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Cornish
Report

★
OF THE
SELECTMEN AND
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

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For the year ending December 31, 2025

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NOTICE

DOG OWNERS:

- **All Dogs over three months of age must be licensed by May 1st.**
 - Failure to license subjects owners to a fine of \$25.00 plus \$1.00 per month after June 1st. It's the law.
 - Legal Rates: Male/ Female - \$9.00, Neutered/Spayed \$6.50
 - Owner over 65, \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
 - Five or more dogs qualify for a \$20.00 group license.
 - **State Law requires all dogs to be vaccinated against Rabies.**
 - Rabies certificates are required for licensing.
 - **New Hampshire RSA 466 - Owners are liable for free running dogs.**
- Penalties are severe.**

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATIONS:

The Town requires permits for new construction or exterior alterations to any building. If in doubt, check first with the Selectmen.

MUNICIPAL REMINDERS:

Deadlines:

Property Tax Abatements.....	December Billing to March 1
Current Use Applications.....	April 15
Exemption/Tax Credits.....	April 15
Property Tax Due Date.....	July 1 and December 1
Vehicle Registration.....	Birth Month of Applicant

Please be sure to let the Town Office know when you change your address.

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TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk – 3 years
Paula Harthan (2028)
Angela Bean, Deputy

Town Treasurer – 1 year
Heidi Jaarsma (2026)
William Caterino, Deputy

Moderator – 2 years
Gwyn Gallagher (2026)

Selectmen – 3 years
Keith Beardslee (2028)
Jason Bourne (2026)
Dillon Gallagher (2027)

Tax Collector – 1 year
Reigh Sweetser (2026)
Paula Harthan, Deputy

Sexton – 1 year
Michael Monette (2026)

Supervisors of Checklist – 6 years
Robin Monette (2028)
Hannah Darling (2030)
Cara Decato (2026)

Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 years
Jeff Proehl (2028)
Heather Meeks (2027)
Stephen Bobin (2026)

Trustees of George H Stowell Library – 3 years
Laura Cousineau (2027)
Marie De Rusha (2026)
Kathryn Patterson (2028)

General Assistance & Senior Resources -
1 year
Marie De Rusha (2026)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Highway Agent By Selectmen
position vacant

Fire Chief – by Selectmen – 3 years
Michael Boutilier (2027)

Police Officers – by Selectmen
Justin Vivian, Chief
Ethan Yazinski

Planning Board - by Selectmen – 3 years
Bill Lipfert, Chair (2027)
Everett Cass, Vice Chair (2026)
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary (2027)
Dillon Gallagher for Selectmen Ex Officio
Jonathan Glass (2028)
Gillian Goodwin (2027)
Kellie Patterson-Parry (2026)
Linda Rice, Alt (2026)

Zoning Board of Adjustment – by
Moderator – 3 years
Michael Fuerst, Chair (2028)
Kate Freeland, Vice Chair (2026)
Merilynn Bourne, Clerk (2028)
Kerry Osgood (2027)
Troy Simino (2026)
Karim Chichakly, Alt (2028)
David Haseman, Alt (2026)
Lyle Parry, Alt (2028)

Conservation Commission – by Selectmen
– 3 years
Glenn Griffin, Chair (2028)
Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Treasurer (2026)
Linda Leone, Secretary (2027)
Julie Foote (2026)
Cindy Heath (2026)
Reyer Jaarsma (2026)
Jody Schubert (2027)
David Haseman, Alt. (2028)
Rickey Poor, Alt (2027)
Bob Taylor, Alt. (2026),
Keith Beardslee for Select Board Rep.

(Appointed Officials, Cont.)

Finance Committee – by Moderator – 3 years

Ginger Atwater (2027)
Scott Baker (2026)
William Caterino (2028)
Everett Cass (2027)
Heidi Jaarsma Ex Officio
Lyle Parry (2026)

Town Forest Committee – by Selectmen

Virginia Prince, Chair
Jim Fitch
Reyer Jaarsma, Cons. Comm. Rep.
Jason Bourne, Selectman

Capital Equipment Committee – by Selectmen

Wayne Gray Scott Baker
Dan Flynn Richard Heim
Tom Spaulding Jim Fitch

Energy Committee – by Selectmen

Joanna Sharf (2025), Richard Thompson(2026), Mike Belanger (2027), Myron Kuhre (2027), Bill Schmidt (2027), Suzanne Hazeman, Alt (2027), Frank Parks, Alt (2027)

Wetlands Wildlife Committee-by

Selectmen Steve Wilkie
James Fitch Larry Duval

Ct. River Resource Committee – Local

River Subcommittee – by Selectmen
Colleen O’Neill

Overseers of Covered Bridges – by

Selectmen
Leo Maslan Richard Thompson

Surveyors of Wood, Bark & Lumber – 1 year

Jim Fitch Leo Maslan
Gwyn Gallagher Troy Simino
Bill Ladd Richard Thompson
Reyer Jaarsma

Emergency Office Liaison to 911– by

Selectmen
Dale Lawrence

Emergency Mgmt. Dir – by Selectmen

Dale Lawrence

Historic Building Committee – by Selectmen

Josh Cloud Heidi Jaarsma
Dillon Gallagher Richard Thompson

CREA Committee – By Selectmen

Wayne Gray, Fair Association
Corey Fitch, CCC
Larry Duval, Wetlands Wildlife Committee
Robert & Linda Rice, Cara Decato
E. Will Brown, Community Member
Jim Fitch, Wetlands Wildlife Committee

Spirit Committee – by Selectmen

Librarian – by Trustees of the Library

Deanna Fitch

Fence Viewers – 1 year

Henry Homeyer Leo Maslan

Bill Gallagher Richard Scheuer

Rob Jaarsma Richard Thompson

Bill Ladd Bill Wall

Hog Reeves – 1 year

Donald Amison Linda & John Hammond

Brian & Karla Meyette Fred Sullivan

Selectmen’s Special Agent – by Selectmen

Dillon Gallagher

Auditors – by Selectmen: Rowley & Associates

STATE APPOINTMENTS

Health Officer – Jeff Katchen

Forest Fire Warden – Mike Boutelier

Forest Fire Deputy Wardens Joel Kinney,
Leland Atwood, John Drye, Leo Maslan, Bill Harthan, Walter Scott, Gardner Cass, Scott Reuthe

**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 located at 294 Town House Road 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:

Article 1 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 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., 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 located at 274 Town House Road 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	64,900
(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	49,061

(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 \$4,000 for the purpose of the repair and restoration of the General Jonathan Chase ledger stone 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 paving projects and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the Paving Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of purchasing 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 \$15,040 for the purpose of purchasing hose to equip Fire Department vehicles. 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 Fire Department vehicles. 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 \$15,700 for the purpose of purchasing 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 optional 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 Sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six.

Jason Bourne, Chair
Dillon Gallagher
Keith Beardslee

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

SELECTMEN OF CORNISH

Minutes of the 258th Cornish Town Meeting
First Session: March 11, 2025

The official Ballot Session of Town Meeting was held on March 11, 2025, from 10:00am-7:00 pm at the Cornish Town Hall. Articles 1-4 were acted upon at that time.

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

Selectman (3 years).....	Keith Beardslee – 312 Mike
Belanger – 254	
Town Clerk (3 years)	Paula Harthan – 525
Treasurer (1 year).....	Heidi Jaarsma – 501
Tax Collector (1 year).....	Reigh Sweetser – 518
Trustees of the Trust Funds (3 years).....	Jeffrey Proehl – 487
Sexton (1 year).....	Michael Monette – 513
Office of General Welfare (1 year).....	Marie DeRusha – 494
Trustees of the Library (3 years).....	Kathryn Patterson – 327 Alicia Simino – 235

Zoning Amendments:

Article 2: Are you in favor of adopting the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 1, which amends the Zoning Ordinance to allow home-based child care by right in all zoning districts? Yes – 479, No – 61.

Article 3: Are you in favor of adopting the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 2, which amends the Zoning Ordinance to allow by Special Exception a Child Care Agency to operate as a principal use? Yes – 436, No – 83.

Article 4: Are you in favor of adopting the Planning Board’s Amendment No. 3, which amends the Zoning Ordinance to comply with recent changes in State law? Pursuant to House Bill 1400, which was signed into law on August 23, 2024, towns must comply with certain requirements as they relate to off-street parking spaces for residential developments. Specifically, towns cannot require more than 1.5 residential off street parking spaces for studio and one-bedroom units under 1,000 square feet that meet the requirements of workforce housing under RSA 674:58.IV. Yes – 445, No – 76.

SECOND SESION: MARCH 15,2025

The business portion of the Town Meeting was held on Saturday March 15, 2025, in the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium. Moderator Gwyn Gallagher called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Moderator Gallagher reviewed rules of order and began the meeting by introducing the Town Clerk, Paula Harthan, and Deputy Town Clerk, Angela Bean; Selectmen Dillon Gallagher, Jason Bourne and John Hammond; and the Supervisors of the Checklist, Robin Monette, Cara Decato, and Hannah Darling. Moderator Gallagher thanked Kevin Noble as the operator of the audio system and recording of the meeting.

Moderator Gallagher asked John Hammond to lead in the pledge of allegiance.

(a) Town Office	\$ 75,132
(b) Tax Collector	13,817
(c) Town Clerk	18,671
(d) Election, Vital Statistics	3,003
(e) Audit Town Books	12,100
(f) Revaluation of Property	21,636
(g) Legal Expenses	10,000
(h) Planning Board	3,377
(i) Zoning Board	500
(j) Buildings & Grounds	33,570
(k) Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	28,377
(l) Insurance (Property/Liability)	55,320
(m) Records Preservation	800
(n) Spirit Committee	500
(o) Police Department	217,884
(p) Ambulance	21,780
(q) Fire Department	56,500
(r) Emergency Management	250
(s) Septage	2,500
(t) Recycling	42,649
(u) Hazardous Waste	2,800
(v) Human Services	23,446
(w) Parks & CREA Land	6,000
(x) Memorial Day	400
(y) Conservation Commission	750
(z) Interest Tax Anticipation Note	2,000
(za) Library	41,547

Moderator Gallagher thanked the Cornish 8th grade for providing food for the meeting – a thank you from them to the town for all of their support raising money for their 7th/8th grade Galapagos Trip.

Moderator Gallagher notified the attendees of the meeting that they must be recognized by the Moderator before speaking and must direct all questions to him,

Article 5: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same. Moderator Gallagher asked the town to vote on a-za in one lump sum of \$609,309. John Hammond moved; Jason Bourne seconded.

(a) Jay Young was curious about the mapping line item. Dillon Gallagher clarified that is for the updated tax maps which get done every few years.

(a) Sue Cass asked for clarification on the cost of phone lines for the town office and town hall. Dillon Gallagher replied that is the cost of the phone service fees.

(k) Eric Tierney asked about the rise in costs. Dillon Gallagher reported that due to having to use outside resources (highway department) to maintain lots, it was written incorrectly last year. The current line item as written is a correct reflection of what it has actually been costing the town over the last couple of years (in past years, those additional costs were accounted for in the highway budget instead). John Hammond added that they are still interested in finding someone willing to mow the cemeteries in the summer if anyone has any leads.

(n) Nancy Roy asked what the spirit committee is, wanting to participate in it. Liz Gage is currently the chair and says the only current job has been to maintain the flower beds in the fire department. Sue Chandler gave some history, stating that it was started in the late 70's/early 80's to gather people to paint the town hall and save costs. The spirit committee is intended to help with the upkeep of minor tasks in town to help offset tax dollars, in addition to promoting citizen accountability in making our town a more beautiful place.

(o) This is Chief Doug Hackett's 39th year in the police department. Chief Hackett spoke to the challenges of finding and hiring fellow officers. He recalled the meeting of 2022, where the town agreed to hire a full time officer, resulting in the hiring of Officer Justin Vivian. Chief Hackett met with the board of selectmen prior to the meeting; they discussed that Sargeant Stevens will be retiring at the end of the year and Chief Hackett requested that the Board of Selectmen promote Officer Vivian to Lieutenant. Chief Hackett's intention is to serve as chief for one more year, then step-down, allowing office Vivian to take the mantle. Chief Hackett will remain on the force in a lesser capacity following that transition. Dillon proceeded to swear in Officer Justin Vivian as our new Lieutenant (at 10:28 a.m.). Officer Vivian thanked everyone for their presence and support. He followed up with a brief report of the ongoing activities of the

police force over the last year, as well as some things to note about the upcoming budget; some money was shifted to accommodate the succession plan of Officer Vivian taking over for Chief Hackett. Some updates to a vehicle computer and hours for extra patrolling over holidays and the summer break are reflected in the budget as well. Officer Vivian reports that there were less speed stops than last year, 11 reported thefts of political signs, and 2 burglars/break-ins. He added that anyone staying out of town for any period of time can request house checks by a member of the police department to minimize risk of burglary. Officer Vivian also encouraged the purchase of trail cameras for home protection. Justin said don't hesitate to call if you observe suspicious activity and to use 911 or the non-emergency line to do so (not the Facebook page). The Cornish Police Department is planning to put out newsletters and post them on the town website coming soon. Big thank you to the town for supporting and recognizing Doug Hackett, thanking him for his service to the town and wishing him a happy retirement.

(q) Mike Boutelier thanked the townspeople for their continued support and the members of the volunteer fire department for their dedication and teamwork. He mentioned that it is "burn permit time" and reminded everyone to call to have their burn piles checked before burning. Nancy Roy asked about how often their turn out gear needed to be replaced to make sure they are safe and up-to-date. Mike responded that 1-2 pieces of gear get replaced annually on a rotation schedule to avoid the use of expired equipment. Jason Bourne pointed out that the budget line that covers that equipment is titled "fire equipment" and it is adjusted regularly to reflect their current needs. Lois Fitts asked how many firefighters (certified) our department has. Mike says we currently have about 25, but he cannot recall the exact number of volunteers who are certified.

(t) Bill Wall stated that Plainfield has a garbage pickup every 2 weeks and that they should not be using our recycling center. He asked if we will issue stickers to town members to avoid the illegal use of our center, stating it does happen. Dillon Gallagher replied that Mike Monette reports he does not feel this service is being abused by people outside of town and therefore the selectboard does not feel that stickers are prudent at this time.

(p) Moderator Gallagher read a statement from the Rescue Squad President, Chris Chilton. Mr. Chilton wanted a sense of the meeting and said that the rescue squad owns their building, but not the land. George and Jill Edson are willing to donate 2 acres to the rescue squad. Chris asked if the town would support a warrant article for next year that would allow the squad to build on this 2-acre lot (against the current zoning regulations that call for a 5-acre lot) Moderator Gallagher called for a sense of the meeting to gauge support. Their operating budget is extremely tight and they are trying to work with what they can. Kate Freeland asked if this could be 2 votes - one to accept the gift of 2

acres, the other to build the addition. Chris said he was open to that - the goal being to get a permanent spot for the rescue squad. Michael Fuerst cautioned that there are established rules and procedures for the zoning board and planning board and that you would need a variance to allow building on 2 acres and it should be considered when voting. Liz Gage asked where the current training takes place - Chris said the small garage. Kieth Beardslee echoed what Mike Fuerst said - getting a variance would avoid setting a precedent. Moderator Gallagher called the sense of the meeting which showed unanimous support. John Hammond asked everyone to take a moment to remember Larry Dingee, who supported both groups, and is greatly missed.

(x) - Bill Caterino commented that Cornish does not typically follow the actual federal holiday and feels that it is compromising opportunities for the town celebrations. He asked for a sense of the meeting on who would like to hold it on the traditional day or the Monday that is federally recognized. John Hammond replied that Cornish is one of the few towns left to celebrate it on May 30th and when it was coming into question at another point in our town's history, several veterans came to the meeting and said, "we have it on the 30th". The sense of the meeting was to maintain the status quo.

(za)-Kathi Patterson asked people to review pages 64-67 that outline the financial reports and operating expenses and note the decrease in the request from last year. Gwyn Gallagher called a vote on the main motion, and the vote carried.

(zb) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$816,651 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. It is anticipated that \$115,802 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. Jason moved; Dillon Gallagher seconded.

Bill Caterino asked if Moderator Gallagher could include this article with article 6 and asked to increase it to \$980,490. Bill made the official motion to amend - Merilynn Bourne seconded. Everett Cass said they are separate for a reason and that it is important to vote on them separately so that a portion of road can be specified and rebuilt. He added that the town continues to not use road money allocated on a yearly basis which is why it always ends up in the fund balance. Bill Caterino replied that his concern with article 6 is that it is too general and could be spent on anything; by including it in the highway budget, it should be monitored more carefully and therefore there will be more accountability in its use. Steve Cutter said the \$163,000 is unspent money from last year and asked why it is not getting used. Everett Cass added that by keeping it separate, you can choose to not add those funds into the budget, and that the roads are so bad, the

town will need a private contractor. Caroline Storrs pointed to page 28, and said the unassigned fund balance (1.4 million) is a slush fund and is increasing significantly, asking why we aren't using it? John Hammond asked Wayne Gray for a plan. Wayne Gray spoke to the challenges of limited staffing, while also supporting the cemetery department. There is a plan to subcontract road repair efforts. Jason Bourne said that a good portion of the unused funds were meant for 5 FTE plus insurance and this past year, there were only 3 FTE, hence the extra money. He added that the selectmen continue to search for more employees. Heidi Jaarsma explained that fund balance is not a "slush fund" because it is not accessible at any point in time, but needs to be voted on. Fund balance also includes uncollected taxes. Ms. Jaarsma explained that the DRA recommends that a town carry a fund balance that is between 5-17% of its total operating budget. Under this budget the retained fund balance is approximately 16%, which is lower than last year. Meghan Hurley mentioned that last year there were estimates for culvert repairs and asked why they aren't getting taken. Dillon Gallagher replied that \$140,000 was spent on Jackson Rd and more will be paved this year as funds grow in the capital reserve and efforts are being made to catch up on paving. Heather Meeks referred back to Bill Caterino's request to combine the articles for more clarity and suggested we just edit the wording of article 6. Kate Freeland asked if the board could report on the temp road advisory committee. Dillon Gallagher answered that they assessed everything and the number one recommendation was to get an inventory and rating of assets; a list of needs and what has already been done. They provided a "model schedule" that still needs to be reviewed thoroughly. Dillon added that it is available on the town website for anyone who wants to see it. He also confirmed that subcontracting will be needed to address some needs, and pointed out that article 6 does state this is for Class V road improvements and will be tracked through the highway department budget. Tim Schad asked that the selectmen look at their report and use it as a guideline. Mike Belanger stated that the town voted on building that committee last March, but it wasn't formed until August and that the selectmen should be prioritizing this. Dillon said it was an advisory vote last year, not an official vote, and that the selectmen have been putting a lot of energy into taking care of the roads and their problems. Ginger Bulkeley said it's not just money, that there are several factors, including a significant amount of time. She stressed the need for town members to form a permanent road committee to alleviate the burden for selectmen to be the decision makers and manage this problem. Dillon ended the discussion by stating that the selectmen have begun to look at the report and plan to act as soon as the budget is passed.

Bill Caterino's amendment did not carry. Moderator Gallagher called for a vote on the original motion, and the vote carried.

Article 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 163,839 for improvements to Class V roads with said sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. This amount represents the unspent portion of the 2024 Highway Department budget. Jason Bourne moved, seconded by John Hammond, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 7: 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. Ricky Poor moved, Audrey Jacquier second, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 8: 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. Wayne Gray moved, Jason Bourne, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 9: 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. Mike Boutelier moved; David Haseman seconded. Vote was in the affirmative.

Article 10: 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. Doug Hacket moved, Nancy Newbold seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 11: 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. John Hammond moved, Dillon Gallagher seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 12: 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. Vote was in the affirmative.

Article 13: 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. Jan Lord moved, Bill Caterino seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 14: 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. Karim Chichakly moved; Sharon Atwood seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 15: 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. Karim Chichakly moved, Cheston Newbold seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 16: 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. Bill Caterino moved, Scott Sweet seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 17: 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. Mike Boutillier moved, Bill Harthan seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for the purchase of purchasing a new Pumper Truck with associated apparatus and equipment to replace the current Engine 2, and further to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase of a new Pumper Truck with associated apparatus and equipment is completed or by December 31, 2030, whichever is sooner. Bill Wall moved.

Dan Poor asked for the intent on missing “up to” in the re-reading of the article. Moderator Gallagher corrected himself, stating that yes it is up to \$ 500,000. Bill Wall asked for clarification. Heidi Jaarsma replied that if any grants are secured, it would offset that, hence the “up to”. Karim Chichakly seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article:19 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,940 for the purpose of improvements to the Cornish Meeting House to include painting and associated prep work, and further to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Jim Schubert moved. Troy Simino asked for an update on the clock. Sue Chandler answered that there are very few people capable of repairing the historic clock correctly, but someone should be coming to look at it in May. Parts have been made to fix it, but they want an expert to come assess it before it can be done. Caroline Storrs added that the man coming to look at it is from Concord and said she hopes he will be able to keep the appointment as he is hard to book. Bill Wall thanked Larry Powers for his care of the clock and commended his efforts to turn the gears and fix it. Shelly Brookings asked if the spirit committee could do the painting that is needed. She also wanted to give Wayne Gray a shout out for his hard work maintaining our

roads. Sue Chandler spoke to efforts to keep this “off of taxpayers”, but emphasized that the repairs need to be handled by an expert. Dillon Gallagher seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,100 for the purpose of flooring improvements to the Cornish Police Station with said sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. Nancy Newbold moved. Henry Homeyer seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,028 for the purpose of contracting Avitar Associates of New England, Inc., to host assessing data for the town of Cornish on Avitar’s Assessing Kiosk web site. Under this agreement, the web site will allow users to view virtually all the assessment data on the assessment cards without a user subscription. John Hammond moved; Jason Bourne seconded.

Jason Bourne said that there was a request made to the selectboard to make tax cards available online. This article’s intention is to see if the town wants that information to be available year-round, adding that it would be accessible to anyone. Bill Wall stated he thinks that “this it is wrong” to make everyone’s information so easily accessible. Ricky Poor asked if the tax maps would also be available. Jason could not verify that this would include that. Kevin Noble stated that UNH runs a website called “Granite View” that has an approximate mapping information for all NH cities and towns. He added that the tax records are public documents and that companies like Avatar can actually contract with a website like Zillow to also post that information. Kevin believes that this amendment would simply make that information easier to find, and is not putting any information out that is not already available elsewhere. Susan Chandler asked if tax card information was being published several years ago? John Hammond confirmed that is correct, but cannot recall the last time it was published. Kelsey Marvin asked if this is a one-time expense or annual subscription. Dillon Gallagher confirmed it would be an annual fee. Reigh Sweetser, tax collector, reminded everyone that they can always ask by email to request tax information instead of coming into the office. Susanne Haseman asked if there is any type of privacy. Dillon Gallagher answered “no”. Andrew Johnson stated he believes this is concerning because it gives specific information about the outlay of your house, making it more vulnerable to burgling. Lyle Parry mentioned that trying to do business in town can be difficult when trying to get this information and passing this article would make that a lot easier. Mary Chamberlain added that, as a real estate agent, she still needs to go down to the office to confirm information and recommended leaving our system as is. Cathy Parks stated that any public information is limited with the current system in place and wants to keep it that way. Moderator Gallagher called the vote. The motion did not carry.

