have. Mike mentioned that the furnace didn't work. Tristan relayed that in the past Wayne wiggled wires and did makeshift short term temporary repairs. He has looked into winter drive wheels for the grader so that the Town can run the current chains without destroying the new radials. Sanders are ready. Plows are painted. The '02 will be set up soon. The 550 will be set up as soon as leaf season is wrapped up.

6. BOS discussed Highway Department items. BOS discussed tax deeds. BOS discussed site visits.
7. Adjourned at 9:15. Keith, Dillon aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 30, 2025 4:00–6:00 pm**

Present: Jason Bourne, (Chair), Dillon Gallagher, Keith Beardslee

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
3. BOS left for site visits at 4:15. BOS returned to office at 5:20.
4. Treasurer Heidi Jaarsma came in to set the tax rate. BOS is okay with using \$77,000 of fund balance to offset the tax rate.
5. Heidi explained the status of the Chase stone improvement BOS authorized her to explore. She has been working with the Old Graveyard Association. Two members will visit the memorial next week. BOS will continue that avenue for repair and will know more after the visit from the Old Graveyard Association.
6. Heidi answered a question regarding the possible donation of \$20,000 for cemetery fencing. Town will need a full copy of the will that created the gift. RSA 31:19 and RSA 202 A:22 apply to the receipt of gifts to the Town. BOS asked if the proposed cemetery gift bound the Town to have picket fencing in perpetuity. She suggested contact CTU to ask if it had that effect, if it would be an expendable trust, and if the gift prohibited BOS from purchasing replacement sections.
7. Heidi updated the BOS on the .gov website change. It has been completed. She mentioned that the old address will re-direct traffic to the new address.
8. Keith moved, Dillon seconded, to adjourn. 3-0 affirmative.
9. Adjourned at 6:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher