

**2026 CORNISH TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

FIRST SESSION: OFFICIAL BALLOT SESSION

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

All-Day Voting 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Cornish Town Hall in said Cornish on Tuesday the 10th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Articles one through four of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 am. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close.

Article 1: To choose in a manner provided by law all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

SECOND SESSION

Saturday, March 14, 2026

BUSINESS SESSION begins at 10:00 a.m.

You are further notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Saturday the 14th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 2 through 27.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same. (Majority vote required.)

(a)	Town Office	77,185
(b)	Tax Collector	13,953
(c)	Town Clerk	19,300
(d)	Election, Vital Statistics	4,053
(e)	Audit Town Books	12,700
(f)	Revaluation of Property	22,036
(g)	Legal Expenses	10,000
(h)	Planning Board	3,377
(i)	Zoning Board	500
(j)	Buildings & Grounds	32,117

(k)	Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	28,577
(l)	Insurance (Property/Liability)	54,000
(m)	Records Preservation	800
(n)	Spirit Committee	500
(o)	Police Department	211,856
(p)	Ambulance	21,780
(q)	Fire Department	67,400
(r)	Emergency Management	250
(s)	Septage	2,500
(t)	Recycling	45,753
(u)	Hazardous Waste	2,800
(v)	Human Services	23,346
(w)	Parks & CREA Land	6,000
(x)	Memorial Day	400
(y)	Conservation Commission	750
(z)	Interest Tax Anticipation Note	2,000
(za)	Library	52,080

(zb) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$845,079 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. It is anticipated that \$110,048 is to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges to offset this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of improvements to Class V Roads. This sum represents a portion of the unspent 2025 Highway Department budget and is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be added to the Conservation Commission Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 to be added to the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Cemetery Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500 to be added to the Fire Department SCBA Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,100 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum represents the proceeds from the sale of the 2009 International Dump Truck and is to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of the repair and restoration of the General Jonathan Chase ledgerstone and base located in Trinity Church Cemetery with said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise an appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to purchase a tractor mounted leaf and debris blower. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000 for the purpose of purchasing hose to equip Fire Department Engines. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,300 for the purpose of purchasing four mobile radios for the following Fire Department vehicles: Engine 1, Engine 2, Tanker Truck, and Utility Truck. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,200 for the purpose of purchasing 24 pairs of boots for the Fire Department. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 22: Shall the town modify the Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability in accordance with RSA 72:35 from a tax credit of \$1,400 per year to a tax credit of \$5,000 per year. (Majority vote required.)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants or timber proceeds for this purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Majority vote required.)

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the repair, maintenance and improvement of Trinity Church and its grounds, with said funds to come from the Trinity Church Special Revenue Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52-a. (Majority vote required.)

Article 26: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 27: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this XX day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Jason Bourne, Chair

Dillon Gallagher

Keith Beardslee

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SELECTMEN OF CORNISH