Article 22: To see if the town will vote to adopt the Cornish Community Power plan, to authorize the Select Board to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Cornish Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. Joanna Sharff made a request to pass over this article and read a statement. Jason Bourne moved. John Hammond seconded, and the vote to pass over was in the affirmative.

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. Bill Caterino moved, Cathy Parks seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

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. Karim Chichakly moved, Cheston Newbold seconded and the motion was in the affirmative.

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. The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Cathy Parks moved, Karim Chichakly seconded and the motion was in the affirmative.

Article 26: By petition, to see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote on, which occurred at the March 18, 2023 Cornish, New Hampshire Town Meeting, of Article 6, to accept as a gift under RSA 31:19 and RSA 202-A the donation by the Cornish Community Initiative of the real estate known as the Cornish General Store (Tax Map 18, Lots 6 & 38), with a new completed library building thereon, subject to the conditions outlined in the 2023 warrant article. The article was moved and seconded.

Cathy Parks proposed to call the vote, stating everyone knows how they want to vote. Moderator Gallagher replied that people wanted to talk and he would let them. Dan Poor read a letter. Cathy Parks said there are a lot of people in this room watching their taxes go up and believes that this will add another tax burden. She added if the building is sold, it will pay taxes, but the town cannot support this gift. Alicia Simino said that we did not know the need of the school in 2023 and that the money is not there to support this new building. Ms. Simino referred to the elderly people in town that will have to move if the taxes increase.

Merilyn Bourne said she appreciates the need to save money and believes that this is exactly what the new center will do. Ms. Bourne continued to say that the new center would have an annual cost of 60,000/year; congruent with the current building's costs. She added that in contrast, to bring the Stowell into compliance, it would cost over 1 million dollars. Kieth Beardslee said the selectmen requested information from town counsel and asked for that to be addressed. Jason Bourne asked Matthew Decker, Cornish's town counsel, to speak on the question and added that there is a memo on the town's website. Mathew Decker addressed that town, stating that the 2025 petitioned warrant article had to be honored and that the 2023 vote is non-binding because current town meetings cannot bind future ones. Furthermore, he added that town meetings have the authority to rescind prior votes as long as nothing has been encumbered by a contractual obligation. Matthew stated that he does not believe that a binding contract (a gift is not a contract) has been made, but if a gift-giver begins the preparation to give the gift that the receiver originally stated they wanted, that could be conceived as a consideration of contract. In this case, the town could be held accountable for the costs the CCI has incurred to raise the money they have done so far. Matthew said he believes that this is a gray area and voting yes will create legal uncertainty, which can be expensive and should be considered. Lois Fitts read a letter asking the town to set aside their differences in regards to this issue once the vote has been passed. Nicole Butler stated that some of the information on the flyers being mailed out is not true and wanted others to be aware. She added that she believes that the agreement has been made and asked the town if they want to pay for a lawsuit. John Glass asked Mathew Decker if the action of the CCI requesting that the town give up a portion of its right of way on Stage Road. Matthew replied that there is an element of reliance on the town's part in that agreement, therefore they could argue that CCI cannot back out of the gift, not the other way round. Henry Homeyer said it is important to remember that every year we vote on the library's budget, and that it usually goes through without issue due to a sizable number of volunteers; he believes this will continue to be the case. Henry recalled a previous retired clerk not being able to access our current library because she could not use the stairs and asked the town to consider the principles of what this community wants - "Let's work together and remember the values of this community". Jan Killfeather-Mackey said she believes this is an incredible town and is scared that not having this new library will limit this town's ability to encourage community engagement and interacting with each other. Sue Cass asked for an update on the amount of parking spaces available, saying she is concerned about the safety of that road being crowded with vehicles. She also asked what would happen to the Stowell fund. Susan Chandler said she feels that supporting this vote calls into question the validity of any vote the town of Cornish makes, and added that the 2023 vote was a vote in good faith. She addressed that town stating that the CCI has been working hard to make this new building a reality and that voting yes will remove that sense of

good faith amongst townsmen. Sue said that volunteers keep this town running and are willing to continue to do so; she listed several examples of the town supporting prior projects that avoid burdening the taxpayers. Sue further suggested that the money that has been secured will not be easily given back and will create future problems and efforts to raise money. Penny Hull expressed concern that Claremont's Community Center was supposed to be a "gift", but costs Claremont a lot of money in taxes and does not feel it was as it was advertised, believing that this will be similar.

Moderator Gallagher called the vote, stating it would be done by paper ballot. The yes votes tallied 187, and the no votes tallied 245. The vote did not carry. Dan Poor moved to restrict reconsideration; Jason Bourne seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative

Article 27: By petition, to see if the Town will vote to alter the Cornish Conservation Commission Bylaws by removing wording not authorized by RSA 36-A and which only serves to promote an elitist clique among the membership. The article outlined sections to be removed. The article was moved and seconded.

Bryan Meyette was invited to speak to this article and stated that the selectmen should be in charge of who is appointed to the conservation commission, by law. Kathi Patterson proposed that "and which only serves to promote an elitist clique" be removed from the amendment. Jean Proehl seconded the motion. The motion to amend was voted in the affirmative. Jason Bourne asked Matthew Decker to speak as the town's legal counsel again. Matthew stated this article would be for advisory purposes only and that the conservation commission would still be the master of its own by-laws. Mathew recommended against passing it. Glenn Griffin stated that he feels this article is unwarranted and does not support its passage. The vote was in the negative

Article 28: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

Spirit Committee : Liz Gage and Nancy Roy

Nancy Roy thanked Heidi Jaarsma for doing a great job putting the town report book together.

Heather Meeks said that back in 2017 Peter Burling had established to set up trust funds for school and Trinity Church. She announced that Mr. Burling had donated additional moneys to the Trinity Church trust fund. Ms. Meeks also discussed the Mercer Trust Fund that is available to anyone who wants to

participate in post-secondary education, not just new high school grads. Brad Bonneau said the tax rate has gone up 80% and people should be looking closer at the budget and that he feels we need to “tighten down” in upcoming years. Lois Fitts said the town budget is not the problem, it's the school, but even much that is beyond the town's control. Bill Palmer added that this is not a town issue, this is a state issue, and it is only going to get worse. He recommended everyone bring their issues to Concord.

Surveyors of the Wood, Bark & Lumber: Jim Fitch, Gwyn Gallagher, Reyer Jaarsma, Bill Ladd, Leo Maslan, Troy Simino, Richard Thompson

Fence Viewers: Dillon Gallagher moved to keep the same slate: Bill Gallagher, Henry Homeyer, Leo Maslan, Richard Thompson, Richard Scheuer, Robert Jaarsma, Bill Ladd, Bill Wall.

Hog Reeves: John and Linda Hammond, Fred Sullivan, Brian and Karla Meyette, Donald Amison.

Article 29: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting: No other business. The meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Harthan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Paula Harthan
Cornish Town Clerk

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

	December 2024	December 2025
ASSETS		
Cash & Short Term Investments	3,543,464	3,772,642
Petty Cash	250	250
Due from Capital Reserve Funds	107,103	0
Due from State of NH	35,616	11,445
Uncollected Property Taxes	233,236	226,583
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	0	4,200
Uncollected Yield Taxes	0	583
Unredeemed Taxes	45,986	64,444
Allowance for Refunds and Abatements	(56,914)	(51,153)
Deeded Property Held for Resale	10,703	10,815
TOTAL ASSETS	3,919,444	4,039,809
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Deposit Escrow	3,023	3,623
Due to School District	1,983,207	2,260,269
Due to Conservation Fund	0	3,354
Due to Town Forest	1,225	1,225
Due to Trinity Church SRF	2,880	2,666
Due to CREA Barn Fund	381	381
Unanticipated Revenue	5,849	2,017
Citizens Bank Mastercard	149	190
LFRF Program	96,184	20,457
Bridge Grant	119,937	0
Add'l Highway Block Grant	113,147	113,147
Health Insurance Withholding	1,840	4,150
Retirement Withholding	7,700	6,905
Deferred Tax Revenue	1,174	331
Due to CREA	1,750	0
Reserve for Deeded Property	10,703	10,815
Fund Balance:		
Assigned: Reserved for Encumbrances	137,853	0
Unassigned:	1,432,342	1,610,279
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	3,919,344	4,039,809

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	2025 Final Approp	2025 Actual Expend	2025 Over (Under)	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
(a) TOWN OFFICE						
Salaries	38,000	36,684	(1,316)	40,000	2,000	5.3%
Salaries - Part Time	7,100	8,020	920	8,500	1,400	19.7%
Salary - Treasurer	4,000	4,000	0	6,000	2,000	50.0%
Salary - Dep Treas	100	100	0	100	0	0.0%
FICA	3,050	3,026	(24)	3,390	340	11.1%
Medicare	713	708	(5)	795	82	11.5%
Medical Ins. - Town	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Advertising	250	0	(250)	250	0	0.0%
Memberships	1,600	20	(1,580)	1,600	0	0.0%
Postage	1,450	32	(1,418)	1,000	(450)	-31.0%
Software Leases	5,950	5,006	(944)	5,950	0	0.0%
Copier Lease	1,100	1,023	(77)	1,100	0	0.0%
Mapping	3,819	3,819	0	0	(3,819)	-100.0%
Computer Expense	800	1,556	756	800	0	0.0%
Office Supplies	1,000	1,486	486	1,000	0	0.0%
Town Report	1,800	1,989	189	2,300	500	27.8%
Mileage	3,250	2,326	(924)	3,250	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	250	150	(100)	250	0	0.0%
Registry of Deeds	100	118	18	100	0	0.0%
Web Site	600	287	(313)	600	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	200	1,827	1,627	200	0	0.0%
TOTAL	75,132	72,176	(2,956)	77,185	2,053	2.7%
(b) TAX COLLECTOR						
Salary	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0	0.0%
Salary - Dep Tax Coll.	600	600	0	600	0	0.0%
FICA	500	451	(49)	470	(30)	-6.0%
Medicare	120	105	(15)	120	0	0.0%
Memberships	25	20	(5)	25	0	0.0%
Postage	1,650	1,650	0	1,650	0	0.0%
Software Leases	2,537	2,537	0	2,648	111	4.4%
Computer Expense	300	0	(300)	300	0	0.0%
Office supplies	425	540	115	500	75	17.6%
Mileage	260	336	76	340	80	30.8%
Training & Education	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Tax Coll Fees & Liens	1,100	670	(430)	1,000	(100)	-9.1%
Registry of Deeds	200	110	(90)	200	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
TOTAL	13,817	13,019	(798)	13,953	136	1.0%

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(c) TOWN CLERK						
Salary - Clerk	1,800	1,800	0	1800	0	0.0%
Salary - Dep Clerk	1,200	1,200	0	1200	0	0.0%
FICA	1,000	1,196	196	1000	0	0.0%
Medicare	250	280	30	250	0	0.0%
Memberships	40	40	0	40	0	0.0%
Postage	800	800	0	1,200	400	50.0%
Software Leases	3,581	3,581	0	3,760	179	5.0%
Computer Expense	250	0	(250)	250	0	0.0%
Office Supplies	800	975	175	850	50	6.3%
Dog Licenses	160	253	93	160	0	0.0%
Mileage	900	832	(68)	900	0	0.0%
Training & Education	200	175	(25)	200	0	0.0%
State Fees - Marriage	10	43	33	10	0	0.0%
Veh Reg. Fees	7,550	7,568	18	7,550	0	0.0%
Marriage Lic. Fees	20	14	(6)	20	0	0.0%
Title Fees	20	(4)	(24)	20	0	0.0%
Wetland Fees	20	(105)	(125)	20	0	0.0%
Validation Fee	20	(155)	(175)	20	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	50	200	150	50	0	0.0%
TOTAL	18,671	18,692	21	19,300	629	3.4%
(d) ELECTIONS						
Salaries	2,000	743	(1,257)	2,500	500	25.0%
FICA	124	35	(89)	124	0	0.0%
Medicare	29	8	(21)	29	0	0.0%
Advertising	100	0	(100)	100	0	0.0%
Postage	100	0	(100)	100	0	0.0%
Office Supplies	100	145	45	100	0	0.0%
Election Expense	100	751	651	650	550	550.0%
Mileage	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Vitals-State Fees	300	(23)	(323)	300	0	0.0%
Vitals-Town Clerk Fees	50	(7)	(57)	50	0	0.0%
TOTAL	3,003	1,652	(1,351)	4,053	1,050	35.0%
(e) AUDIT						
Town Audit	12,100	12,300	200	12,700	600	5.0%
TOTAL	12,100	12,300	200	12,700	600	5.0%
(f) REVALUATION						
Appraisal Fees	21,636	22,053	417	22,036	400	1.8%
TOTAL	21,636	22,053	417	22,036	400	1.8%

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(g) LEGAL						
Legal Expense	10,000	8,898	(1,102)	10,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL	10,000	8,898	(1,102)	10,000	0	0.0%
(h) PLANNING BOARD						
Salaries	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0	0.0%
FICA	93	93	0	93	0	0.0%
Medicare	22	22	(0)	22	0	0.0%
Advertising	662	0	(662)	662	0	0.0%
Postage	600	323	(277)	600	0	0.0%
Mileage	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	150	0	(150)	150	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	300	20	(280)	300	0	0.0%
TOTAL	3,377	1,957	(1,420)	3,377	0	0.0%
(i) ZONING BOARD						
Salaries	150	0	(150)	150	0	0.0%
FICA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Medicare	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Advertising	125	599	474	125	0	0.0%
Postage	175	0	(175)	175	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	500	599	99	500	0	0.0%
(j) BUILDINGS & GROUNDS						
Salaries & Wages FT	0	0	0		0	n/a
Salaries - PT	6,000	2,830	(3,170)	4,000	(2,000)	n/a
FICA	372	175	(197)	248	(124)	-33.3%
Medicare	87	41	(46)	58	(29)	-33.3%
Phone - TO & TH	3,505	3,923	418	3,505	0	0.0%
Internet - Town Office & TH	3,046	2,596	(450)	3,046	0	0.0%
Electric - Town Office	2,000	1,460	(540)	2,000	0	0.0%
Electric - Town Hall	3,000	3,280	280	3,000	0	0.0%
Electric - Meeting House	360	439	79	360	0	n/a
Heat - Town Office	4,500	3,427	(1,073)	4,500	0	0.0%
Heat - Town Hall	2,250	1,380	(870)	2,250	0	0.0%
Hired Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Trash	600	941	341	800	200	33.3%
Misc Expense	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Maint- Town Office	3,100	4,623	1,523	3,100	0	0.0%
Maint-Town Hall	2,500	7,414	4,914	3,000	500	20.0%
Cleaning - Town Hall	2,000	1,271	(729)	2,000	0	0.0%
Maintenance Supplies	200	154	(46)	200	0	0.0%
TOTAL	33,570	33,952	382	32,117	(1,453)	-4.3%

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	2025 Final Approp	2025 Actual Expend	2025 Over (Under)	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
(k) CEMETERIES						
Salaries FT	0		0		0	N/A
Salaries PT	18,000	15,561	(2,439)	18,000	0	0.0%
FICA	1,116	965	(151)	1,116	0	0.0%
Medicare	261	226	(35)	261	0	0.0%
Tools	1,000	1,496	496	1,000	0	0.0%
Gasoline	600	1,001	401	800	200	33.3%
Diesel	600	630	30	600	0	0.0%
Hired Equipment	3,000	0	(3,000)	3,000	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	75	0	(75)	75	0	0.0%
Cemetery Vehicle	500	0	(500)	500	0	0.0%
Equipment Repair	425	953	528	425	0	0.0%
Maintenance Supplies	600	168	(432)	600	0	0.0%
Perpetual Care	2,000	1,500	(500)	2,000	0	0.0%
Burial Expenses	200	0	(200)	200	0	0.0%
TOTAL	28,377	22,500	(5,877)	28,577	200	0.7%
(l) INSURANCE						
All Non-medical	55,320	55,320	0	54,000	(1,320)	-2.4%
TOTAL	55,320	55,320	0	54,000	(1,320)	-2.4%
(m) TOWN RECORDS						
Records Preservation	800	0	(800)	800	0	0.0%
TOTAL	800	0	(800)	800	0	0.0%
(n) SPIRIT COMMITTEE						
Spirit Project	500	0	(500)	500	0	0.0%
TOTAL	500	0	(500)	500	0	0.0%

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	2025 Final Approp	2025 Actual Expend	2025 Over (Under)	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
(o) POLICE DEPARTMENT						
Salaries & Wages	76,890	77,449	559	87,360	10,470	13.6%
Salaries & Wages P.T.	31,930	12,526	(19,404)	13,000	(18,930)	-59.3%
Salaries & Wages OT	2,500	3,699	1,199	5,000	2,500	100.0%
Salaries & Wages OT Grant	8,500	362	(8,138)	3,990	(4,510)	-53.1%
Salaries - Special	18,000	19,882	1,882	20,000	2,000	11.1%
FICA	3,038	1,754	(1,284)	2,046	(992)	-32.7%
Medicare	1,862	1,652	(210)	1,818	(44)	-2.4%
Retirement - Town Portion	24,833	25,285	452	28,890	4,057	16.3%
Medical Ins - Town Portion	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.0%
Postage	30	1	(29)	30	0	0.0%
Computer Expense	2,500	4,331	1,831	2,500	0	0.0%
Office Supplies	900	866	(34)	900	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	1,000	811	(189)	1,000	0	0.0%
Telephone	4,108	3,855	(253)	4,108	0	0.0%
Internet	1,079	1,178	99	1,079	0	0.0%
Heat	1,750	1,055	(695)	1,750	0	0.0%
Uniforms	1,250	1,167	(83)	700	(550)	-44.0%
Equipment	750	1,169	419	750	0	0.0%
Dispatch	13,455	13,210	(245)	13,606	151	1.1%
Gasoline	5,280	4,017	(1,263)	5,000	(280)	-5.3%
Contracted Services	13,129	12,828	(301)	13,229	100	0.8%
Misc Expense	50	350	300	50	0	0.0%
Equipment Repair	300	150	(150)	300	0	0.0%
Radios	350	0	(350)	350	0	0.0%
Building Maintenance	900	2,222	1,322	900	0	0.0%
Vehicle Maintenance	2,500	3,419	919	2,500	0	0.0%
TOTAL	217,884	194,238	(23,646)	211,856	(6,028)	-2.8%
(p) AMBULANCE						
Windsor	12,180	4,669	(7,511)	12,180	0	0.0%
Golden Cross	9,600	9,600	0	9,600	0	0.0%
TOTAL	21,780	14,269	(7,511)	21,780	0	0.0%

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	2025 Final Approp	2025 Actual Expend	2025 Over (Under)	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
(q) FIRE DEPARTMENT						
Memberships	600	218	(382)	0	(600)	-100.0%
Mileage	500	0	(500)	0	(500)	-100.0%
Training & Educ	1,000	450	(550)	1,000	0	0.0%
Telephone	2,000	2,293	293	2,500	500	25.0%
Internet	1,500	1,205	(295)	1,500	0	0.0%
Electricity-Route 120	1,400	1,131	(269)	1,400	0	0.0%
Electricity-Town House	2,000	2,028	28	2,100	100	5.0%
Heat-Route 120	3,500	3,333	(167)	3,500	0	0.0%
Heat-Town House	2,500	2,089	(411)	2,500	0	0.0%
Fire Equipment	6,102	10,779	4,677	5,000	(1,102)	-18.1%
Pagers	600	0	(600)	0	(600)	-100.0%
PPE	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	N/A
Pagers & Radios	0	0	0	2,500	2,500	N/A
Hose	1,000	2,304	1,304	2,000	1,000	100.0%
Forest Fire	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0.0%
Dispatch	14,898	17,084	2,186	17,500	2,602	17.5%
Gasoline	600	138	(462)	400	(200)	-33.3%
Diesel	2,500	1,544	(956)	2,200	(300)	-12.0%
Misc Expense	200	134	(66)	0	(200)	-100.0%
Equipment Repair	1,000	1,054	54	0	(1,000)	-100.0%
Radios	3,500	448	(3,052)	0	(3,500)	-100.0%
Maintenance-Sta 1	2,000	144	(1,856)	2,000	0	0.0%
Maintenance-Sta 2	2,000	6,090	4,090	2,000	0	0.0%
Engine 1	800	2,267	1,467	1,000	200	25.0%
Engine 2	2,000	807	(1,193)	2,000	0	0.0%
Tanker	1,200	882	(318)	1,200	0	0.0%
Engine 3	800	30	(770)	800	0	0.0%
Utility Truck	800	707	(93)	800	0	0.0%
SCBA	500	0	(500)	0	(500)	-100.0%
TOTAL	56,500	57,159	659	64,900	8,400	14.9%
(r) EMERGENCY MGT.						
	250	0	(250)	250	0	0.0%
TOTAL	250	0	(250)	250	0	0.0%

	2025 Final Approp	2025 Actual Expend	2025 Over (Under)	2026 Proposed Budget	2026 Increase (Decrease)	% Inc (Dec)
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT						
Salaries	238,659	198,019	(40,640)	258,960	20,301	8.5%
Salaries-Part Time	28,867	34,720	5,853	2,000	(26,867)	-93.1%
Salaries-Overtime	37,000	18,167	(18,833)	40,139	3,139	8.5%
FICA	17,230	15,556	(1,674)	18,668	1,438	8.3%
Medicare	4,030	3,638	(392)	4,380	350	8.7%
Retirement	36,224	28,070	(8,154)	38,135	1,911	5.3%
Medical Ins -Town	132,267	59,587	(72,680)	136,857	4,590	3.5%
CDL Random Screening	750	773	23	1,000	250	33.3%
Advertising	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	800	1,360	560	1,500	700	87.5%
Telephone	1,400	1,648	248	1,650	250	17.9%
Internet	1,400	1,854	454	1,850	450	32.1%
Electricity	4,900	4,619	(281)	4,900	0	0.0%
Heat	3,000	2,911	(89)	3,000	0	0.0%
Uniforms	3,824	0	(3,824)	3,240	(584)	-15.3%
PPE	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	N/A
Permits/Engineering	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0.0%
Gasoline	4,500	1,613	(2,887)	3,500	(1,000)	-22.2%
Diesel	28,000	21,699	(6,301)	28,000	0	0.0%
Oil & Lubricants	3,500	2,371	(1,129)	3,500	0	0.0%
Cold Patch	5,000	2,114	(2,886)	3,500	(1,500)	-30.0%
Gravel	75,000	46,707	(28,293)	80,000	5,000	6.7%
Sand	72,000	0	(72,000)	90,000	18,000	25.0%
Salt	10,000	8,668	(1,332)	10,000	0	0.0%
Culverts	6,000	10,172	4,172	10,000	4,000	66.7%
Guard Rails	500	0	(500)	500	0	0.0%
Road Supplies/Bridge	3,000	5,920	2,920	6,000	3,000	100.0%
Shop Supplies	5,000	7,484	2,484	7,500	2,500	50.0%
Hired Equipment	40,000	45,182	5,182	20,000	(20,000)	-50.0%
Rubbish/Tire Removal	1,200	1,011	(189)	1,200	0	0.0%
Plows,Chains,Blades	12,000	8,358	(3,642)	12,000	0	0.0%
Sanders	2,000	4,254	2,254	4,000	2,000	100.0%
2002 Truck	3,500	4,691	1,191	3,500	0	0.0%
2002 Grader	3,000	9,141	6,141	5,000	2,000	66.7%
Sweeper	100	0	(100)	100	0	0.0%
2015 Ford F350	1,500	2,339	839	2,000	500	33.3%
Kubota Tractor	3,000	1,528	(1,472)	3,000	0	0.0%
Backhoe	1,500	1,061	(439)	2,500	1,000	66.7%
Vibratory Roller	1,500	243	(1,257)	1,000	(500)	-33.3%
Chipper	500	768	268	500	0	0.0%
2017 International	3,000	18,970	15,970	5,000	2,000	66.7%
2017 Case Loader	4,000	1,852	(2,148)	4,000	0	0.0%
2020 F550	3,000	14,861	11,861	7,000	4,000	133.3%
Radios	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0.0%
Building Maintenance	7,500	4,079	(3,421)	7,500	0	0.0%
New Holland Tractor	500	2,658	2,158	1,000	500	100.0%
2014 Ford Explorer	1,000	675	(325)	1,000	0	0.0%
2024 Dump Truck	2,000	971	(1,029)	2,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL	816,651	600,308	(216,343)	845,079	28,428	3.5%

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SANITATION						
(s) Septage	2,500	2,460	(40)	2,500	0	0.0%
(t) Recycling						
Salaries	21,040	22,233	1,193	22,900	1,860	8.8%
FICA	1,304	1,378	74	1,420	116	8.9%
Medicare	305	322	17	333	28	9.2%
Mileage	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
Training & Education	500	616	116	500	0	0.0%
Trucking	8,000	6,789	(1,211)	8,000	0	0.0%
Tipping Fees	8,500	7,386	(1,114)	8,500	0	0.0%
Property Maintenance	1,000	64	(936)	1,000	0	0.0%
Porta Potty	1,500	1,680	180	1,500	0	0.0%
Recycling Expenses	500	1,684	1,184	1,600	1,100	220.0%
	42,649	42,153	(496)	45,753	3,104	7.3%
(u) Hazardous Waste	2,800	1,346	(1,454)	2,800	0	0.0%
(v) HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES						
Rescue Squad	7,900	7,900	0	7,900	0	0.0%
Animal Control	500	445	(55)	500	0	0.0%
VNA & Hospice	1,750	0	(1,750)	1,750	0	0.0%
SW Comm Serv	816	816	0	816	0	0.0%
Volunteers in Action	500	0	(500)	400	(100)	-20.0%
West Central Services	2,230	2,230	0	2,230	0	0.0%
Lake Sunapee Region VNA	1,750	1,750	0	1,750	0	N/A
Sullivan Cty Nutrition	500	500	0	500	0	0.0%
General Assistance	7,500	5,034	(2,466)	7,500	0	0.0%
TOTAL	23,446	18,675	(4,771)	23,346	(100)	-0.4%
COMMUNITY & RECREATION						
(w) Parks & CREA Lands	6,000	5,950	(50)	6,000	0	0.0%
(x) Memorial Day	400	272	(128)	400	0	0.0%
TOTAL	6,400	6,222	(178)	6,400	0	0.0%
(y) CONSERVATION						
Conservation Comm	750	750	0	750	0	0.0%
(z) INTEREST						
Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL	1,470,413	1,200,699	(269,714)	1,506,512	36,099	2.5%

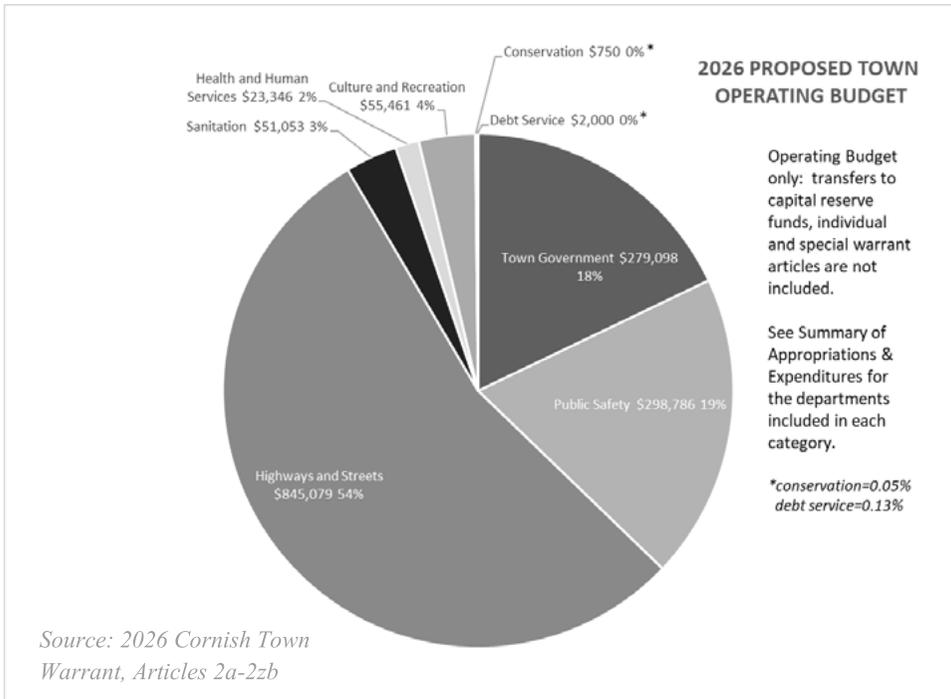
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	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026
	Final	Actual	Over	Proposed	Increase
	Approp	Expend	(Under)	Budget	(Decrease)
TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Town Office	75,132	72,176	(2,956)	77,185	2,053
Tax Collector	13,817	13,019	(798)	13,953	136
Town Clerk	18,671	18,692	21	19,300	629
Elections	3,003	1,652	(1,351)	4,053	1,050
Audit	12,100	12,300	200	12,700	600
Appraisal Fees	21,636	22,053	417	22,036	400
Legal	10,000	8,898	(1,102)	10,000	0
Planning Board	3,377	1,957	(1,420)	3,377	0
Zoning Board	500	599	99	500	0
Buildings	33,570	33,952	382	32,117	(1,453)
Cemeteries	28,377	22,500	(5,877)	28,577	200
Insurance	55,320	55,320	0	54,000	(1,320)
Records Preservation	800	0	(800)	800	0
Spirit Comm	500	0	(500)	500	0
TOTAL	276,803	263,118	(13,685)	279,098	2,295
PUBLIC SAFETY					
Police Dept	217,884	194,238	(23,646)	211,856	(6,028)
Ambulance	21,780	14,269	(7,511)	21,780	0
Fire Dept	56,500	57,159	659	64,900	8,400
Emergency Mgmt	250	0	(250)	250	0
TOTAL	296,414	265,666	(30,748)	298,786	2,372
HIGHWAY DEPT					
Class V Roads - Art.5zb	816,651	600,308	(216,343)	845,079	28,428
TOTAL	816,651	600,308	(216,343)	845,079	28,428
SANITATION					
Septage	2,500	2,460	(40)	2,500	0
Recycling	42,649	42,153	(496)	45,753	3,104
Hazardous Waste	2,800	1,346	(1,454)	2,800	0
TOTAL	47,949	45,959	(1,990)	51,053	3,104

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	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026	
	Final	Actual	Over	Proposed	Increase	
	Approp	Expend	(Under)	Budget	(Decrease)	
HEALTH and						
HUMAN SERVICES	23,446	18,675	(4,771)	23,346	(100)	
TOTAL	23,446	18,675	(4,771)	23,346	(100)	
COMMUNITY & RECREATION						
Parks & CREA Land	6,000	5,950	(50)	6,000	0	
Memorial Day	400	272	(128)	400	0	
TOTAL	6,400	6,222	(178)	6,400	0	
CONSERVATION						
Conservation Comm	750	750	0	750	0	
TOTAL	750	750	0	750	0	
INTEREST						
Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0	
TOTAL	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0	
OPERATING TRANSFERS (Article numbering: 2025 Warrant/2026 Warrant)						
Library Fund - Art. 5za/Art. 2za	41,547	41,547	0	49,061	7,514	
Conservation - Art. 7/Art. 4	4,500	4,500	0	4,500	0	
Highway Capital - Art. 8/Art. 5	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	0	
Fire Capital - Art.9/Art. 6	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0	
Police Capital - Art.10/Art. 7	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	
Appraisal Capital - Art. 11/Art. 8	12,500	12,500	0	12,500	0	
Library Capital - Art. 12/Art. 9	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0	
Bridge Capital - Art.13/Art. 10	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0	
Capital Bldg Maint - Art.14/Art. 11	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0	
Cemetery Capital - Art. 15/Art. 12	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0	
Paving Capital - Art. 16/Art. 13	125,000	125,000	0	125,000	0	
FD SCBA Equip.-Art.17/Art.14	8,500	8,500	0	8,500	0	
TOTAL	368,047	368,047	0	375,561	7,514	
TOTAL before ART.	1,838,460	1,568,746	(269,714)	1,882,073	43,613	2.4%

	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026	
	Final	Actual	Over	Proposed	Increase	
	Approp	Expend	(Under)	Budget	(Decrease)	
ARTICLES						
Art. 17, 2024 - Bridge Repair	107,103	105,540	(1,563)	0	(107,103)	
Art. 20, 2024 - Fire Station	16,718	16,718	0	0	(16,718)	
Art. 21, 2024 - Generator	14,032	13,801	(232)	0	(14,032)	
Art. 6, 2025 - Class V Rd Imp	163,839	8,696	(155,143)	0	(163,839)	
Art. 18, 2025 - Pumper Truck	500,000	0	(500,000)	0	(500,000)	
Art. 19, 2025 - Meetinghouse	23,940	23,940	0	0	(23,940)	
Art. 20, 2025 - Police Station Floor	8,100	7,900	(200)	0	(8,100)	
Art. 21, 2025 - Assessing Kiosk	2,028	0	(2,028)	0	(2,028)	
Art. 23, 2025 - Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	0	(1,500)	
Art. 24, 2025 - Trinity Church	1,500	214	(1,286)	0	(1,500)	
Art. 3, 2026 - Class V Rd Imp	0	0	0	150,000	150,000	
Art. 15, 2026 - Truck Proceeds to CRF	0	0	0	8,100	8,100	
Art. 16,2026 - Chase Stone Repair	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	
Art. 17, 2026 - Paving	0	0	0	200,000	200,000	
Art. 18, 2026 - Highway Blower	0	0	0	9,000	9,000	
Art. 19, 2026 - FD Hose Purchase	0	0	0	15,040	15,040	
Art. 20, 2026 - FD Mobile Radios	0	0	0	17,300	17,300	
Art. 21, 2026 - FD Boot Purchase	0	0	0	15,700	15,700	
Art. 23, 2026 - Town Forest	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	
Art. 24, 2026 - Trinity Church	0	0	0	1,500	1,500	
Less Special Rev and Town Forest	0	(214)	(214)	0	0	
TOTAL ARTICLES	838,760	176,595	(662,165)	422,140	(416,620)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,677,220	1,745,340	(931,880)	2,304,213	(373,007)	-13.9%



SALARIES AND WAGES 2025

	Hours	2025 Wage	
TOWN OFFICE			
Bourne, Jason		\$2,692.50	Selectboard Chair
Gallagher, Dillon		2,643.50	Selectman
Beardslee, Keith		1,691.50	Selectman
Curtis, Mary		31,703.49	Administrative Asst
Hammond, John		992.50	Selectman
Harthan, Paula		13,662.50	Town Clerk
		600.00	Deputy Tax Collect
Bean, Angela		6,113.00	Deputy Town Clerk
Jaarsma, Heidi		4,000.00	Treasurer
		1,500.00	Planning Board
		4,980.04	Assistant
Caterino, William		100.00	Deputy Treasurer
Sweetser, Reigh		6,670.00	Tax Collector
CEMETERIES			
Amison, Donald		8,130.00	Groundskeeper
Monette, Michael		359.94	Sexton
Monette, Steven		16,044.30	Groundskeeper
POLICE			
Hackett, Doug		11,404.31	Police Chief
Stevens, Corey		2,769.47	Part-Time Police
Vivian, Justin		85,623.39	Full-Time Police
Yazinski, James		2,629.51	Part-Time Police
Almstrom, Jayson		832.00	Police Special Duty
Casale, Anthony		2,288.00	Police Special Duty
Cummings, Kalie		832.00	Police Special Duty
Harden, Patrick		416.00	Police Special Duty
Marvin, Alexander		1,092.00	Police Special Duty
Nix, Stephan		832.00	Police Special Duty
Parsons, John		416.00	Police Special Duty
Porter, Ryan		624.00	Police Special Duty
St.Amant, Glen		1,404.00	Police Special Duty
Wade, Joshua		1,092.00	Police Special Duty
Wilmot Jr, William		1,248.00	Police Special Duty
Wilmot, Brent		416.00	Police Special Duty

SALARIES AND WAGES 2025 (CONTINUED)

	Hours	2025 wage	
HIGHWAY			
Carpenter, William	40	27,711.50	Highway
Duval, Michael		34,420.00	Highway
Gray, Wayne	40	79,097.31	Highway
Johnson, Robert	40	7,037.50	Highway
Robison, Tristan	40	58,252.25	Highway
Templeton, Kyle	40	44,087.63	Highway
LIBRARY			
Applegate, Lucy		8,855.98	Librarian
Fitch, Deanna		10,192.33	Librarian
Gage, Virginia		1,162.21	Aide
Kaufman, Judith		894.00	Aide
Olivier, Patricia		1,519.80	Aide
Storrs, Caroline		566.20	Aide
Zoerheide, Martha		3,248.20	Aide
RECYCLING			
Monette, Michael		5,218.37	Dept Head
Spaulding, Tom		4,647.96	Recycle Helper
Newton, William		6,592.20	Recycle Helper
TOTAL		\$509,305.39	

2025 MS-1 BUDGET SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	Acres	Assessed Valuation	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only				
In Current Use at Current Use Values	22316.13	\$3,326,234	22237.51	\$3,093,160
Conservation Restriction	0	\$0	0	\$0
Discretionary Preservation	0	\$0	0	\$0
Residential	2751.79	\$96,775,150	2820.68	\$97,542,450
Commercial/Industrial	13.86	\$1,490,400	9.34	\$10,589,000
TOTAL OF TAX LAND	25082.05	\$101,593,584	25067.8	\$101,696,310
Value of Buildings Only				
Residential		\$239,495,401		\$239,343,001
Manufactured Housing		\$4,621,700		\$45,827,000
Commercial/Industrial		\$485,500		\$3,249,500
Discretionary Preservation	11	\$37,199	11	\$37,199
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BLDGS		\$248,339,800	11	\$247,212,400
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Bldgs		\$10,357,800		
Public Utilities - Electric				
Liberty Utilities/Granite State Elec		\$388,600		\$338,400
New England Power		\$2,613,300		\$2,529,900
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		\$2,171,100		\$2,103,300
PSNH DBA Eversource Energy		\$2,978,400		\$2,840,700
Green Mtn Power		\$449,900		\$452,200
Great River Hydro LLC		\$588,400		\$271,100
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		\$9,189,700		\$8,535,600
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION				
BEFORE EXEMPTION		\$359,123,084		\$357,444,310
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(1)		(\$15,000)		(\$15,000)
Elderly (3)		(\$165,000)		(\$240,000)
Disabled (0)		\$0		
Solar(64)		(\$554,340)		(\$521,140)
NET VALUATION ON WHICH				
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		\$358,388,744		\$356,668,170
ACRES IN CURRENT USE				
Farm Land	2524.64	\$999,950	2500.89	\$877,753
Forest Land	10407.01	\$1,660,841	19456.68	\$2,208,825
Unproductive Land	9098.54	\$658,416	104.05	\$2,472
Wetland	285.94	\$7,027	175.89	\$4,110
TOTAL ACREAGE	22316.13	\$3,326,234	22237.51	\$3,093,160

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OF CORNISH OWNED PROPERTY
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Map	Lot	Location	Acres	Usage
1	45A	Platt Road	0.55	Chase Cemetery
2	15	732 Rte 12A	0.46	Cornish/Windsor Bridge pking
2	20B	Town House Road	11.10	
2	20C	Town House Road	11.00	
2	24	Town House Road	3.10	
3	42	833 Rte 12A	2.79	Trinity Church
3	42A	833 Rte 12A	0.90	Trinity Cemetery
3	52	51 Mill Village Road	0.25	
3	68	Root Hill Road	4.20	Comings Cemetery
5	6	Tandy Brook Road	270.0	Town Forest
6	56	488 Town House Road	1.70	Town Office
6	58	482 Town House Road	0.64	Unbuildable
6	67	255 Parsonage Road	4.90	Highway Garage
6	67A	294 Town House Road	0.52	Town Hall
6	69	Town House Road	0.66	Hodgdon Lot
6	70	Town House Road	1.02	Fire Pond
6	71	283 Town House Road	4.00	Fire Station/Police Station
6	73	Parsonage Road	76.00	CREA
6	89	Jackson Road	36.00	Town Forest
6	106A	Town House Road	4.0	
7	37	18 Jonesville Road	0.68	
7	86	Center Road	3.00	
8	32A	Whitten Road	0.20	Whitten Cemetery
9	7A	Huggin Cemetery Road	0.30	Huggins Cemetery
9	43B	Center Road	0.90	Center Road Cemetery
10	79	Rte 120	4.50	Childs Cemetery
11	7	Town House Road	0.08	Hearse House
11	37A	Edminster Road	1.25	Edminster Cemetery
12	39	Rte 120	7.00	Reed Lot
12	40	Claremont Town Line	18.00	
12	44	Claremont Town Line	63.00	Hart Lot
16	4C	Rte 120	6.30	Recycle Center
16	14	Rte 120	4.00	Behind Childs Cemetery
16	28	Leavitt Hill Road	2.00	Butman Lot
18	17	24 School Street	0.23	Library
18	17	26 School Street	0.00	Historical Society
18	29	Leavitt Hill Road	0.23	Fire Pond
18	34A	School Street	0.50	Flat Cemetery
18	43	187 Rte 120	0.75	Fire Station
18	51	Rte 120	1.20	Meeting House

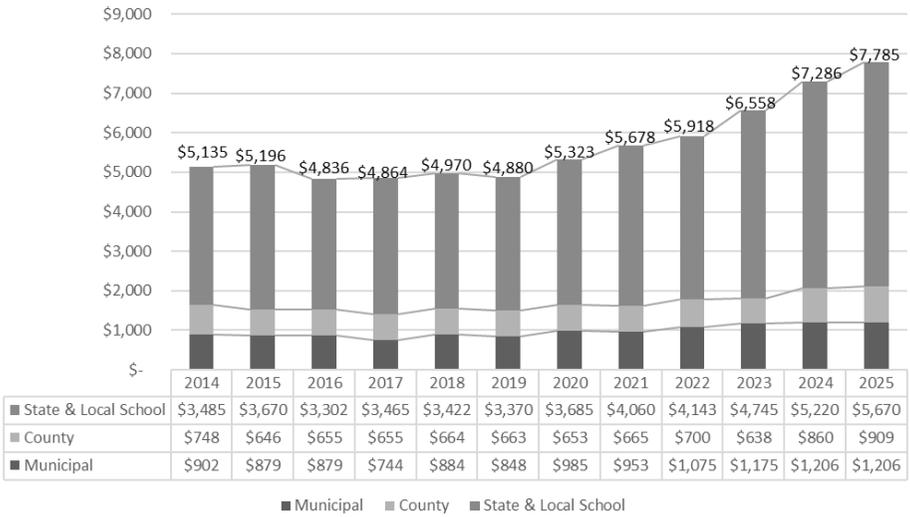
STATEMENT OF REVENUES
2025 ACTUAL WITH 2026 PROPOSED

	2025 Final Est.	2025 Actual	Estimate Over(Under)	2026 Proposed	Proposed Over(Under)
TAXES					
Land Use Change Taxes	1,680	2,236	556	0	(1,680)
Yield Taxes	15,000	11,177	(3,823)	15,000	0
Paymt in Lieu of Taxes	13,297	13,297	0	13,297	0
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	18,500	16,533	(1,967)	17,500	(1,000)
Excavation Tax	0	0	0		0
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	440,000	426,387	(13,613)	425,500	(14,500)
Building Permits	900	1,195	295	1,500	600
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,800	1,780	(21)	1,800	0
Other Permits and Fees	60	130	70	50	(10)
STATE OF NH & FEDERAL					
Shared Revenues-Rooms	161,460	161,460	0	161,460	0
Highway Block Grant	110,048	110,048	0	110,048	0
Railroad Tax	866	866	0	866	0
State of NH Grants	0	0	0	0	0
State of NH Grants - Police	12,792	5,256	0	8,282	(4,510)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
Zoning Board Fees	0	0	0	200	200
Planning Board Fees	900	962	62	700	(200)
Police Dept. Income	20,000	20,389	389	20,000	0
Fire Dept. Income	0	0	0	0	0
Recycling Income	6,000	5,612	(388)	6,000	0
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES					
Sale of Town Property	0	8,100	8,100	0	0
Rental of Town Property	875	1,775	900	1,500	625
Interest on Investments	55,000	58,228	3,228	50,000	(5,000)
Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	1,500	0
Other Sources	3,517	16,577	13,060	100	(3,417)
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
Special Revenue Fund	1,500	214	(1,286)	1,500	0
Trust	2,000	1,500	(500)	2,000	0
Capital Reserve Funds	523,940	23,940	(500,000)	200,000	(323,940)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Use of Fund Balance voted	171,939	171,939	0	219,140	47,201
Fund Bal. to reduce taxes	77,000	77,000	0	100,000	23,000
TOTAL REVENUES	1,640,574	1,136,601	(496,437)	1,357,943	(282,631)

**TOWN OF CORNISH
2026 ESTIMATED TAX COMPUTATION
USING 2025 PROPERTY VALUES**

	2026E	2025	2024
Total Town Appropriations	2,304,213	2,537,339	2,174,071
Add: Allowance Refunds & Abatements	2,500	8,082	15,000
War Service Credits:	83,500	54,700	55,750
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Rev.	(1,357,943)	(1,638,074)	(1,287,503)
State Shared Revenues	0	0	0
Town Taxes To Be Raised	1,032,270	962,047	957,318
Local School Tax Assessment	5,579,515	5,244,850	4,926,340
Deduct: Education Grant	(762,596)	(739,229)	(797,978)
State Education Taxes	(368,987)	(359,660)	(309,059)
Local School Taxes To Be Raised	4,447,932	4,145,961	3,819,301
State Education Tax	368,987	359,660	309,059
County Tax Assessment	722,992	722,992	680,247
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	0	0	0
County Taxes To Be Raised	722,992	722,992	680,247
TOTAL PROP TAXES TO BE RAISED	6,572,181	6,190,660	5,765,925
Assessed Valuation	358,388,744	358,388,744	356,668,170
Assessed Valuation without Utilities	349,199,044	349,199,044	348,132,470
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1000 OF VALUATION	18.37	17.30	16.19
TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	2026E	2025	2024
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.88	2.68	2.68
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	12.41	11.57	10.71
State School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	1.06	1.03	0.89
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.02	2.02	1.91
TOTAL RATE	18.37	17.30	16.19

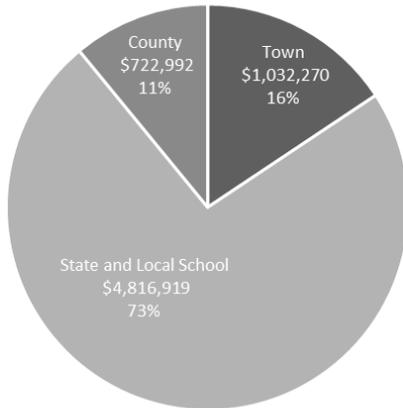
Cornish, NH, Property Tax Bill on a Median House
 2014-2018 assessed value: \$226,000
 2019-2023 assessed value: \$250,000
 2024-2025 assessed value: \$450,000



Source: DRA Approved Tax Rates, 2014-2025; Town of Cornish Assessing Database

**Cornish NH Tax Effort by Jurisdiction:
 2026 Proposed Budgets**

The tax effort is the amount of property taxes required to support the budgets of the Town, County, and School District.



Source: 2026 Proposed School and Municipal Budgets, 2026 Estimated Tax Rates

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2025
SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS**

LIENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

	2024	2023	2022
UNREDEEMED		\$28,402.83	\$14,269.69
LIENS EXECUTED	\$84,360.66		
INTEREST COLLECTED	\$673.69	\$1,792.38	\$3,153.18
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$85,034.35	\$30,195.21	\$17,422.87

COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

REDEMPTIONS	\$41,552.59	\$6,215.48	\$14,119.60
INTEREST COLLECTED	\$673.69	\$1,792.38	\$3,153.18
ABATEMENTS			
LIENS DEEDED TO TOWN	\$275.51	\$275.56	\$150.09
BALANCE AT YEAR END	\$42,532.56	\$21,911.79	
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	\$85,034.35	\$30,195.21	\$17,422.87

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNTING IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

REIGH H. SWEETSER
TAX COLLECTOR

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
UNCOLLECTED TAXES – START OF YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES		\$233,235.75
LAND USE CHANGE TAX		
TIMBER YIELD TAX		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$6,134,670.00	
LAND USE CHANGE	\$5,590.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$11,177.24	
OVERPAYMENTS		
FROM PRIOR YEAR	\$7,875.00	
CREDIT REFUNDED		
THIS YEAR'S CREDITS	-\$1,174.07	
INTEREST COLLECTED – ALL TAXES	\$1,606.12	\$9,307.20
TOTAL DEBITS	\$6,159,744.29	\$242,542.95
COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$5,915,006.96	\$151,177.95
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	\$1,390.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$10,594.63	
CONVERTED TO LIENS		\$79,702.80
INTEREST PENALTIES	\$1,566.12	\$8,171.20
PENALTIES	\$40.00	\$1,136.00
ABATEMENTS		
PROPERTY TAX		\$2,355.00
LAND USE CHANGE TAX		
TIMBER YIELD TAX		
DEEDED PROPERTY	\$112.00	
PREPAYMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	-\$330.87	
UNCOLLECTED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAX	\$226,582.84	
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	\$4,200.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$582.61	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$6,159,744.29	\$242,542.95

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNTING IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
REIGH H. SWEETSER, TAX COLLECTOR

**TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	Reconciliation-Cash and Short Term Investments	
Balance 12/31/2024		3,543,463.69
	Add Receipts:	
	Tax Collector	6,236,292.58
	Selectmen	605,091.48
	Town Clerk	438,975.00
	Total Available	10,823,822.75
	Less Payments During Year:	
	School	4,198,559.00
	County	722,992.00
	Town	2,129,629.99
	Total Payments	7,051,180.99
Balance 12/31/2025		<u>3,772,641.76</u>
Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2025		312,793.68
	Add Short Term Investments	3,605,652.90
	Add Uncollected Chargebacks	0.00
	Add Deposits in Transit	107,587.18
	Less Outstanding Checks	-253,392.00
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2025		<u>3,772,641.76</u>

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer-

	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	Invested in NH Public Deposit Investment Pool End Of Year
<i>Conservation</i>				
Conservation Fund	175,071.36	12,903.72	21,967.42	166,007.66
CREA Dev Fund	8,279.62	360.30	0.00	8,639.92
Rodney Palmer Fund	16,084.05	699.74	500.00	16,283.79
B Barker Mem Fund	2,349.82	102.18	0.00	2,452.00
CREA Barn Fund	381.22	0.00	0.00	381.22
Total	202,166.07		Total	193,764.59
<i>Special Revenue</i>				
Trinity Church Fund	2,880.08	0.00	214.36	2,665.72

Respectfully submitted,
Heidi M. Jaarsma
Town Treasurer

Town of Cornish, NH Capital Reserve Funds 2025

Created	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Gain/Loss	Net Income	Expended	Total Tax Cost Basis	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value
1985	Appraisal	\$ 8,511.89	\$ 12,500	\$ 11.04	\$ 443.95		\$ 21,466.88	\$ 152.79	\$ 21,619.67
1995	Bridges	\$ 232,147.91	\$ 10,000	\$ 120.77	\$ 5,848.74	\$ 105,539.95	\$ 142,577.47	\$ 1,014.78	\$ 143,592.25
1970	Fire Truck	\$ 525,819.35	\$ 35,000	\$ 377.59	\$ 16,852.61		\$ 578,049.55	\$ 4,114.20	\$ 582,163.75
1967	Highway Equipment	\$ 425,129.46	\$ 100,000	\$ 334.96	\$ 14,653.72		\$ 540,118.14	\$ 3,844.23	\$ 543,962.37
2000	Library	\$ 90,204.62	\$ 5,000	\$ 64.34	\$ 2,876.69		\$ 98,145.65	\$ 698.54	\$ 98,844.19
1982	Police Cruiser	\$ 28,160.53	\$ 10,000	\$ 23.59	\$ 1,019.04		\$ 39,203.16	\$ 279.02	\$ 39,482.18
2013	Cemetery Equipment	\$ 43,955.53	\$ 4,000	\$ 32.00	\$ 1,424.19		\$ 49,411.72	\$ 351.68	\$ 49,763.40
2014	Paving	\$ 408,525.31	\$ 125,000	\$ 333.82	\$ 14,495.89	\$ 301,514.14	\$ 246,840.88	\$ 1,756.86	\$ 248,597.74
2014	Building Maint & Improvement	\$ 47,500.19	\$ 12,000	\$ 34.93	\$ 1,572.88	\$ 23,940.00	\$ 37,168.00	\$ 264.54	\$ 37,432.54
2011	Municipal Bldg Non-Cap Maint.	\$ 13,766.57	\$ -	\$ 9.50	\$ 428.07		\$ 14,204.14	\$ 101.10	\$ 14,305.24
2024	Fire Dept SCBA Equipment	\$ 8,594.96	\$ 8,500	\$ 9.48	\$ 389.17		\$ 17,493.61	\$ 124.51	\$ 17,618.12
2018	School Facilities Expendable Trust	\$ 90,759.27	\$ -	\$ 62.66	\$ 2,822.22		\$ 93,644.15	\$ 666.50	\$ 94,310.65
2025	School Building & Grounds	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 5.73	\$ 779.38	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 17,285.11	\$ 123.02	\$ 17,408.13
2007	Spec Ed/HS Tuition	\$ 251,125.26		\$ 136.78	\$ 6,093.54	\$ 90,781.68	\$ 166,573.90	\$ 1,185.57	\$ 167,759.47
Total Capital Reserves		\$ 2,174,200.84	\$ 397,000	\$ 1,557.19	\$ 69,700.09	\$ 580,275.77	\$ 2,062,182.35	\$ 14,677.34	\$ 2,076,859.69

Total Return	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
	2.15%	5.76%	5.85%	-1.17%	-4.03%	4.75%	3.91%	5.48%
								Consolidated
								2.75%

All capital reserves were invested with Bar Harbor Wealth Management (formerly Charter Trust Company), in obligations with principal and interest fully guaranteed by the US Government. The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Town of Cornish, NH Trust Funds 2025

Created	Fund Name	Purpose	Principal			Income				Total Tax Cost Basis	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Total Market Value	
			Beginning Balance	New Funds Gain/(Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Net Income	Expended	Available Balance				
1987	Cornish Welfare	Charitable, Needy	\$ 4,372.37	\$ 133.93	\$ 4,506.30	\$ 7,173.68	\$ 302.61		\$ 7,476.29	\$ 11,982.59	\$ 2,413.36	\$ 14,935.95	
1889	Foss & Kimball	Charitable, Needy	\$ 6,995.55	\$ 319.19	\$ 7,314.74	\$ 20,515.99	\$ 721.14		\$ 21,237.13	\$ 28,551.87	\$ 5,750.52	\$ 34,302.39	
1971	M.J. Kenney	Charitable, Elderly	\$ 5,126.22	\$ 181.75	\$ 5,307.97	\$ 10,539.56	\$ 410.65		\$ 10,950.21	\$ 16,258.18	\$ 3,274.49	\$ 19,532.67	
1917	Stowell Library	Library	\$ 11,837.64	\$ 142.85	\$ 11,980.49	\$ 476.11	\$ 322.77		\$ 798.88	\$ 12,779.37	\$ 2,573.85	\$ 15,353.22	
1902	Mercer/Aid to Ed.	Scholarship/College	\$ 20,167.15	\$ 1,171.21	\$ 21,338.36	\$ 79,160.60	\$ 2,565.33	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 78,725.93	\$ 100,064.29	\$ 20,153.53	\$ 120,217.82	
1988	Public School	School	\$ 562.99	\$ 24.32	\$ 587.31	\$ 1,535.28	\$ 54.97		\$ 1,590.23	\$ 2,177.54	\$ 438.57	\$ 2,616.11	
1999	Queneau Scholarship	Scholarship/8th Grade	\$ 35,831.57	\$ 444.37	\$ 36,275.94	\$ 2,472.68	\$ 1,004.02		\$ 3,476.70	\$ 39,752.64	\$ 8,006.41	\$ 47,759.05	
2016	James C. Kibbey	Scholarship/Music	\$ 68,272.04	\$ 898.18	\$ 69,171.22	\$ 9,225.49	\$ 2,031.40		\$ 11,256.89	\$ 80,426.11	\$ 16,198.69	\$ 96,626.80	
2019	Before & After School Care	Educational Purposes	\$ 63,725.47	\$ 818.08	\$ 64,543.55	\$ 6,750.78	\$ 1,847.27		\$ 8,598.05	\$ 73,141.60	\$ 14,730.93	\$ 87,872.53	
2017	Burling Cornish Elementary	School/Educ Extras	\$ 30,855.28	\$ 427.64	\$ 31,282.92	\$ 3,366.69	\$ 816.58	\$ 4,598.95	\$ 3,867.24	\$ 30,867.24	\$ 6,216.84	\$ 37,084.08	
2017	Burling Trinity Church	Town, Upkeep	\$ 71,135.13	\$ 831.76	\$ 71,966.89	\$ 560.19	\$ 1,879.26		\$ 2,439.45	\$ 74,406.34	\$ 14,985.67	\$ 89,392.21	
2018	Trinity Church Maintenance	Town, Upkeep	\$ 14,897.85	\$ 194.05	\$ 15,091.90	\$ 1,837.49	\$ 438.61		\$ 2,276.10	\$ 17,368.00	\$ 3,498.02	\$ 20,866.02	
1909	J. Foss/Flags	Town, Upkeep	\$ 2,244.98	\$ 83.54	\$ 2,328.52	\$ 4,948.80	\$ 188.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 5,106.80	\$ 7,435.32	\$ 1,497.52	\$ 8,932.84	
1902	Bearman Guide Boards	Town, Upkeep	\$ 1,291.54	\$ 19.60	\$ 1,311.34	\$ 427.01	\$ 45.02		\$ 472.03	\$ 1,783.37	\$ 359.18	\$ 2,142.55	
1985	Veterans Memorial	Town, Upkeep	\$ 11,626.22	\$ 161.86	\$ 11,790.08	\$ 2,332.23	\$ 366.01		\$ 2,698.24	\$ 14,488.32	\$ 2,918.03	\$ 17,406.35	
2025	Schuele "New" Library	Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	
2025	Schuele Chase Cemetery Fence	Cemetery, Trust	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	
Various	Perpetual Care	Cemetery	\$ 120,632.75	\$ 600.00	\$ 123,297.66	\$ 57,577.00	\$ 4,680.78	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 60,757.78	\$ 184,055.44	\$ 37,070.04	\$ 221,125.48	
Trust Funds Total											\$ 735,540.21	\$ 148,142.09	\$ 883,682.30
2025	Freland, Doug & Kate	Center	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00									
2025	Chabot, Gary & Theresa	Edminister	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00									
2025	Jordan, Brenda & James	Edminister	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00									
Total Return			2017 19.70%	2018 -8.06%	2019 17.85%	2020 12.14%	2021 12.39%	2022 -13.81%	2023 11.96%	2024 10.45%	2025 11.96%	Consolidated 8.52%	

All funds were invested with Bar Harbor Wealth Management (formerly Charter Trust Company). The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge.
Prepared by Heather Meeks, Stephen, Robin and Jeffrey Proehl, Trustees of the Trust Funds.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT
01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
VASEN, MAX FELIX	01/27/2025	LEBANON, NH	VASEN, ROBERT MAX	GOFFREDA, MICHELLE CATHERINE
HUGHES, HALLIE MAE	02/04/2025	LEBANON, NH	HUGHES, CODY ALLEN	WHEELER, ALYSSA NICOLE
GREAVES, WREN VIOLET CONDON	03/16/2025	LEBANON, NH	GREAVES, LUKE GEORGE ARTHUR	CONDON, LEAH KATHLEEN
KEISER, OONA ELINOR VALLENS	05/15/2025	LEBANON, NH	KEISER, KRISTOFER JAMES	VALLENS, ASTRID KERSTIN
KOTRADY, BEAUDEN THEODORE	06/14/2025	LEBANON, NH	KOTRADY, TYLER JOHN	KOTRADY BRIANNA LEIGH
SMITH, HUDSYN ELLIOT-ISAIAH	07/11/2025	LEBANON, NH	SMITH JR, DENNIS EDWARD	GOREY, KRYSTA MARIE
CARR, ELOISE MOREL	09/14/2025	LEBANON, NH	CARR, DONER REIF	SYSTROM, HANNAH KATHRYN
WOOD, WAYLON ALBERT	12/14/2025	LEBANON, NH	WOOD, WYLLIE DEVIN	DOWNING, ERIN KATHLEEN
MYKYTYN, AMARA MAY	12/28/2025	LEBANON, NH	MYKYTYN, JAKOB JAMES	BLAKELY, BRIANNA APRIL

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union
PERRON ROBERT A	01/09/2025	CORNISH	PERRON, ARTHUR	BELIVEAU, RITA
ROBITILLE, NANCY ANN	01/10/2025	LEBANON	WILSON, CHARLES	WARE, RUTH
RICH, GREGG ALLEN	01/27/2025	CORNISH	RICH, GRANT	MASCENIC, MARGARET
DENSMORE, ERIC BRUCE	02/12/2025	CORNISH	DENSMORE, BRUCE	DELAURI, CECELIA
FLYNN, REBECCA A	02/19/2025	CORNISH	PILLSBURY, ERNEST	MOULTON, FLORENCE
ERLANGER, GEORGE LUDWIG	03/05/2025	CORNISH	ERLANGER, ARTHUR	LUGENBUEL, HILDA
JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER ROBERT	03/19/2025	CORNISH	JOHNSON, ROBERT	TICE, JOAN
RONDOS, TERRILEE	03/24/2025	CORNISH	MONGEON, TERRY	WHITE, BONNIE
CALL III, WINFIELD SCOTT	04/24/2025	LEBANON	CALL JR, WINFIELD	PARNHAM, LOUISE
ORION, JANICE MARY	05/24/2025	CORNISH	ORION, LESLIE	ROLFE, DOROTHY
HODGDON, LILLIAN J	05/25/2025	CLAREMONT	SIMONDS, IVAN	HUNTINGTON, GLADYS

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
 RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
 CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
 (CONTINUED)**

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union
DEMASI, RALPH J	07/04/2025	CORNISH	GAGLIARDI, RALPH	MELONE, MARY
HEATON, DOUGLAS G	10/09/2025	CLAREMONT	HEATON, RONALD	CARLSON, BARBARA
BROWN, CAROL JOANNE	10/24/2025	LEBANON	GARDNER, LAVERNE	THOMPSON, ROSAMOND

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
01/01/2025 – 12/31/2025
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Date of Marriage
TRAVIS, SPENCER R CROYDON, NH	NALETTE, TAYLOR E CROYDON, NH	06/14/2025
CARUSO, ANTHONY STEVEN CORNISH, NH	HAGEN, SAMARA RAE CLAREMONT, NH	07/25/2025
KUHRE, ANDREW G CLAREMONT, NH	FILLIAN, CATHERINE E CLAREMONT, NH	10/18/2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Cornish
Cornish, New Hampshire 03745

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Report of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk of the Town of Cornish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024.

In our opinion, the report referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the account balances and activity of the Town of Cornish as of December 31, 2024, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Report of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk. We are required to be independent of the Town of Cornish, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the report that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the report, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Cornish's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the report.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the report, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the report.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Cornish's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the report.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Cornish's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The report has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.



Rowley & Associates, P.C.
Concord, New Hampshire
July 22, 2025

SELECTMEN

2025

Town Meeting 2025 brought a change to the Board. Keith Beardslee was elected to a three-year term, replacing John Hammond. The Board of Selectmen extends its gratitude to John Hammond for his 18 years of dedicated service and leadership to the Town of Cornish.

It has been a significant year for the Town's public safety and infrastructure. The Selectboard accepted, with great regret, the resignation of Police Chief Doug Hackett. Chief Hackett served Cornish for 39 years, and his presence will be greatly missed. Following Chief Hackett's strong endorsement, the Board was happy to promote Lieutenant Justin Vivian to serve as the Town's new Chief of Police.

In further support of our first responders, the Town sought bids and awarded a contract for a new fire engine to Dingee Machine of Cornish, NH. We were pleased to award this best-value contract to a local business for this important piece of equipment.

The Town made progress on grant-funded projects to improve Town buildings and public safety communication:

- Cornish Flat Fire Station: Received a new heat pump climate control system and an emergency generator, allowing the facility to serve as an emergency shelter.
- Town Hall: Installed a new heat pump climate control system and emergency generator.
- Town Offices: Received a new heat pump climate control system and additional attic insulation to improve energy efficiency.
- Radio Repeater: Relocated Cornish Fire Department's radio repeater from Green Mountain to the Town House Road fire station site and installed a new radio repeater for UV-COMM on Green Mountain to improve communication capabilities for first responders.

Additionally, the Town used LFRF grant funds to replace our aging voting booths, providing an improved appearance and more efficient setup and breakdown process around our elections.

The Library & Community Center renovation project in Cornish Flat officially commenced in the Fall of 2025. The Selectboard was invited to view the progress during the demolition phase and looks forward to project updates on this future community asset.

Broadband connectivity in Cornish saw major strides this year. NH Electric Co-op continued the build-out of their fiber network, while Hub66 began installing equipment which will support the remaining residences not currently served by wired broadband. Hub66 reports that the remainder of work in Cornish will occur between April, 2026, and September, 2026.

The Town has established a new official domain: cornish.nh.gov. Along with this change, we transitioned to a Google Workspace account, providing secure email and cloud-based storage for Town officials and employees. This move will streamline productivity and, we hope, eventually reduce the clutter of paper documents on our desks. The Board offers a special thank you to Heidi Jaarsma for her work in seeing this technical transition through to completion.

The Highway Department faced staffing challenges this year. While the Board successfully interviewed and hired two truck drivers to fill vacancies, the search for a permanent Road Agent continues. We are very grateful to Mike Duval and Skip Erskine—both former Road Agents—for stepping up to provide leadership and expertise to the department during this interim period.

As always, the Board welcomes your opinions and concerns. Please feel free to visit the office during business hours.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Selectmen
Jason Bourne, Chair
Dillon Gallagher
Keith Beardslee

BROADBAND COMMITTEE 2025

At the instruction of the Selectmen, the Broadband Committee held its last formal meeting on September 15, 2025. The Broadband Committee is now disbanded as its charge has been completed. The Selectmen have taken over the monitoring of the installation process in Cornish. At the September meeting, the Committee met with representatives of Hub66. They reported delays in moving forward on installation of fiber in both Cornish and Plainfield. However, they indicated that they will meet or exceed the completion date for the project, September 2026, the date at which the grant funds must be expended. They indicated that work would be on-going during the late fall and through the 25-26 winter. They have apparently installed or are in the process of installing the necessary “Head end” locations in both Towns. “Head end” refers to the hardware and software components that receive, process, and distribute communication signals for internet, and other telecommunications networks. The Cornish “head end” is in the Cornish Flat fire station.

A further meeting between the Cornish Selectmen and Hub66 was held in late Fall. It was agreed that regular updates from Hub66 are necessary to keep the project moving. The Selectmen will continue to make certain that the grant is fully implemented in Cornish both towns.

New Hampshire Broadband (NH Electric Coop) and Fidium Fiber are each running fiber in parts of both Plainfield and Cornish.

As we have noted before, Hub66 has a website at <https://www.hub66.com/fiber-internet-cornish-nh>. Hub66 encourages individuals to apply on-line even though service is not yet available and even though access to service will automatically come to those addresses covered by the grant. Those individuals who are not covered by the grant may also apply as Hub66 intends to offer service to all addresses which abut their fiber lines. Upon signing up you will get a “coming soon” message and this will allow you to be in its system for further notifications and information. You can check out pricing and other information on the site as well. For the basic plan, there is apparently no fiber installation cost for homes and businesses within 250 feet of the roadway. The additional cost for greater distances appears to be quite reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Fuerst, Committee Chair

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT
2025**

We sold three lots and had nine burials this past year. Stones were straightened in Childs and Edminster cemeteries. Steven Monette and Donald Amison did an excellent job mowing and trimming as well as cleaning up leaves and limbs.

We are in the process of establishing green burials.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Monette, Sexton

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2025**

After two years of work, the Cornish Conservation Commission (CCC) completed its update of the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) in early 2025. The NRI is available on the webpage and in printed version for \$25. Initially published in 1976, and one of the first such inventories in New Hampshire, the NRI provides excellent foundational information about Cornish’s natural resources for its primary project of 2025, a first ever Conservation Plan (the “Plan”). The Plan will reflect the concerns of the community, take into consideration the Cornish Master Plan and zoning ordinances, identify priority natural areas for conservation, and form strategies to protect them.

After a thorough solicitation and evaluation process in the first quarter of the year, the CCC selected Moosewood Ecological LLC to lead the Conservation Plan project. Robin Kilfeather-Mackey agreed to serve as the Project Manager for the Commission. The CCC has hosted two community forums for public input (May

and November), and a third forum will take place on February 11, 2026. For details on the entire Plan process, including summaries of forums are available on the CCC webpage (cornish.nh.gov/conservation-commission).

CCC education and public outreach in 2025 included: a school program on CREA in February, a bird walk on CREA in April, a field trip with VINS staff members to assess existing kestrel boxes in town, a field trip and community presentation on beavers in June by Skip Lyle, a collaborative meeting between CCC and St. Gaudens staff regarding forest health and impacts of invasives and deer over browsing, and two community forums.

CCC's Water Resources program slide presentation remains posted on Connect Cornish. The past year's drought, as well as statewide water quality issues, contribute to a continuing interest in drinking water testing. Water test kits continue to be available at the town offices.

All seven conserved properties, of which the Town of Cornish is the primary easement holder, were monitored as required. Commission members walked the properties and provided each landowner with a summary letter and monitoring report.

Last year's Conservation Award recipients were Ray and Jenny Sprague for their conservation of agricultural land in Cornish.

The Commission leadership and membership continued to evolve, Jody Schubert stepped down as interim Chair in January, Glenn Griffin became Chair in March, and Robin Kilfeather-Mackey became Vice Chair in addition to her role as Treasurer. David Haseman joined the Commission in September as an alternate member.

The Commission thanks the residents of Cornish for their continuing support of conservation and protection of Cornish natural resources, via annual budget dollars, and community involvement and participation.

If you would like to learn about conserving your land or have questions for the Commission, or are interested in serving on the Commission, feel free to reach out to any Commission member, or send an email to conservationcommission@cornishnh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Griffin, Chair

2025 MEMBERSHIP

Glenn Griffin, Chair
Robin Kilfeather-Mackey,
Treasurer and Vice Chair
Linda Leone, Secretary
Julie Foote
Cindy Heath

Reyer Jaarsma
Jody Schubert
Rickey Poor, Alt.
Bob Taylor, Alt.
David Haseman, Alt.
Keith Beardslee, Select Board Rep.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2025

With the passing of Warrant Articles #20 and #21 at the 2024 Town Meeting, and the approval of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) by the State of NH, we were able to install a generator and heat pump at Engine #2 Fire Station in Cornish Flat. This will give the town a secondary Emergency Shelter in addition to the Cornish School.

A special thank you to the Board of Selectmen, Administrative Assistant Mary Curtis, Treasurer Heidi Jaarsma, Fire Chief Mike Boutilier, Assistant Fire Chief Bill Harthan and Fire Fighter Scott Reuthe for their assistance with this project.

The Town's Emergency Operation Plan (EOP), will be updated over the next few months. The EOP is a formal, written plan that outlines how the town will respond to emergencies and disasters. It defines roles and responsibilities (who), resources (what), actions (when), and procedures (how), across the different phases of an incident (response, recovery, etc.).

Contact our local fire department if you need assistance, or have questions regarding smoke/carbon monoxide alarms. They save lives!
Stay safe and reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dale Lawrence

Emergency Management Director

dalehlawrence@yahoo.com (603)675-2002 – home or (603)558-2254 – cell

Additional Resources

- NH Emergency Management's website:
<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hsem/>
- NH Emergency Management family planning resource website:
<https://www.readynh.gov/emergency-plan/>

ENERGY COMMITTEE

2025

At Town Meeting 2025, the Energy Committee decided to pass over the warrant article on Community Power after learning in early February that the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) had failed to follow their risk management policies and endured financial losses as a result. The Committee planned to monitor CPCNH for the next year to see if they would correct past errors and implement better practices that would warrant a favorable vote in 2026. As the year progressed, the Committee found that CPCNH implemented rigorous

risk management measures and other processes to ensure that the organization would not repeat past mistakes.

Throughout the remainder of 2025, the Committee held a number of very successful educational forums via Zoom.

On May 20, 2025, the Committee presented a talk by Matt Christie, who works in the Advanced Energy Practice of TRC. The talk was entitled “How to Electrify Your Home without Costly Service Upgrades.” Christie discussed new load management technologies and practical tools for managing increased electrical loads from heat pumps, induction ranges, water heaters and EV chargers. 79 people registered for this presentation and 53 attended. It received very positive feedback and was shared and reposted by Sustainable Hanover and Third Act New Hampshire.

On July 30, 2025, the Committee presented a forum entitled “Battery Backup Systems: All You Need to Know about Energy Storage.” Chris Sparadeo of Steady Energy VT, Eric Kilens of Granite State Solar, Kim Quirk of ReVision Energy, and Jennifer Runyon of Eversource made up the panel of speakers. 160 people registered for the event and 71 actually attended.

In the Fall, the Committee organized a 2-part series on Building Science. The first talk was held on November 13, 2025 and was entitled “Where is the Water Damage Coming From? A Talk on the Mechanics of Condensation in Homes.” The presenter was Nate Gusakov of Green Mountain Enclosure Consulting. 62 people registered and 29 attended. The second talk was held on December 2, 2025 and was entitled “Fundamentals of Energy Smart, Cost Conscious Building – For Experts and Beginners.” The presenters were Ryan Hereth of Geobarns and Ethan Cole of Earthshare Construction. The Committee encouraged local builders to attend. 86 people registered and 41 attended.

Early in the year, the Committee formed a Website Subcommittee whose goal was to improve the Committee’s website, and this Subcommittee has been working diligently to better organize the website and generate useful information about renewable energy, electric vehicles, heat pumps, methane reduction, and other energy related matters. The hope is to have the revamped website up and running in the Spring of 2026.

The Committee has continued to try to get all the Town energy use incorporated into the software program called Portfolio Manager, which would enable the data to be visually displayed through graphs and diagrams so that trends in town energy use would be more easily viewed. We have not yet succeeded in

doing so. Many thanks to John Drye and Myron Kuhre for their help. We hope to get this up and running in 2026.

In response to the elimination of tax credits for solar installations, electric vehicles, and other energy efficient upgrades, in July the Committee published on the website and in Connect Cornish a very useful table explaining the expiring deadlines and the items that would be affected. It was titled “Act Now to Take Advantage of Disappearing Clean Energy Tax Credits.” This publication was well received, and reprinted by Sustainable Hanover and parts were utilized by Clean Energy NH.

Finally, a weatherization project at the Cornish Town Offices was completed in June by Earthshare Construction. Air sealing was done and insulation was added to the attic. The total cost of the project was \$8,710. Thanks to the NHSaves program, the Town had to pay only half of that cost (\$4,355) while Eversource funded the other half.

Joanna Sharf, Chair
Richard Thompson, Vice Chair
Bill Schmidt, Secretary
Mike Belanger, Treasurer

Myron Kuhre
Susanne Haseman, Alt.
Frank Parks, Alt.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2025

The Cornish Fire Department had a busy year in 2025. We answered 116 calls for service ranging from fire alarm activations, trees on wires, crashes, brush and building fires as well as 53 requests for burn permits. We also provided mutual aid services to our neighboring departments.

The volunteers participated in more than 1,700 hours of training provided between both our stations twice per month and at outside sources. This includes CPR, pump training and many other kinds of training. We were able to attend trainings at other agencies and hosted trainings in our town.

We also spent time doing life safety inspections at the school and inspections of the Cornish Fair to ensure people’s safety at the event. Many of the department’s members were on hand for the fireworks celebrating the Fair’s 75th anniversary.

We worked with the state fire marshal’s office to oversee the construction of the new library and community center in the Flat.

The townspeople voted for a new fire truck to replace the 30-year-old Engine 2. We are very much looking forward to the delivery of the new truck. Dingee Machine was awarded the contract.

I would like to thank the members of the department for their countless hours they put in and the people of Cornish for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Boutilier
Chief

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE
2025**

Town Welfare was relatively quiet in 2025.

I would like to thank Laura Prignano, the school nurse, for her unwavering professionalism and help with Thanksgiving. Boy Scout Troop 332 is no more, so her knowledge from her seven years of experience as Secretary and Treasurer with the Scouts was crucial for the continuation of side dishes and ingredients they used to provide. She also took the task of doing the shopping with financial donations from the Chesire Lodge #23 Masonic Temple on School Street.

Thank you to Chesire Lodge #23 Masonic Temple and to the Cornish Fire Department for their support as well as the Cornish Garden Club. These funds cover many various things tax dollars cannot. It is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to guidance counselor Paige MacLeay for reaching out to families willing to participate in the Giving Tree and organizing the lists. There were many items asked for this year and each one was filled. Cornish never disappoints when it comes to pulling together for a good cause.

Thank you to Angela Bean who, while filling in for Paula Harthan, dealt with accepting gifts that were dropped off and providing whatever publicity was needed. Thanks to Reigh Sweetser, Mary Curtis and Heidi Jaarsma for accepting gifts and keeping me apprised of what had been dropped off and what was going on.

To the anonymous private donors out there, THANK YOU. Your ongoing support is critical throughout the year for needed items, sticky situations and peace of mind for both residents and myself. To you I tip my hat.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie De Rusha, Town of Cornish Welfare Director

GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY

2025

The George H. Stowell Free Library had a productive year serving the Cornish community. In 2025, the library welcomed 4,265 visitors and circulated 4,997 books, along with 50 DVDs, 89 audiobooks, 36 museum passes, and 25 items from our Library of Things.

The library remained an active participant in New Hampshire's Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system, loaning 397 items to other libraries and borrowing 505 items for local patrons. Digital use continues to grow through OverDrive and the Libby app, with 3,725 ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines circulated in 2025.

The Stowell Library offered a variety of programs throughout the year, including weekly Story Time for Toddlers, monthly adult book clubs, and three book clubs for students in grades 4–8 in collaboration with the Cornish Elementary School Library. Special events included a reading by Cornish author Billy Sharff, a Comet Viewing Party led by Cornish resident Matt Lewis, and a Family Contra Dance in partnership with UVMC, which brought 106 people of all ages together for an afternoon of live music and dancing. Additional programs included arts and crafts, movie showings, a Summer Reading Program, a bookmark contest, and an ugly plant swap. Altogether, 588 people participated in library programs.

These programs were made possible with the help of many volunteers and community partnerships. Leigh Callahan led the monthly book club, and Martha Zoerheide served as Cornish liaison for the Cookbook Club, partnering with the Plainfield and Meriden Libraries. The Friends of the Cornish NH Library continue to provide important financial support and volunteer time, as well as annual memberships to VINS, Billings Farm, and the American Precision Museum, some of the library's most frequently circulated items.

Special thanks to library aides Ginny Gage, Judith Kaufman, Carline Storrs, Trish Olivier, and Martha Zoerheide for their dedication and help in keeping the library running smoothly. The Stowell Library currently has 706 cardholders. Community members interested in signing up for a patron card are welcome to stop by during open hours.

Lastly, I would like to thank the community for your support as I take on this new role. I look forward to serving Cornish as the Town Librarian.

Deanna Fitch, Librarian

**GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES
2025**

During the 2025 year, the library trustees:

- developed the 2025 operating budget;
- met with the Cornish Community Initiative pursuant to Article 6 passed at the 2023 Town Meeting that states that the CCI, with input from its architect and the Board of Library Trustees, shall decide when and if there are sufficient funds for the renovations, with a deadline of March 18, 2028 to raise the sufficient funds and, after receiving evidence of the fundraising presented by CCI representatives, certified that the above-referenced clause has been fulfilled and sufficient funds have been raised for the renovations;
- attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association spring conference;
- received notice that the library had been listed in the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places;
- received notice that the Executive Board of the Cornish Historical Society had voted to explore the possibility of moving the CHS into the Stowell building when the time comes
- reviewed and signed a MOU with the Friends of the Cornish NH Library;
- said goodbye to librarian, Lucy Applegate in July;
- welcomed Deanna Fitch as the interim-librarian in July;
- appointed Deanna Fitch as the librarian in November;
- added a Bulletin Board policy to the By-Laws and Policies manual;
- added an Overdue Book policy to the By-Laws and Policies manual;
- participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the new library;

Respectfully submitted by the Library Trustees,
Laura Cousineau, Marie DeRusha, Kathryn Patterson

ACCOUNT	BEG BAL	RECEIPTS	INTEREST	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BAL
CHECKING (X149)	\$2,063.06	\$44,180.00	\$2.61	\$44,768.53	\$1,474.53
BUILDING FUND (X251)	\$14,731.49	\$0.00	\$4.44	\$0.00	\$14,735.93
DONATIONS (X357)	\$1,577.04	\$75.00	\$0.48	\$34.95	\$1,617.57
NON-LAPSING (X520)	\$2,748.52	\$19.00	\$0.63	\$700.00	\$2,068.15
PALMER-NORELL	\$1,007.19	\$0.00	\$0.31	\$0.00	\$1,007.50

BEGINNING BALANCES	2024	2025	CHANGE	
CHECKING	1,386.01	2,063.06	677.05	
BUILDING FUND	14,727.02	14,731.49	4.47	
DONATIONS FUND	1,311.50	1,577.04	265.54	
GRANTS	175.03	0.03	(175.00)	
NON-LAPSING FUND	2,618.24	2,748.52	130.28	
PALMER-NORELL FUND	1,006.88	1,007.19	0.31	
TOTAL BEG BAL:	21,224.68	22,127.33	902.65	
ENDING BALANCES	2024	2025	CHANGE	
CHECKING ACCT BAL	1,386.01	1,474.53	88.52	
BUILDING FUND	14,727.02	14,735.93	8.91	
DONATIONS FUND	1,311.50	1,617.57	306.07	
GRANTS	175.03	-	(175.03)	
NON-LAPSING FUND	2,618.24	2,068.15	(550.09)	
PALMER-NORELL FUND	1,006.88	1,007.50	0.62	
TOTAL ENDING BAL	21,224.68	20,903.68	(321.00)	
OPERATING COSTS	2025 (EST)	2025 (Actual)	2026 (Proposed)	CHANGE
ADVERTISING	70.00	-	50.00	(20.00)
ELECTRICITY	1,200.00	994.71	1,200.00	-
HEAT	2,750.00	2,568.42	2,750.00	-
LIBRARY MATERIALS	5,000.00	4,993.80	5,000.00	-
LIBRARY TRAINING	600.00	-	600.00	-
MAINTENANCE	600.00	466.95	600.00	-
POSTAGE	230.00	212.60	230.00	-
PROGRAMMING	1,000.00	838.81	1,000.00	-
SALARIES	29,203.72	29,203.72	34,645.00	5,441.28
SUPPLIES	600.00	342.40	600.00	-
TECHNOLOGY	4,000.00	3,944.48	4,000.00	-
TELEPHONE	900.00	1,177.66	1,300.00	400.00
TRUSTEE EXPENSES	90.00	105.00	105.00	15.00
TOTAL				
EXPENDITURES	46,243.72	46,243.72	52,080.00	5,836.28
OP INCOME (EST.)	2025	2026	CHANGE	
CHECKING ACCT BAL	2,063.06	1,474.53	(588.53)	
TOWN APPROPRIATION	41,546.99	49,060.87	7,513.88	
UNEXPENDED PAYROLL	2,630.67	742.72	(1,887.95)	
INTEREST	3.00	3.00	-	
TRUST FUND	-	798.88	798.88	
TOTAL INCOME	46,243.72	52,080.00	5,836.28	
BUDGETED EXPENSES	46,243.72	52,080.00	5,836.28	

SALARY FIGURES:	2025	2026	2026
LIBRARIAN:	16 hrs @\$20.50	20 hrs @\$21.00	\$ 21,840.00
AIDES:	12 hrs @\$14.90	12 hrs @\$15.30	\$ 9,547.20
JANITOR:	1 hr @\$14.90	1 hr @\$15.30	\$ 795.60
SOCIAL SECURITY AT 6.2%.			\$ 1,995.33
MEDICARE AT 1.45%.			\$ 466.65
		TOTAL	\$ 34,644.78

REQUESTED TOWN APPROPRIATION IS \$49,060.87

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2025

2025 began with a favorable spring, as the Town was spared a true mud season.

Extensive gravel road work was completed on South Deming Road and Hilliard Road. Our paving schedule included sections of Jackson Road, East Road, and Center Road, while Perkins Road was paved end-to-end and received its final topcoat.

In the early fall, the Board of Selectmen received bids for materials and contracted equipment for an extensive gravel road improvement project on East Road. However, due to extreme drought conditions, they made the decision to postpone the project. Without sufficient moisture, they did not want to risk the new gravel failing to set up properly, which would have compromised the road's integrity.

Ditching and drainage remain a top priority to protect our road surfaces. Ditching work was performed on East Road, Perkins Road, Hell Hollow Road, St. Gaudens Road, and Burr Road.

Culverts were replaced on East Road, Hilliard Road, Littell Road, St. Gaudens Road, and South Deming Road. We have identified several projects for the coming year, including the replacement of a squash culvert on Jackson Road.

To ensure our crew is working safely and efficiently, employees participated in several training opportunities this year. These included specialized instruction in culvert replacement, safe flagging procedures, and an on-site grader operator training to develop the skills needed for maintaining our gravel roads.

The department experienced significant turnover this year. We started 2025 with three full-time CDL-B drivers, two of whom left for the private sector. We also hired two new drivers, who had no prior municipal experience, to end the year with 3 CDL-B drivers. In late August, Mike Duval was promoted from part-time status to Highway Foreman. Mike took charge of day-to-day operations and, along with the crew, accomplished a significant amount of road work before his departure in November.

As winter approached, former Road Agent Skip Erskine led the department for the remainder of the year. We are grateful for his experience and leadership as we transitioned into the plowing and sanding season.

Respectfully submitted,
Cornish Select Board on behalf of the Cornish Highway Department
Jason Bourne, Chair

HISTORIC BUILDING COMMITTEE 2025

Established in 2016, the Historic Building Committee was charged by the Selectboard to inspect historic town buildings and create a capital maintenance and improvement plan to be funded primarily by the Municipal Building Capital and Improvement Reserve Fund. The committee functions in an advisory capacity to the Selectboard. The following buildings were part of the committee's review: Trinity Church (Rt12A), Town Office Building (488 Townhouse Rd), Town Hall (294 Townhouse Rd), Little Town Hall (294 Townhouse Rd), CREA Barn (Parsonage Rd), Childs Cemetery Storage Shed (Rt.120), Hearse House (Townhouse Rd), Historical Society (School St), and the Meetinghouse (Meetinghouse Rd).

Last year, it was decided to wait until 2025 to paint the Meetinghouse since there was an effort by the Trustees of the Meetinghouse to bring the humidity level in the building below 60%. With that accomplished with a new dehumidifier installed in the crawlspace, the committee requested proposals for painting the entire exterior of the building. After receiving three bids, the committee made their recommendation to the Selectboard and Kelly Callahan Painting was chosen. The work was completed in the fall of 2025!

Caroline Storrs announced that she would step down from the committee at the end of 2025. We would like to thank Caroline for her dedication to the town's historic buildings. Her organization and enthusiasm were a great asset to the work of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Cloud
Dillon Gallagher
Heidi Jaarsma
Rich Thompson

MEETINGHOUSE 2025

The Meetinghouse has had a very busy year. Last year's installation of a new dehumidifier allowed the Trustees to keep a data record that substantiated that the humidity level in the building was at or below 60%, and, thus, ready for painting. The Trustees then decided that 2025 should focus on three areas of concern: one was to get the exterior of the building entirely painted with primer and finish coat; two was to get the clock running again; and, third, was to replace the existing clock faces with new faces.

The Building Capital Reserve Committee, the source of the funds for painting, wrote an RFP and required three bids before a decision could be made by the Select Board. The Select Board chose Kelly Callahan Painting of Cornish and she and her crew completed the work on the exterior of the Meetinghouse in late summer.

Work has been ongoing for over a year to get the clock working, both the time piece and the bell ringing. George Edson has engaged clock expert Phil D'Avanza to help analyze and correct problems with the mechanisms of the historic Stephen Hasham clock.

The building is over 90 feet tall at the steeple so a very tall lift was needed to do much of the painting work. While Kelly was scraping the belfry area, she noticed that the clock faces had some rotting. George Edson, trustee, took a closer look and the decision by the trustees was to remove the clock faces while the tall lift was available. Thank you to George, Tim Schad and Leo Maslan who performed the removal of two clock faces.



An appeal was made to the Cornish Historical Society and the Society offered overwhelming support. The Board voted to donate five thousand dollars to help defray the expenses of Phil D'Avanza and, also, voted another five thousand to seed a campaign to raise funds to replace the clock faces. Our goal is to raise between twelve to fifteen thousand dollars to help defray costs. The trustees put out a community appeal and many have responded with their donations.

The restoration/replacement of the clock faces will be done by North Country Door this next spring 2026. We are hoping to have the new faces installed in early summer.



The Meetinghouse continues to host the May 30th Memorial Day service and other local events. We thank all the volunteers who help to keep this building vibrant and healthy with special thanks to Susan Schad, Keeper of the Key, Rich Thompson for his help and advice, and Matt Lewis and Kyle Ackerman who faithfully wind the clock.



If you are interested in making a donation to the clock fund, please send donations to George Edson, 65 Clark Camp Road, Cornish, NH 03745. Checks should be made out to Cornish Meetinghouse.

The outpouring of support for the Meetinghouse has been wonderful and we thank all who have contributed. The donations will make possible the continuation of this iconic building in the Flat.

Caroline Storrs, Chairperson
 Sue Chandler, Secretary
 George Edson, Treasurer

MEETINGHOUSE FINANCIAL REPORT 2025

	Balance On Hand, 1/1/25	\$ 6,764.35
Income:		
	Interest Income	\$ 1.95
	Donations	\$ 11,785.00
	Grants	
	Total Income	\$ 11,786.95
Expenses:		
	Electricity	\$ 536.63
	Rehabilitation	
	Repairs	\$ 5,795.50
	Total Expenses	\$ 6,332.13
	Balance On Hand 12/31/25	\$ 12,219.17

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025

The Cornish Police Department handled 1,105 calls in 2025, a decrease of 109 calls or 9%. Our most notable call statistic fluctuations include:

- Accidents decreased 15% from 52 to 44.
- Domestic Disturbances decreased 50% from 10 to 5.
- Thefts decreased 68% from 19 to 6.
- Fraud increased 83% from 6 to 11, a trend which is likely to continue.

However, the biggest changes within the Cornish Police Department came from the retirement of its longest tenured police officers. Sgt. Corey Stevens retired at the end of October, after 24 years of dedicated service, to the Town of Cornish and Cornish Police Department. Also, on New Years Eve, Chief E. Douglas Hackett signed off for the final time, as the Chief of Police for the Cornish Police Department. Chief Hackett dedicated 36 years of service to the Town of Cornish.

Chief Hackett always strived to keep raising the bar and turned the Cornish Police Department into what it is today. Chief Hackett was responsible for increasing the cruiser fleet, constructing a new police station, adding mobile data terminals, instituting a cruiser and body worn camera policy, and added a full-time police officer to improve coverage. Chief Hackett will remain a part of the Cornish Police Department in a clerical role and will assist with the transition moving forward.

Lieutenant Justin Vivian was unanimously voted by the Cornish Board of Selectmen, to be promoted to the rank of Chief of Police and will continue to move the department forward. While staffing will look different going forward than in years past, there will be no lapse in police coverage. Coverage will still be provided on a full-time basis by Chief Vivian and part time by Officer Yazinski, as well as the New Hampshire State Police when necessary and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office.

For the coming year, Cornish Police Department has applied for grants in the amount of \$3,390 from the NH Office of Highway Safety. This will allow the town to be reimbursed for costs of an officer to be conducting motor vehicle enforcement, as well as updating handheld radar equipment to aid in that enforcement.

As always, we ask that everyone remain vigilant and to please report any suspicious or suspected illegal activity, by calling either 911 for urgent matters or our non-emergency line, at 603-543-0535. Just a reminder, Cornish Police have also updated our email addresses to police@cornish.nh.gov or j.vivian@cornish.nh.gov. These email accounts can also be found on the Cornish Town website.

Proudly Serving,
 Chief Justin C. Vivian
 Officer Ethan J. Yazinski

Cornish Police Department – 2025 Statistics

911 Hang Up Call	6	Lewdness	1
Abandoned Vehicle	3	Lockout of Vehicle	3
Accident	44	Lost Property	4
Accident - Fatal	0	Medical Emergency	30
Accident with Injuries	4	Mental Health Issue	3
Administrative Relay	3	Message Delivery	4
Alcohol Arrests	0	Miscellaneous	1
Animal Complaint (Non Dog)	29	Missing Person - Adult	0
Arrest on a Warrant	5	Missing Person - Juvenile	1
Assault	0	Missing Person Returned	1
Assist Other Agency	28	Motor Vehicle Complaint	48
Attempted Paper Service	3	Motor Vehicle Stop	95
Be on Lookout	5	Motorist Assisted	8
Bomb Scare	0	Neighborhood Complaints	4
Burglar Alarm	49	Noise Complaints	1
Burglary	1	Off Highway Rec Vehicle Complaint	1
Check Well Being	14	Open Door / Window	2
Civil Matters	8	Out with Subject	2
Community Service	26	Out with Vehicle	5
Court Ordered Check in	0	Paperwork Received	7
Criminal Mischief	2	Parking Issues	3
Criminal Threatening	1	Pistol Permits	9
Criminal Trespass	1	Police Info	22
DCYF Requests	9	Property Returned to Owner	6
Department Training	3	Public Hazards	4

Cornish Police Department – 2025 Statistics (cont.)

Directed Patrols	216	Receiving Stolen Property	0
Disabled Motor Vehicle	20	Recovered Stolen Property	0
Disorderly Conduct	2	Remove Subject	0
Dog Complaints	41	Repossession	1
Domestic Disturbance	5	Request Officer	40
Drug Violations	0	Request Transport	0
DWI Arrests	1	Restraining Order Violation	2
Escort	3	School Request Assistance	5
Extra Patrol	20	Serve Paperwork	17
Fights	0	Sex Offender Registration	19
Fingerprints	21	Sexual Assault	1
Fire Call	15	Shots Fired	7
Fish and Game Violations	1	Safekeeping	0
Found Property	14	Suicidal Subject	3
Fraud	11	Suicide / Suicide Attempts	0
Gun Sale Denial	1	Suspicious Activity	29
Harassment All Types	8	Temporary Restraining Orders	0
Highway Matters	16	Theft	6
House Checks	21	Traffic Problems	15
Illegal Dumping / Littering	3	Untimely Death	3
Juvenile Offenses	3	Vin Checks	26
Keep the Peace	0		
		Total Number of Calls	1105

**PLANNING BOARD
2025**

Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month, the Cornish Planning Board held hearings on two applications in 2025. Both applications were approved. The Planning Board also held a public hearing pursuant to RSA 674:54 on a proposed governmental land use, specifically a library and community center, located at 226 NH Route 120. The Board exercised the option in the statute to submit written comments relative to conformity or nonconformity of the proposal with normally applicable land use regulations. In the coming year, the Board will continue its review and update of the Cornish Master Plan.

The Board would like to thank Gail McKenzie for her years of service to the Planning Board. Currently, the Board has two open alternate seats. Please contact the Select Board if you are interested in serving.

2025 ACTIONS

Annexation & Lot Line Adjustment

Meyette Tree Farm Trust, NH Route 120 *approved*
James & Karen Ambrose

Scenic Road Hearing

Eversource Gap Road, Platt Road, *approved*
Saint Gaudens Road, Whitten Road

Hearing on Proposed Governmental Use

Cornish Community Initiative NH Route 120 *written comments
submitted to Select Board*

2025 MEMBERSHIP

Bill Lipfert, Chair	Gillian Goodwin
Everett Cass, Vice-Chair	Kellie Patterson Parry
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary	Linda Rice, Alternate
Jonathan Glass, MD, FACP	Dillon Gallagher, Select Board Rep.

RECYCLING

2025

The Recycling Center is extremely busy every Saturday with a steady flow of cars. We ship cardboard and the plastic bottle containers every four to five weeks, scrap metal is shipped every six weeks, mixed paper and Styrofoam every four months, and crushed glass once a year. We also shipped one hundred twenty tons of household trash.

Recycling income: \$5,612.35

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Monette, Supervisor

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

2025

The Supervisors of the Checklist had a light year in 2025. They met a total of 6 times and were present during school and town meetings that were held in March.

Some reminders and updates:

→ The Supervisors of the Checklist keep up to date on current Cornish voters by making note of those moving in or out of town. All changes and additions are entered into the SVRS system after each meeting and each election, and we appreciate any information that helps keep the checklist correct and up-to-date.

→ If you are a new voter, please remember to bring proof that you are 18 years of age or older on election day, a United States citizen, and domiciled in the town of Cornish. For more detailed information on required documentation of age, residence, and citizenship, please see Registering in Vote in New Hampshire (<https://www.sos.nh.gov/elections/register-vote>) from the Office of the NH Secretary of State.

→ An update to the registration process for 2026:

- The State requires proof you are a United States Citizen in order to register to vote.
 - A bill was passed in 2025 which added to the list of acceptable proof of citizenship to include “proof that the applicant was previously or is currently registered to vote in a different town or ward in New Hampshire.”
 - The Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) can now be used to verify certain citizenship, age, name change, and death information for voter registration. Supervisors of the Checklist can now search New Hampshire vital records and DMV records in their SVRS system to verify citizenship for new registrants or for verification on name

changes if proper paperwork isn't available. The database holds New Hampshire marriage, divorce, civil union, and dissolution records, so this can only verify information if this information originated in New Hampshire.

If you need to register, or make any changes (like address, party, name change etc.) you can attend our public meetings. Our public meetings are required by the State to be held on certain dates, and meeting dates/times will be posted in ConnectCornish and on the Town website (and we try to add paper postings on town bulletin boards, like 12% and the Town Office).

Please note: if you do not vote regularly and become inactive, you will receive a 30-day letter in the mail. If you receive this notice and do not contact one of the Supervisors or Town Clerk, you will be removed from the checklist and will be unable to vote until you re-register.

There is always a checklist binder at the Town Clerk's office if you want to check your registration status. Absentee ballots for any town voting or election must be requested from the Town Clerk. If you have any questions about registering to vote, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Monette, Cara Decato, and Hannah Darling

**TOWN CLERK
2025**

I would like to thank all the people who help this Town run smoothly and successfully.

The Second Tuesday in March will be the election of officers. The Town meeting will be March 14, 2026. You must be present to vote on Articles at Town meeting.

During 2025, the following fees were collected and submitted to the Treasurer.

Motor Vehicles	\$433,819.00
Dogs, Fees and Fines	\$2,782.50
Town Clerk Services	\$2,046.50
Credits Refunded	\$327.00
TOTAL	\$438,975.00

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Harthan, Town Clerk

TOWN FOREST 2025

Improvements to the road into the forest from Paddy Hollow in Claremont have held up well since made in 2020. Many visitors access easier trails from this entrance as opposed to starting from Tandy Brook Rd.

The spring meeting on April 13 was attended by Jim Fitch, Reyer Jaarsma, Ed Woodbury, Jason and Christine Bourne, and Ginny Prince. Topics discussed included future work on the powerline right of way, continued efforts to catalogue natural resources in the Town Forest and options for a small tree harvest. The Sweet family picked up roadside trash from a substantial section of Tandy Brook Rd. earlier, and at the meeting the remaining roadside from the forest parking area to the Jackson Rd. intersection was cleaned up in short order.

In September, Ginny Prince mowed the loop road and accessible areas on the powerline right of way and maintained water bars on the loop road.

In the fall, Reyer and Will Jaarsma cleared several large leaning trees that required professional expertise from the upper blue trail. On October 19, Jim Fitch, Ed Woodbury, Jim Osterlund, Roger Stone and Ginny Prince met and clipped saplings to maintain the view at the lookout. Business topics included invasive plants (buckthorn and barberry populations appear stable but a moderate amount of oriental bittersweet has taken hold on the powerline right of way), National Grid's plans to widen the cleared powerline right of way and install new utility poles, postponing a limited tree harvest piggybacked with Bill Lipfert's once again due to problems hauling logs out, and ways to foster community involvement inventorying natural resources in the forest. The possibility of employing Moosewood Ecological to oversee a bioblitz was discussed. Still in the works is a plan to place numbers at main intersections in the trail system, with corresponding numbers added to the online map. The map is on the town website as well as being the profile picture for the public Facebook page.



As in past years, the Town Forest budget includes no tax money. State law requires that spending any funds must be authorized in the warrant, so the committee is requesting permission to spend up to \$1500 for signage and miscellaneous items for repair and construction of signs, bridges, gates etc.

The forest continues to be very popular for hunting, mountain biking, hiking, trail running, snowshoeing and skiing. The Eagles Ledge lean-to is available for anyone to use. Visit the Cornish Town Forest Facebook page and cornish.nh.gov for info about the forest, maps, management plan and a link to the annual forest slide show. For more information, if you're interested in youth or community projects, or to share thoughts about the town forest contact any committee member:



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Jim Fitch fitchfarm@gmail.com

Reyer Jaarsma reyerjaarsma@gmail.com Conservation Commission rep

Jason Bourne, Select Board representative

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2025

The ZBA did not act upon applications in 2025.

The ZBA Board members are:

Michael Fuerst, Chair

Kate Freeland, Vice Chair

Merilynn Bourne, Clerk

Kerry Osgood

Troy Simino

Karim Chichakly, Alt.

David Haseman, Alt.

Lyle Parry, Alt.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY APPORTIONMENT SCHEDULE
2025**

2025 SULLIVAN COUNTY	% Proportion to County Tax*	Apportionment of County Budget
ACWORTH	2.2924%	\$ 452,422
CHARLESTOWN	5.9967%	\$ 1,183,499
CLAREMONT	15.2956%	\$ 3,018,696
CORNISH	3.6634%	\$ 722,992
CROYDON	1.7615%	\$ 347,647
GOSHEN	1.5765%	\$ 311,131
GRANTHAM	10.4699%	\$ 2,066,303
LANGDON	1.1603%	\$ 228,990
LEMPSTER	2.8099%	\$ 554,547
NEWPORT	8.6152%	\$ 1,700,270
PLAINFIELD	5.4569%	\$ 1,076,964
SPRINGFIELD	4.0969%	\$ 808,544
SUNAPEE	29.2668%	\$ 5,775,998
UNITY	2.4940%	\$ 492,201
WASHINGTON	5.0440%	\$ 995,477
* Rounded for display. Actual apportionment based on detailed figures.		
TOTALS	100.0000%	\$ 19,735,681

Jamie A Dow
Prepared By


Approved By

**EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR, DISTRICT ONE
2025**

In the Year of 2025, the hot topics continue to be housing, workforce, and childcare. The First Phase of the Veterans Campus was completed in Franklin, the Laconia State Property is going through its purchase and sale final review process, the fish hatchery project in New Hampton is ongoing, the Raymond S. Burton Training Facility expansion project in Bethlehem is nearly completed, the new District Court House in Rochester broke ground and the new 911 Facility in Laconia also broke ground. The General Sullivan Bridge demolition project in Dover and Newington was approved to knock down the bridge.

This Councilor has been an advocate for Rural Health Funding coming from Washington, DC and conducted 5 round-table discussions about rural health topics

within his District. The State was awarded \$204 million for Rural Health Funding in its first year and a GO-NORTH Committee has been formed to oversee and implement it.

Between January to December 2025, the Executive Council confirmed 1 Supreme Court Justice, 1 Commissioner of Education, and 1 Commissioner of Corrections.

The total contract items reviewed by the Executive Council were approximately 2,473 to include 16 late items over the course of 24 meetings. Of the 168 confirmations of board and commission positions, 28 were from District 1. On July 30th, District 1 hosted an on-the-road meeting at the Ridge Runners Club House in Pittsburg, NH. The Governor and Council toured Murphy's Dam, conducted an OHRV tour, and travelled to the US Customs Station in Pittsburg, NH.

This Councilor's priorities will continue to be economic development, rural and mental health services, childcare and housing. Transportation is an important topic for my District, and the State overall has been confronted with financial constraints with our infrastructure and road projects. The Tram at Franconia State Park has been shut down for the next two years, a new Tram will be built. Mustard and Ketchup cars have been retired.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of state boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Kelly Ayotte, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301; attention to Director of Appointments/Liaison or call at (603) 271-2121. A complete list of all state boards and commissions are available at the NH Secretary of State website: <https://media.sos.nh.gov/govcouncil/WORKING%20REDBOOK.pdf>

My office is open to requests for state constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically email my weekly schedule and Wrap Up Newsletter. If you would like to be included on this list, contact me at joseph.d.kenney@nh.gov. I also have an internship program for college students. My office number is (603) 271-3632. I am always available to old and new friends. Please stay in touch.

Serving you,

Executive Councilor
Joe Kenney

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

CORNISH AGING IN PLACE (CAIP) 2025

CAIP is a committee of Cornish volunteers that provides activities, information, and resource options to assist older adults, many of whom choose to age in place in their home.

CAIP's activities for the year included:

- Sponsoring two important and very well attended sessions on Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Part D Plans in late October. As Medicare becomes more complicated, help selecting the best plan is essential. Knowing the ins and outs is essential in order to avoid major pitfalls. Several seniors took advantage of getting from Presenters Elizabeth Meader and Kellie Rapp, our presenters, also gave one-on-one assistance to many of our seniors. We hope to continue hosting these sessions annually. Advocating for Green Burial in Cornish. Responding on behalf of many Cornish citizens. CAIP began working this year with the Select Board to allow Green Burial in Cornish. Lee Webster, an expert in Green Burial, gave an informational session in the Spring, and CAIP will hold a second in 2026 to help people understand the process, requirements and limitations.
- CAIP has been using the Masonic Hall for our activities and meeting space while we wait for the new Library to be completed. CAIP is very grateful to the Masons for their generosity hospitality.
- CAIP offers the Medical Supply Closet, which continue to be used on a regular basis. We are grateful to the Friends of the Meeting House, who made space available for temporary supply storage. After the new Library is completed, Medical supplies will be moved back to the permanent location in basement of the new Library. We are very grateful to the Meeting House, the CCI, and the Library for allowing us to provide this important service, and to the Lions Club for providing additional supplies as needed.
- Our monthly senior coffee hours continue and were well. Held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, they offer seniors an opportunity to socialize and talk about issues that are important to them. They also help seniors from becoming isolated and lonely, a very common occurrence for older seniors.
- CAIP continues to work to find ways to enrich Cornish seniors' lives by providing social activities, helpful information about aging, and referrals to helping resources in our community.

For more information, visit <https://cornish.nh.gov/cornish-aging-in-place/>, visit us on Facebook, or see a summary of CAIP services at the end of the Cornish phone book.

Please call any CAIP member if you have requests, suggestions, comments, or questions. CAIP members are: Dan Brown, Leigh Callahan, Laura Cousineau (co-chair), Deb Dworak, Liz Gage, Adrey Jacquier, Jeff Katchen, Linda Leone, Jan Lord (co-chair), Jody Schubert, Reigh Sweetser, Marina Weidner, Martha Zoerheide.

CORNISH COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (CCI)

2025

For the Cornish Community Initiative (CCI), 2025 was a year of milestones. Along with sponsoring community activities, the CCI began construction of the Cornish Library and Community Center.

In January, the CCI received a \$727,456 Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) grant. By February, the Cornish Library Trustees and Banwell Architects confirmed that enough funds had been raised to proceed with the library project. At the March Town Meeting, an article to rescind the 2023 vote to accept the future library failed to pass.

Final engineering and structural plans were completed, and bidding began in July under construction manager Trumbull Nelson. NHDOT approved the driveway and parking lot plan. The CCI met with the Planning Board twice during the summer. On September 15, the former Cornish Store was donated to the CCI by Colleen O’Neill. Construction began in late September, followed by a groundbreaking celebration on October 7. The Select Board toured the site in December. The project is expected to wrap up in late 2026 or early 2027.



The CCI continued to support and promote community life in Cornish through sponsored events, including the Cabin Fever Coffee House Concert Series (supported by the Tasker Covered Bridges Fund and the NH Charitable Foundation), Moth storytelling, an April poetry reading, our July Plastic-Free Picnic, Halloween activities, the Holiday Tree in the Flat, and Holiday Caroling.

Please visit our website for more information: <https://cornishci.org/> We are grateful for the support of so many generous donors and sponsors.

Respectfully submitted, CCI Board of Directors

Yadin Flammer, Cindy Heath, Keith Mullane, Colleen O’Neill, Daniel Poor
Cornish Community Initiative, PO BOX 123, Cornish Flat, NH 03746

CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION

2025

This was our 75th year in bringing the best little fair and largest 4-H dairy show to the State of New Hampshire. Our Diamond Anniversary was celebrated with daily giveaways, reduced admissions, increased premiums and a fantastic fireworks show on Saturday night. The Friday parade was brought back in grand fashion – tractors, horses, goats and floats! We even had kids with bicycles and baby carriages - just like the old days – Ruth Rollins would be proud! We had two special dedications this year - our History Museum was stood up and dedicated to Leland Atwood (our longest sitting Director) and Bob's Blacksmith Garden was fashioned as a thank you to Bob Taylor.

Weather:

Friday (15th) – Sunny and hot. High around 85.

Saturday (16th) – Sunny and hot. High around 88.

Sunday (17th) – Sunny and hot. High around 89.

Theme for 2025: Celebrating Our Diamond Jubilee

New Entertainment and Attraction changes for 2025:

- Love Story (An unofficial tribute to Taylor Swift)
- Fiddle Fire Band – The Music of Charlie Daniels
- Livin' on a Prayer – Bon Jovi Tribute (replaced the Queen Tribute last minute, so look for them in 2026!)
- Neon 90's
- East Coast Soul
- WailOn – Tribute to REAL Country
- Deuces Wild Acoustic Rock

Improvements for 2025: This was a huge infrastructure improvement year for us. Our largest task was to install the foot path from the CREA soccer field down along Parsonage Road to Town House Road. It took many years of planning and coordination to make this dream come true. This foot path is an incredible safety improvement for our fairgoers as well as our community. This path will prevent people from walking in the road, not just during the fair but throughout the year. It also adds a new path for the community to exercise on or just to come and sit on the new benches along the path and enjoy nature. We wish to thank The Simino Family, Parry Construction, St. Pierre Sand and Gravel, Ron's FixIt Shop, North American Infrared, Inc, Hillside Property Maintenance, The Cornish Selectmen, The Leeper Family, and many others for all their help and support.

Other enhancements that were done: Added walkway steps to/from the Upper Ball Field, painting of the fair office, garage and Edson barn. We also had the walkway to the fair office completely replaced. The Food Booth had an oven upgrade and the Speaker's Booth and Premium Booth had a subfloor replacement and new linoleum floor.

Community Service: Our Community Service Program allows anyone (especially High School students) to earn community service time by helping the fair. Most High School students require a specified amount of volunteer hours as part of their graduation requirements. We will be looking to increase our participation with the local schools this year. If anyone needs community service time, please contact us.

Scholarships: Each year we provide scholarships to Cornish High School Seniors as they get ready to attend a college (whether it be for a Community College degree program, a two-year college degree program, a four-year college degree program or even an online college degree program). If you would like to submit for a scholarship, please contact us through the information found on our website (www.cornishfair.org).

Donations: We would sincerely like to thank those individuals and organizations that donated to the Cornish Fair during the year. Your thoughtful gift of support allows us to make improvements in many different areas. Most of our donations are requests to improve many venues throughout the fairgrounds and we certainly cannot do it alone.

Feedback: The Directors would like to hear any feedback (positive or negative) at any time. We are looking for community input and feedback during our annual September meetings, which is the first directors' meeting after the fair. But we would like to have your thoughts and ideas as soon as you think of them. And we'd appreciate it if you'd just take a quick moment and reach out and let us know so you don't forget it. Our contact information is on our website (www.cornishfair.org).

As always, we would like to thank all the Fair Directors, the wonderful volunteers and of course our sponsors that help make the fair happen each year. Please check out our Facebook page as well as our website (www.cornishfair.org) for information, updates, and schedules. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's fair on August 21, 22 and 23, 2026.

Theme for 2026: Celebrating Red, White and Blue

Little Fair, Big Fun!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kellie Parry
Cornish Fair Association Secretary

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

2025

The Friends of the Cornish Library first met in the Spring of 2022. This past July we had our yearly meeting and pizza party. We elected the following officers: Carla Boyington, Chair; Judith Kaufman, Vice Chair; Mary O'Connor, Treasurer; and decided to have a rotating Secretary.

The Friends' mission statement is:

- To maintain a membership of persons and businesses supportive of the Stowell Free Library of Cornish, NH
- To support and cooperate with the Library in developing, maintaining, and enhancing facilities, resources, and services for the public
- To stimulate the use of the library's facilities, resources, and services
- To encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests for the benefit of the library
- To encourage our members' intellectual growth by increasing library use and enjoyment, supporting special projects for continued education and learning for all Cornish residents
- To support the freedom to read as expressed in the American Library Association's Bill of Rights.

Funding and publicity efforts this year have included a variety of community events. The Friends participated in the Special Exhibitions at the Cornish Fair and hosted several bake sales. The biggest bake sale provided food for the Cornish Holiday Craft Fair held at the school. Another collaboration was a bake sale at the Cornish Quilters' annual fiber sale. With a total of 4 sales, \$1923.45 was raised. Membership and donations of \$260 created a yearly total of \$2183.45. These efforts allowed the Friends to expend a total of \$1405.04 in support of library activities this year.

Friends were able to support library programs such as printing the winning bookmarks from the bookmark contest and paying for half of the band for the very well attended barn dance. Fundraising has also enabled continued access of family passes to the Billings Farm and Museum and VINS for free and reduced rates. The VINS pass is the most circulated item in the library.

The Friends of the Cornish Library thank all of our supporters and want our many esteemed bakers and tasters to know that we appreciate your contributions to our bake sales and events.

Meetings take place monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the library.

We always welcome new members and look forward to working with you to support our town library in the coming year. For more information, please reach out to: cornishnhfriends@gmail.com

Carla Boyington, Chair
Judith Kaufman, Vice Chair

Mary O'Connor, Treasurer
Marcia Brown, Secretary

GARDEN CLUB

2025

The Cornish Garden Club, now in its 72nd year, has enjoyed beautifying the town through flowers. Thanks to our many dedicated members who continue to plant flowers in Bernie's Garden which is in front of the Meetinghouse, who maintain planters in front of the Stowell Library, the Cornish Town Office, and the Cornish Town Hall and who planted and maintained the welcoming garden located across from the NH entrance to the Cornish/Windsor Covered Bridge.

We have had several very interesting and enjoyable speakers in 2025.

March- Henry Homeyer: Learning from other Gardeners: How Plants, Art and Stonework are used in gardens near and far

- April- Christine Schadler: The Cornish Garden Club Presents, "Becoming Wolf: The Eastern Coyote in New England"
- June- Colin Cabot - Annual combined meeting of Cornish Historical Society and Cornish Garden Club :Growing Up Under the Influence of Gardens and Gardeners
- September- Pam Abrahamson: Tips on getting Amaryllis bulbs to rebloom.
- October- Maggie Andrews: Permaculture Gardening

In addition to our programs that are open to the public which feature speakers, the Cornish Garden Club holds annual club gatherings for 'members only' such as the delicious Pot Luck Dinner and exciting Plant and Garden Related Silent Auction held in May, the annual July club picnic and the December Yankee Swap/Food Drive for the Cornish/Windsor/Plainfield Food Pantries. It's a fun Club!

The club runs the Flower Show at the Cornish Fair in August. This year was especially beautiful and the raffle was a huge success, thanks to the many local businesses who donate fabulous items and gift certificates! Thanks also to the many hard working members who put in a lot of time, effort and spirit in bringing the raffle and the flower show to life for the fair weekend!

In addition, the club donates funds to important local causes each year. This year the club donated to the following organizations: Cornish Fire Department, Cornish Rescue Squad, General Assistance in Cornish.

Elected officers for the upcoming year: 2025

President - Peggy Heath Ogilvy, Vice President - Martha Zoerheide

Treasurer - Audrey Jacquier, Secretary - Robin Robicheau

Poem Master - Ros Seidel, Fair Committee - Martha Zoerheide and Ros Seidel

Raffle - Robin Robicheau, Speaker Committee - Sue Fitch, Kathy Wall, Ilsa

Pinkson-Burke, Ros Seidel

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Heath Ogilvy, President of the Cornish Garden Club

CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2025

The Cornish Historical Society continued its mission to collect, preserve and make accessible the artifacts and documents chronicling our town's rich history.

We organized four well-attended programs that included our joint event with the Garden Club featuring Dingleton House owner Colin Cabot on growing up under the influence of gardens and gardeners; a program celebrating the bicentennial of General Lafayette's arrival in Cornish, which featured a Lafayette impersonator and a presentation by Alan Hoffman; Bill Lipfert's updated presentation on Balloch's Crossing; and CHS secretary Caroline Storrs' talk on Cornish Colony members who contributed art and architecture in Washington, D.C.

The Cornish Elementary School second grade class visited the historical society, as did a number of researchers, townspeople, and genealogists, and we were able to assist a number of non-local patrons via email and phone calls. Other activities included publication of the inaugural issue of an irregularly published digital newsletter and financial support for the 8th grade class's annual trip and for restoration of the iconic clock on the Meetinghouse in the Flat. New acquisitions included the donation of a 1913 diary kept by Reginald Davidson and the purchase of Deanna Fitch's photography book of the Fitch Farm. Please contact the CHS if you have material to donate.

As the country celebrates its 250th anniversary in 2026, the CHS will be dedicating one of its programs to Cornish's role in the American Revolution and will be looking for other commemorative opportunities. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with you!

CHS officers remain: President - David Kruidenier; Vice Presidents - Daisy Yatsevitch and Bill Caterino; Secretary - Caroline Storrs; and Treasurer - Heidi Jaarsma.

Respectfully submitted,
David Kruidenier

LAKE SUNAPEE VNA AND HOSPICE

2025

On behalf of the entire team at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity and privilege to provide home health, hospice, palliative care, personal care, clinics, support groups and more. On any given day in 2025, we cared for an average of 400 clients living in 25+ local towns. We remain proud of our ability to impact our community and so many lives!

Over the past year our management team has continued to set measurable goals and track key performance indicators in all core programs and has seen tangible, positive progress. I am especially proud to report that we were recently recognized by Strategic

Healthcare Programs (SHP) as a “Superior Performer” for achieving overall patient experience scores that ranked in the top 20% of more than 3,200 home health providers and 1,800 hospice providers that use SHP for benchmarking. Our exceptional staff enjoys an organizational culture of respect and inclusion which we work every day to sustain and which helps us enjoy a strong employee retention rate. Innovative benefits like our *Employee Car Care Fund*, established in 2023 to help keep staff safe and reliable as they drive hundreds of thousands of miles annually in all weather conditions, continued to offset costs for staff to maintain their personal vehicles. This fund has dispersed more than \$26,000 and fulfilled 165+ individual requests from employees. Our traditional *Hospice Celebration Dinner* returned after a hiatus of several years, honoring the hospice team and engaging hospice families. The expertise of our Palliative Nurse Practitioner and Palliative RN (LSRVNA is the only home care agency in our region with these dedicated positions) helped 149 patients and their families better understand and navigate the complexities of advanced illness. Members of our clinical team dedicated more than 500 hours mentoring future nurses. Hosting impactful learning experiences such as Colby-Sawyer College Senior Capstone Projects or offering shadowing opportunities to several groups of nursing students provided valuable insights into the holistic approach of caring for patients in the home. The beloved *Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon*, which celebrated its 26th anniversary, was again a sold-out and joyful occasion honoring local women and supporting our work and mission. This occasion is just one example of the community collaborations that have been a hallmark of the agency since its founding in 1970. I am proud to report that for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2025 we provided:

- Skilled nursing, therapy, hospice, palliative care and supportive care to 23 residents
- Free/reduced cost nursing, therapy and social work visits including under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 65% of cost)
- End-of-life care to a total of 182 hospice patients and their families
- 14 months of bereavement programming offered to hospice families after the death of their loved one at no cost to the family, as well as support groups to anyone in need through the grieving process
- Foot Care Clinics in 6 area towns to address the need for greater access to this vital care

With complex challenges in health care including regulatory burdens and rising costs of nearly everything, we remain grateful to those who help sustain LSRVNA as an enduring presence in service to Cornish and the wider community. As much as at any time I can recall, your funds and ours must be thoughtfully deployed for the wellness and quality of life of the region we love. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or if there are other ways we may be of service to you.

With respect,
Jim Culhane, *President & CEO*
603-526-4077
jculhane@lakesunapeevna.org

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR (N2N)

2025

An all-volunteer, informal team without Town or other funding, N2N stands ready to lend a helping hand to Cornish residents. We try to be observant of and responsive to our neighbors, as any good neighbor should be, but we don't serve alone. We are grateful for: Marie DeRusha, Cornish General Assistance Manager, for her vigilance and guidance; the Town Highway and Sanitation (Recycle) Departments for their support, Volunteers in Action for picking up some of our transportation needs and Cornish Aging in Place for their referrals and collaboration.

If you wonder what N2N does, think of the kind of simple request you might make of your own neighbor – often it's the unexpected help you need "in a pinch." If you're not sure if we can help or not, call us to find out. If we can't help, we'll give you some useful referrals.

This year 25 of 47 N2N volunteers worked on various projects from transportation, to odd jobs around the home, to firewood processing. Most volunteers took multiple assignments.

- Transportation. During 2025, N2N continued to see an increasing demand for transportation which prompts us to seek more volunteers willing to drive. Before polling our volunteers for drivers, we confirm that neighbors in need have contacted the available local (Volunteers in Action) and county (Sullivan County Transportation) services. Rides to nearby destinations in Claremont and Windsor are usually manageable for us. However, requests for rides to Dartmouth Hitchcock and New London Hospital are harder to provide--luckily, and thanks to our remarkable volunteers, we've been able to respond to most of these. (It's notable that four people volunteered for a same-day request on December 26, in the middle of the winter holidays, to drive back and forth to New London Hospital--one of whom drove both to and from New London late that afternoon.)
- Firewood. In 2025 we saw a decreasing demand for firewood, and we delivered only about 5 cords. This fall we processed close to 7 cords for distribution in 2026. We're grateful to Cornish landowners who allowed us to process standing and downed trees on their land, and to our generous volunteers who gave time, energy and loaned their own equipment (tractors, dump trucks, dump trailers, pickups, chainsaws, splitters, and tools) to buck up, transport, split and stack mixed hardwoods (On November 2, 13 volunteers helped at Recycle splitting and stacking wood. Among them, Jason (14 years) and Ethan (12 years) Drye stacked every stick of wood. The young brothers' banter and energy were uplifting).
- Odd-jobs. N2N volunteers come from all walks of life and bring all kinds of good will and skills to the team. We've helped with minor repair and

maintenance such as hanging a bathroom mirror, fixing tubing on an air conditioner, shoveling snow, relocating medical equipment for Aging in Place.

- Collaboration. We work with other volunteer service groups, particularly Cornish Aging in Place and Volunteers in Action (Windsor).

Looking ahead, we need more volunteers: anyone who likes to work (and enjoys the camaraderie of working together), is willing to share skills and abilities (hopefully is willing to drive). There's a special need for younger folks who will provide succession for us older volunteers. We meet monthly, but meeting attendance is not required.

Reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to volunteer:

Linda Leone (linellenleone@gmail.com) and Steve Bobin (sbobin@plymouth.edu) for N2N.

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

2025

As we have closed out 2025, we would like to thank the communities of Cornish and Plainfield, for all their generosity and support, that allows us to operate.

2025 started off with a bang. In the first 93 days of the year, we averaged one call a day. Some of the days we had no calls, other days we had 6 calls in day, that stretched us thin.

2025 provided a 5th consecutive record setting year, for emergency response calls, with a total of 339 calls. An increase of 35 calls from 2024 and an increase from 2020 of 100 calls a year.

With the increase in calls, comes the need for more first responders in our community. If you live in Cornish or Plainfield, are interested in becoming an EMT and want to join the Rescue Squad, please reach out!

Friendly reminder, please ensure your house and or driveway is clearly marked (preferably reflective) with your house number. This makes it much easier for us to find your home in a time of need.

Thank you all for your support and donations. Have a happy and safe 2026. As always if you think you might need our help, don't hesitate to call.

Chris Chilton
President, Cornish Rescue Squad

SAINT-GAUDENS MEMORIAL

2025

The Saint-Gaudens Memorial is a nonprofit organization incorporated by the State of New Hampshire in 1919. It was established to maintain a living memorial to sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907), including his home, studios, gardens, and artwork.

This year marked an important milestone for the Saint-Gaudens Memorial with the appointment of its first full-time Executive Director. I was honored to join the organization at a pivotal moment, as we secured the funding necessary to invest in infrastructure and capacity building—laying the groundwork for a stronger organization and deeper support of Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park. This work reflects the Board’s commitment to building a sustainable future for the Saint-Gaudens Memorial as the philanthropic partner of Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park.

Despite a lapse in federal appropriations and budget constraints that reduced the Park’s days of full operation from seven days to five, we presented a regular season of programming. Highlights included eight Sunday afternoon concerts in the Little Studio; two art exhibitions in the Picture Gallery; and, in collaboration with the Park, sculptor-in-residence workshops and the Art in the Park Festival. We also awarded the Saint-Gaudens Fellowship to an emerging artist, provided an arts grant to Cornish Elementary School, and funded the conservation of artworks in the Park’s collection. Work at Blow-Me-Down Farm continued with support from the Mary Kaplan Endowment Fund.

Looking ahead, we are developing a multi-year strategic plan to guide the organization through 2029. As part of this effort, we are embracing new ways to connect with visitors to the Park while continuing to strengthen our artistic programs, our partnership with the National Park Service, our engagement with the community, and the long-term financial health of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial. We look forward to sharing our first donor impact report in the coming year. We are deeply grateful for our partnership with the Park, established in 1965, and for the dedication of its staff, including Superintendent Rick Kendall; Deputy Superintendent Christina Marts; Supervisory Museum Curator Luisa Dispenzirie; Visitor Experience and Resource Stewardship Program Manager Rainey McKenna; SGNHP Curator Kathryn Blackwell; and Facilities Manager Steve Walasewicz. We also thank our Community Liaisons—Jason Bourne, Heidi Jaarsma, and Chantelle Neily—whose deep connections to the Cornish community are invaluable, particularly as we shape our strategic plan. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the Cornish Rescue Squad and Volunteer Fire Department for their presence at our Sunday concerts and their continued commitment to the safety of our audiences and the wider Cornish community.

The Board of Trustees notes with great sadness the passing of Lisa D. Niven, who served the Saint-Gaudens Memorial for more than 36 years with exceptional care, skill, and grace. She is deeply missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Rocha, Executive Director

SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

2025

Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park recorded another successful year in 2025. In partnership with the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, a full slate of traditional programming was offered this year. The summer Concert Series once again attracted crowds of music lovers who enjoyed a varied collection of musical offerings including jazz (Chantil Dukart and the Dukes of Art), world music (from the Garifuna Collective and others), and classical (from Virginia Eskin, and the Fishers and the Jennings). The concert season concluded with a well-attended Family Picnic Day with the Villalobos Brothers.

The Exhibitions Program in the Picture Gallery featured two artists this year. Zenovia Toloudi, exhibiting as the 2024 Saint-Gaudens Fellow, presented *Public Nests*, referencing the legacy of Saint-Gaudens's public monuments through her own modern multimedia interpretations. Sue McNally's exhibition, *This Is My Tune*, featured large landscape canvasses from sites around the country, including from National Park units like Gettysburg National Military Park. In addition to artists exhibiting in the Picture Gallery, the park also welcomed back Sculptor-in-Residence Davis Fandino this year. Davis is an outstanding figurative sculptor and gifted teacher who completed several works and taught multiple workshops to the public this summer.

The park's partnership with Opera North at Blow-Me-Down Farm celebrated its 8th anniversary in 2025 with productions of *The Little Prince*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, and *Man of La Mancha*, and sold every seat to every performance. Their work in renovating the big house at the Blow-Me-Down Farm property continues to make good progress. NPS also continues to work on visitor circulation, invasive species management, and landscape improvements at the property.

In 2025, NPS completed the reconstruction of the composting restroom facility in the main parking lot; the original structure was destroyed by a wind storm a few years ago. The facilities team is also making good progress on rehabilitating the terrace fences surrounding Aspet. In the spring of 2026, drivers along 12A will also see stabilization work occurring on the foundation of the Blow-Me-Down Mill.

As always, the park would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Police Department for their support of events held at the park and responding to emergencies as needed. We remain deeply appreciative for your partnership. And this year, we would like to offer a special hat tip to Doug Hackett who has been a wonderful partner and supporter of the park and our programs for the entirety of his 39-year tenure as Chief. Over the

years he has rendered outstanding service and assistance to the park on incidents as diverse as after-hours alarm calls, incidents of vandalism, breaking and entering, and theft and has always handled these incidents with the utmost professionalism. The staff at Saint-Gaudens NHP wish Doug the very best as he hangs up his duty belt.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Kendall, Superintendent

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following is a list of scholarships available in the Town of Cornish. Because each has a different criterion, it is best to contact the person listed. All students, including homeschoolers, are encouraged to apply.

- CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION – \$500 Contact a Fair Director
- CORNISH FIRE ASSOCIATION – 2/\$500 Contact Joel Kinne
- CORNISH OLD HOME DAY
- JAMES BREWSTER FITCH – Contact SAU 100
- MASONIC LODGE – Contact Larry Sprague
- MERCER FUND – Contact Cornish Board of Selectmen
- ROGER & JAMES NAPSEY - \$500 Contact Stevens or Windsor High School.

SENIOR LUNCH 2025

2025 was the 26th year of preparing a monthly luncheon for the "over 60" folks of Cornish. We welcome Plainfield seniors to join us.

Many thanks to the Cornish Creative Helpers 4-H Club who made cookies and served them at our March luncheon.

Our August outing with Plainfield was the highlight of the summer. We enjoyed a delicious luncheon tour on Lake Sunapee. Many thanks to the Millar fund for helping cover the cost.

CSB sponsored our annual Christmas luncheon in December. Vice President Carol Vivien introduced several bank employees who then served the delicious turkey dinner catered by Leo's Market in Claremont. Everyone wished Carol all the best on her upcoming retirement - we will miss her.

Many thanks to those who have made anonymous donations during the year. If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to volunteer, please contact me.

Audrey Jacquier, Coordinator, 603-469-3245 or email audreyjac@icloud.com

WILLING HANDS 2025

At the end of 2024, Pam Annis, lead coordinator for 8 years decided to retire. Audrey Jacquier & Nancy Newbold, who had worked with Pam since 2016, assumed the leadership roles providing a smooth transition. The dedicated team of long term volunteers continue to do the work every week to provide Cornish, Meriden and Plainfield community members with access to fresh food. As Pam left, Brenda Jordan was recruited as the regular driver from BJs on Wednesdays. This Fall, Brenda joined the Board of Directors of Willing Hands of the VT/NH Valley to represent small community efforts like ours and bring back information about the future plans to support all our neighbors with food needs.



The Cornish Willing Hands team includes: JoAnn Clifford, Linda Coolidge, Lois Fitts, Betty & Doug Miller, Sue Neal, Briane Pinkson, Larissa Scharff, Deb & Steve Tribou. Without these volunteers this program could not continue.

Every Wednesday food is delivered to the Cornish Town Hall from two food recovery sources: BJs in West Lebanon and Willing Hands of the VT/NH Valley. The Cornish

Willing Hands volunteers receive & organize food for community members before people arrive at the Town Hall to make their food selections after the Willing Hands delivery about 11:30 AM. The order in which people select their food is randomly determined each week. Our location in the Cornish Town Hall is accessible & welcoming to anyone who needs to stretch their food budget. During the school year we assist the Cornish Elementary School by providing a variety of healthy snacks and breakfast items which is coordinated with the Cornish School Nurse.

When there is food surplus, it is transported to the Claremont Soup Kitchen for community food programs. Food is composted if necessary and Mike Monette of the Cornish Recycling Center picks up our recycling so we generate minimal waste.

Cornish Willing Hands wishes to acknowledge the generosity of community members who donate produce & eggs in season. We are also very grateful for the freezer purchased with donations that stores our frozen food from week to week and assures we have adequate amounts of food for our community members.

For any further information about Cornish Willing Hands please contact: Nancy Newbold nandingleton@gmail.com or Audrey Jacquier audreyjac@icloud.com

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR
Karim Chichakly

DISTRICT CLERK
Shelly Foston

TREASURER
Dale Lawrence

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Jesse Cloutier
(Term expires 2028)

Alexys Wilbur
(Term expires 2026)

*Melissa Drye
(Term expires 2026)

Justin Ranney, Board Chair
(Term expires 2027)

Jason Tetu
(Term expires 2027)

*Jesse Cooke appointed to fill term through 2026

CORNISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Brandon Hill

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Kyle A. Riley

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES
Amy Dressler

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Beth Bierwirth

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Sullivan, ss: School District of Cornish

To the inhabitants of the School District of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary School in Cornish, New Hampshire, on Saturday the Seventh of March, 2026, at 1 p.m. to act on the following subjects.

- Article I. To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, each for one-year terms, and 2 School Board members each for a three (3) year term. Election Polls will be open from 10:00am to 7:00pm at the Cornish Elementary School on School District Meeting day.
- Article II. To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- Article III. To see if the Cornish School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,400,000 (gross budget) for the design, permitting, construction and equipping of a renovation to the Cornish Elementary School (the "Project"); and to authorize the issuance of \$11,400,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain, accept and expend federal, state or other aid, if any which may be available for the Project and to comply will all laws applicable to the Project; and to authorize the School Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$285,000 to make the first debt service payment due in the upcoming fiscal year. Recommended by the Cornish School Board. (3/5 ballot vote required).
- Article IV. Shall the Cornish School District approve the long-term tuition agreement with the Plainfield School District on file with the Cornish School District Clerk, which provides for an initial term beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, and which requires Cornish students in grades 6-8 to attend Plainfield Middle School; and further to authorize the School Board to submit the agreement to the State Board of Education pursuant to RSA 194:22, and to

take any further acts necessary to give effect to this authorization, including adopting minor amendments to the agreement from time to time without further action of the School District. (Majority vote required)

- Article V. To see if the Cornish School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$ 5,699,556 {FIVE MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY SIX DOLLARS} for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the Cornish School Board. (Majority vote required)
- Article VI. To see if the Cornish School District will vote to designate Cornish Elementary School as an open enrollment school pursuant to RSA 194-D to allow non-resident students to attend Cornish Elementary School in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of that school's total enrollment; further, to set the percentage of Cornish School District resident students permitted to attend open enrollment schools located outside of the Cornish School District to zero percent (0%). Recommended by the Cornish School Board.
- Article VII To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Cornish this 2nd day of February 2026.

A True Copy Attest:

Justin Ranney, School Board Chair
Alexys Wilbur, School Board Vice Chair
Jesse Cloutier, School Board Member
Jason Tetu, School Board Member
Jesse Cook, School Board Member
Cornish School Board

**CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To the inhabitants of the School District of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary School in Cornish, New Hampshire on Saturday the Seventh of March 2026 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

Article I: To choose by ballot a Moderator, a School District Clerk and a Treasurer each for a one-year term; Two School Board Members for a three-year term. (Polls will open at 10 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

Given unto our hands at said Cornish this 2nd day of February 2026.

A True Copy Attest:

Justin Ranney, Chair
Alexys Wilbur, Vice Chair
Jason Tetu
Jesse Cloutier
Jesse Cook
Cornish School Board



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCH 8, 2025**

The Annual Meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H. was held Saturday March 8, 2025 at the Cornish Elementary School. Eight Articles were considered:

Article 01: Vote

Article 02: Hearing of Reports

Article 03: Main Operating Budget

Article 04: Collective Bargaining Agreement

Article 05: Special Meeting if IV is Rejected or Amended

Article 06: Contribution to Special Education and Tuition Trust

Article 07: Raise and Appropriate to Expendable Trust Fund (ETF)

Article 08: Other Business

Details about the presentation, discussion, and result of each Article are included below. These minutes from the meeting were recorded by the School District Clerk, Shelly Foston.

Moderator Dan Poor called the business portion of the School District Meeting to order at 1:00 pm. School Board Chair, Justin Ranney, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ranney then introduced the members of the School Board and the administrative staff of SAU 100. School Board members in attendance were Hillary Ackerman, Melissa Drye, Justin Ranney, Jason Tetu, and Alexys Wilbur. SAU 100 staff in attendance were Superintendent Sydney Leggett; Business Administrator Beth Bierwirth; Technology Director Corey Canfield; Principal Karin Denholm; Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Christine Downing; and Director of Student Services Amy Dressler.

Moderator Poor reviewed the process and rules of participation.

Article 01 Election of District Officers

To elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, each for one (1) year term, and one (1) School Board member for a three (3) year term. Election polls will be open from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Cornish Elementary School on School District Meeting day.

Ms. Foston swore in the Ballot Clerks and School District Moderator Dan Poor opened the polls at 10:00 am for voting on Article 1. Throughout the day, poll workers included Judy Bonneau, Sue Cass, Liam Foston, Keith Foston, Susan Haseman, Karen Rudner, and Martha Zoerheid. Supervisors of the Checklist Robin Monette, Cara DeCato, and Hannah Darling were in attendance while the polls were open. By 3:00 pm, 140 ballots had been cast and when the polls closed a total of 178 ballots had been cast. Moderator Poor closed the polls at 7:00 pm.

Results: 178 Ballots were cast (13 of which were absentee). Results were as follows:

Karim Chichakli elected Moderator (1-yr) with 150 votes

Shelly Foston re-elected School District Clerk (1-yr) with 166 votes

Dale Lawrence elected Treasurer (1-yr) with 166 votes

Jesse Cloutier was elected to the School Board (3-yrs) with 88 votes (note that the margin was just seven votes)

Article 02 Hearing of Reports

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The School Board recommends this action.

Moved: Justin Ranney Second: Jason Tetu

Discussion: There were no questions during this portion of the meeting.

Results: The voice vote was affirmative and unanimous.

Article 03 Main Operating Budget

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the recommended amount of FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$5,476,294) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

The School Board recommends this action. Majority vote required.

Moved: Justin Ranney Second: Alexys Wilbur

Members of the School Board and Administration then led presentations related to: history and promise of Cornish school; student population and performance; current District status and activities; and plans for the near future.

History. The presentation began with a short video of faculty, staff, and students describing what they appreciate about Cornish School. Board member Alexys Wilbur followed up with a brief overview of the School's history and portrait of a graduate. Ms. Wilbur described the town and the school as small *and* mighty. She noted that the School Board is focused this year on articulating the Cornish School identity. She pointed out to meeting participants that there are questionnaires on their seats asking them to provide input to the School Board about what is special to them about Cornish and its school.

Student population and performance. Ms. Wilbur noted that pre-K enrollment is down a little this year but overall enrollment in the district is up. Current district enrollment is 193 with elementary (pK-5) 106, middle (6-8) 36, and high (9-12) 51. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Assessment, Christine Downing then reviewed and showed charts of student performance in 2024 Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS) testing. Ms. Downing reminded the group that due to a small school population, each student's performance has a significant impact on percentile results.

- **Reading and Writing:** 57% of Cornish students tested as proficient in reading and writing, up 10% from 2023 and above the actual NH average, but below the State target of 66.1% of students proficient. Ms. Downing noted that the school initiated a literacy program during the 2023-2034 school year.
- **Mathematics:** 51% of Cornish students tested as proficient in mathematics, down 5% from the previous year but well above the NH average of 41% and just shy of the NH target of 51.9%. Ms. Downing pointed out that this is an area with inconsistent results over recent years, which is something the school has targeted for improvement. She also stressed that Cornish is focused on working with those who struggle with math but also those who excel in this area.

Current district status and activities. Superintendent Sydney Leggett presented on the following series of topics related to the current status of SAU100.

- **District identity and strategy.** Dr. Leggett highlighted continuity of administration; curriculum, instruction, and assessment; community engagement; the facility assessment; and implementation of the District's strategic plan.
- **Improved learning outcomes.** Dr. Leggett shared several accomplishments for the district in this area: learning from the Joint Middle School Study; implementing targeted interventions as well as NWEA and STAR testing to enable data-driven needs assessment and instruction; mapping the curriculum to ensure consistency and continuity among classes and grades; upgrading technology and using grant funding to move to a .gov domain; and finalizing the "Belonging Blueprint" to help ensure a sense of belonging for everyone in the school community.
- **School and community relationships.** In this area, Dr. Leggett highlighted professional development related to climate and culture at the school; successful negotiation of a proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) (see Article IV); and community forums held throughout the year. Later in her presentation, Dr. Leggett shared a screenshot from the new school website, which is currently under construction.
- **District Structure and Organization.** According to Dr. Leggett, accomplishments in this area included completing a whole-school water filtration system funded by a grant from from the NH Department of Environmental Services; completing a comprehensive facilities study to inform long-term planning; and a productive first year of the Collaborative District Study looking at the feasibility of Plainfield and Cornish becoming one school district.

At this point in the meeting, the School Board paused to lead meeting participants in extending their appreciation of three members of the community:

- Sue Cass for her many years of safe and reliable service to the community as the Cornish School bus driver;
- Dan Poor for the time and energy he has put in over his many years as School District Moderator; and
- Hillary Ackerman for her service to the School Board over the past three years.

Members of the school board then presented the details of the proposed budget by section, which time following each section for questions and comments. As summarized below, there were notably few questions and comments by meeting participants during the budget presentation.

Category presented by	Proposed Budget	Notable Budget Changes, Questions, and Discussion
Regular Instruction <i>Alexys Wilbur</i>	\$2,637,457 ⬆ \$46,626 ⬆ 1.80%	Increases: one paraeducator and swapped a position from special education to general education; shared art position moved from salaried to contract; extended year program, 504 plan management, and counseling costs; instructional platforms related to approved programs; equipment repair; and high school tuition Decreases: new hires are lower on pay scale, actual employee benefit elections
Special Education <i>Alexys Wilbur</i>	\$691,301 ⬆ \$52,537 ⬆ 7.06%	Decreases: one position moved to regular instruction; actual employee benefit election; specialized services to meet identified needs; no elementary school tuition to another licensed educational agency (LEA) Increases: new tuition to a different LEA (high school private tuition)
Co-Curricular <i>Hillary Ackerman</i>	\$13,700 ⬆ 1,200 ⬆ 9.60%	Increases: basketball officials; supplies, dues, and fees Decreases: co-curricular advisor stipend (per CBA)
Guidance <i>Hillary Ackerman</i>	\$134,116 ⬆ \$7,354 ⬆ 5.80%	Increases: actual employee benefit election; NWEA and STAR testing; supplies; contracted services
Health <i>Melissa Drye</i>	\$126,027 ⬆ \$4,077 ⬆ 3.23%	Increases: actual employee benefit election; supplies; dues and fees Decreases: textbooks
Staff and Curriculum Development <i>Melissa Drye</i>	\$54,050 ⬆ \$20,100 ⬆ 59.20%	Increases: staff development (\$750/teacher per CBA); instructional coaching
Library <i>Jason Tetu</i>	\$93,550 ⬆ \$27,869 ⬆ 22.95%	Decreases: actual salary and employee benefit selection
Information Services <i>Jason Tetu</i>	\$151,074 ⬆ \$29,995 ⬆ 16.57%	Decreases: Shared technology director with Plainfield; Alma yearly license; information security; Zoom; Copier program; computer replacement cycle Mr. Tetu noted that the School Board anticipates a more stable budget in the future due to the regular update cycle instituted by Technology Director Canfield.
School Board <i>Justin Ranney</i>	\$38,500 ⬆ \$3,500 ⬆ 10%	Increases: criminal record checks; professional services including recording secretary
SAU Office <i>Justin Ranney</i>	\$414,450 (total) \$362,077 (Cornish) ⬆ \$17,655 ⬆ 4.45%	Increases: executive assistant salary and contracted administrative services (both shared with Plainfield)

Category presented by	Proposed Budget	Notable Budget Changes, Questions, and Discussion
School Administration <i>Justin Ranney</i>	\$296,931 ⬆️ \$19,057 ⬆️ 6.8%	Increases: salaries and actual employee benefit election
Federal Grants <i>Hillary Ackerman</i>	\$63,500 ⬇️ \$24,600 ⬇️ 27.92%	Ms. Ackerman noted that Federal Grants include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title I to support low income families and close achievement gaps; ● Title II Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant Program) to improve student achievement by improving the quality and effectiveness of teaching and administration; ● Title IV A (Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program) to improve student outcomes through activities focused on well-rounded education, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology; and ● Title V (Rural Education Achievement Program) to improve student achievement in small, rural, and low-income schools These grants are specific to where and how they can be used. There is a corresponding revenue line item for the grants. They must be budgeted and then reimbursed by grant funds.
Operation of Building <i>Jason Tetu</i>	\$405,705 ⬆️ \$62,180 ⬆️ 18.10%	Increases: salary and overtime; actual employee benefit election; filtering requirements for the water system; insurance; trash Decreases: supplies; lawn care
Transportation <i>Jason Tetu</i>	\$200,287 ⬆️ \$1,998 ⬆️ 1.01%	Increases: contracted services (multi-year contract with Butler Bus)
Food Services <i>Melissa Drye</i>	\$134,295 ⬆️ \$6,276 ⬆️ 4.90%	Increases: contracted services (second year of a five-year contract with Abbey Group)
Debt Service <i>Justin Ranney</i>	\$0 ⇒ \$0 ⇒ 0.0%	Mr. Ranney notes that whereas there is and recently has been no debt, this could possibly change in the next few years depending on what happens with major decisions.

Mr. Ranney closed the budget presentation by sharing the District’s estimated revenue and sources: local taxes (69.22%), State funding (20.07%), other local funding (8.87%), and Federal funding(1.84%).

He then summarized the budget, which totals \$5,476,294 (expenses down \$8,171 or 0.15% from 2024 and revenue down \$28,709 or 0.75% from 2024). He noted that the main operating budget, as proposed, has a tax implication of approximately \$10.63 per \$1,000 assessed property value. This equates to a decrease of about \$32.88 on a \$400,000 property over 2024 rates.

Discussion: In response to a question from Kevin Noble, Cornish Town Treasurer Heidi Jaarsma clarified that when the town estimates the tax rate in its annual report, that estimate is based on an assumption that *all* warrant articles pass at School District Meeting so therefore there is a greater total amount to be funded by local taxes than is allotted for in the main operating budget.

Results: The voice vote was affirmative but not quite unanimous.

Article 04 Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Cornish School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Cornish School Board and the Cornish Educators Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2025-26: \$117,716

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2026-27: \$73,484

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase 2027-28: \$74,045

and further to raise and appropriate one hundred seventeen thousand seven hundred sixteen (\$117,716) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels.

The School Board recommends this action. Majority vote required.

Moved: Justin Ranney Second: Jason Tetu

Board member Jason Tetu reviewed the CBA for 2025-26 through 2027-28, including salary schedule, benefits, and other language. According to Mr. Tetu, key elements of the agreement include a revised base salary (Bachelor's degree, first year of experience) of \$45,055 and a top salary (masters degree plus 30 credits, 14 years of experience) of \$82,825. The agreement includes a salary increase for 2025-26 of 4% and then 3% for each of the next two years. This increase equates to \$265,245 over three years.

Other financial changes in the CBA include more funds for course reimbursement and summer curriculum work, and an increase in the 403b match to make it more competitive with area schools. There are no other changes to the benefits package.

The CBA includes language changes related to scheduling meetings, after-school commitments, and parent-teacher conferences; guidelines for mentoring; parameters for hiring compensation; expectation that every teacher will participate on one school committee; and clarifications of expectations for professional development and personal time.

The estimated tax impact of the CBA for 2025-26 is \$0.33 per \$1,000 appraised value, or approximately \$132.02 for a \$400,000 property.

Results: The voice vote was affirmative and unanimous.

Article 05: Special Meeting if IV is Rejected or Amended

Shall the Cornish School District, if warrant article IV is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address warrant article IV cost items only?

The School Board recommends this action. Majority vote required.

Motion to pass over Article V based on the positive outcome of Article IV.

Moved: Justin Ranney Second: Jason Tetu

Results: The voice vote was affirmative and unanimous.

Article 06: Contribution to Special Education and Tuition Trust

To see if the Cornish School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Special Education and Tuition Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

The School Board recommends this action. Majority vote required.

Moved: Melissa Drye Second: Hillary Ackerman

Mr. Ranney explained that the fund balance is currently \$150,105. The District's goal is to bring this fund to \$600,000 because when a need arises, for example for specialized private school tuition, the fund will dissipate quickly. Mr. Ranney responded to a question about whether the appropriation should actually be larger by explaining that the Board believes that this is the most appropriate amount for a single year. Kevin Noble asked for clarification about what it means to have no impact on taxes when there is a significant cost? Mr. Ranney explained that the amount will come from the 2024 surplus, which is currently over \$100,000.

Results: The voice vote was affirmative with one opposing vote.

Article 07: Raise and Appropriate to Expendable Trust Fund (ETF)

To see if the Cornish School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the School Facilities Expendable Trust Fund previously established.

Moved: Hillary Ackerman Second: Melissa Drye

Mr. Tetu explained that the Board agrees that this appropriation should be enough to keep the building operating safely while the town determines the longer-term future of the building.

The estimated tax impact of the ETF is \$0.14 per \$1,000 appraised value, or approximately \$56.00 for a \$400,000 property.

Sandra Redlands asked why the 2024 budget surplus could not be used for this instead of the Special Education & Tuition Trust Fund. Dr. Leggett responded that the Board has prioritized the Special Education & Tuition Trust Fund and does not believe there will be enough of a surplus to fund both.

Results: The voice vote was affirmative with one opposing vote.

Article 08 Other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Poor opened discussion by requesting discussion and a sense of the group about whether there should be a single polling session for town and school officers. After some discussion and an informal hand count, it became clear that the majority, roughly three quarters, of meeting participants were in favor of the status quo: holding the vote for School District officials on the same day as the annual School District meeting rather than on the same day as the vote for Town officials. Contributions to that discussion included:

- Ms. Jaarsma raised the point that because the Supervisors of the Checklist are present during ballot votes, having the ballot vote on the same day as the meeting allows previously unregistered residents to participate in floor votes on other articles. Ms. Jaarsma noted that if the Supervisors of the Checklist are not required to be at the School District meeting then people could not register on that day and therefore could not participate in voice votes.
- Dr. Leggett responded by stating that the Secretary of State has said that same-day registration could be arranged on meeting day, even if there is no ballot session planned. Lois Fitts shared that if voting was held on the same day then the School District election might get a better cross section of voters.
- Naome Pike expressed her appreciation for the vote being held on Saturdays.
- Deborah Dvorak shared her sense that attendance at the School District meeting would likely be diminished if people were not also casting ballots for District officers on that day.

Ginger Bulkeley shared that it looked like the town is spending approximately \$39,000/year per student pre-k through eighth grade and \$20,000/year per high school student. Ms. Bulkeley noted that she believed the town should gather all the relevant information when making these significant decisions and therefore should take a broad and systematic look at what it would cost to educate our students, including outside of town.

Moderator Poor noted that District officials were responsive to requests from the previous year for better audio/visual equipment for the meeting and that the sound system and four large screens had worked well this year.

Beth Bierwirth made a motion to thank Dan Poor for his years as moderator, there was a loud and collective second for that motion and a quite long standing ovation.

Results: Moderator Poor declared the meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm

Meeting minutes (this document), presentation materials, and a voting record from this meeting will be maintained, as required by New Hampshire law, by the School District Clerk. Meeting materials can also be accessed online via the School Board section of the SAU100 website (www.cornishschool.org/school-board).

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Foston
School District Clerk



Superintendent's Report

To the Cornish Community,

It is my privilege to present this annual report to the Cornish School District community as I complete my first year as Superintendent. Over the past year, our district has been thoughtfully engaged in examining and addressing complex challenges to ensure continued progress through informed decision-making and responsible long-term planning. Together, we have remained focused on strengthening student learning, evaluating district structures, advancing our facilities planning, and navigating the evolving landscape of public education. This work reflects our shared commitment to excellence, sustainability, and the success of every student.

This year has been focused on resetting our strategic approach to student engagement, staff support, and the evaluation of systems and structures to better serve student learning. I was pleased to return the Superintendent's Office to the school building, reaffirming my commitment to being present and engaged with the Cornish community each week. In partnership with CIA Director Silas St. James and Principal Brandon Hill, I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms regularly, providing meaningful, supportive feedback to our teachers and staff. Together, this collaborative work has strengthened instructional practice and reinforced our shared dedication to continuous improvement.

Learning:

The Principal along with Technology Director, Corey Canfield took a look at technology usage and streamlining our financing of systems used at a minimal level. We always want to give our staff and students what they need, but at the same time want to be fiscally responsible.

Scheduling of staff has and continues to change as students' needs arise. I feel fortunate to have the support of the school board, principal and teacher's union to make this happen. Being a small rural school has its significant advantages when we work together for positive change. "Our goals are high, and we feel we are on a solid path towards meeting them" this is a continuation both in verbiage and action from last year's report.

We also continue to work toward vertical alignment of our curriculum, which will draw the map for student success.



Finance:

This year’s budget is virtually flat. It has been well documented this year that Benefits, more specifically insurance rates have had a significant increase. This has made the administration look closely on what reductions we could make to not pass additional costs onto the Cornish taxpayer, knowing there are two significant ballot questions that would be investments in how we move forward.

“As always, when we develop the proposed budget, we’re looking at all current needs and starting from “zero” with each new year. We look at everything from staffing and curriculum materials to supplies and technology to see what we will need to provide a quality education to students without overburdening taxpayers. “ language that still holds true from last year’s report.

Facilities:

We continue to prioritize addressing the facilities needs at Cornish Elementary School and are proud to have completed an updated and more detailed Comprehensive Facilities Assessment in partnership with Harriman Architects. This extensive report provides critical insight into the current condition of our building, projected costs associated with repairs and renovations, and the highest-priority improvements necessary to meet safety standards, regulatory requirements, and modern educational expectations. Most importantly, it serves as a foundational tool to guide thoughtful, responsible decision-making as we plan for the future of our learning environment.

Building on this work, we advanced these plans through a ballot question this year, proposing a flexible and forward-thinking design intended to preserve and strengthen educational opportunities at our current location. This approach reflects our commitment to maintaining a strong local school presence while ensuring that our facilities can adapt to changing instructional needs and enrollment trends. By investing in our infrastructure, we are investing directly in the success, safety, and well-being of our students.

This initiative is critically important for the long-term vitality of our school and community. It represents an opportunity for the town and its citizens to take an active role in shaping the future of education in Cornish, maintaining local control, and securing a sustainable path forward. Through careful planning, transparency, and community engagement, we remain committed to stewarding these resources responsibly and ensuring that Cornish continues to offer high-quality educational experiences for generations to come.

Committee Work:

Middle School Study Committee:

Following last year's vote to explore the development of a shared middle school program, the joint committee worked diligently to examine all aspects of the proposed initiative, including academic programming, student development, facilities, and infrastructure. Their comprehensive report provided valuable insight into how middle school education can be strengthened and better aligned with the developmental and academic needs of students in grades six through eight. This thorough process reflected a strong commitment from both communities to pursue innovative and sustainable educational solutions.

While the study identified clear academic and social benefits to combining grades six through eight, the anticipated cost savings for the Plainfield and Cornish communities were ultimately not realized. As a result, the original shared middle school model did not move forward. However, the work of the committee has been instrumental in informing future planning and has equipped our district with meaningful data, thoughtful analysis, and a clearer understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with middle school programming.

Building on this foundation, Cornish is now prepared to move forward with a ballot question that would allow our students in grades six, seven, and eight to tuition into Plainfield Middle School. This proposal reflects our commitment to providing high-quality educational opportunities while utilizing the insights gained through last year's collaborative effort. It represents a strategic and student-centered approach to strengthening our middle school program.

Plainfield Middle School is currently undergoing a significant middle school construction and renovation project that will reconfigure learning spaces and enhance instructional capacity. This work is designed to support a modern, flexible curriculum that emphasizes project-based learning, collaboration, and real-world problem solving. These improvements align closely with best practices in middle-level education and support the academic, social, and emotional growth of students.

By pursuing this partnership, Cornish seeks to provide its middle school students with access to expanded resources, enriched programming, and innovative learning environments. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to thoughtful planning, responsible stewardship, and continuous improvement. Most importantly, it demonstrates our dedication to preparing our students for success in high school and beyond while maintaining transparency and collaboration with our community.

Cooperative Planning Team:

At last year's annual district meeting, a Cooperative Planning Team was established to study the feasibility of moving the Cornish and Plainfield SAUs into a single, shared cooperative entity. To date, the team has made meaningful progress in developing proposed language related to school board governance, board member elections, annual meeting structure, high school appropriations (with both districts maintaining their current high school models), and shared operational expenses.

In addition to this foundational work, the committee began outlining future steps. This process has been thorough, collaborative, and constructive, reflecting the strong commitment of committee members to thoughtful and responsible planning.

At this time, the work of the Cooperative Planning Team is temporarily paused as the district focuses on finalizing discussions with the Cornish community regarding its readiness to vote on a proposed bond to support construction costs for a major building project. This facilities initiative represents a significant investment in the future of our students and community and is appropriately being given priority in our current planning efforts.

Once there is greater clarity regarding community support and direction related to the building project, the district will be in a stronger position to resume the cooperative planning process. This approach ensures that major long-term decisions are made thoughtfully, with full community engagement and financial awareness.

By statute, this type of study requires a minimum of two to three years to complete. While 2024–25 marked the conclusion of the first year of this work, we remain committed to continuing the process when conditions are appropriate. I am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of this committee and for their careful examination of every possible option in service of our students and communities.

In conclusion:

It has been a very busy year for all of us. I see good things on the horizon. All of this work does not happen without a town who believes in local schools, a board that supports the work for continued improvement, a SAU team who is leading decision making and a staff who comes to work everyday honing their craft to best support our students.

With our children in mind,

Kyle Riley, Superintendent



2026 Annual Report of the Cornish School Board

<i>Justin Ranney, Board Chair</i>	<i>Term 2024-2027</i>
<i>Alexys Wilbur, Board Vice Chair</i>	<i>Term 2023-2026</i>
<i>Jesse Cook, Board Member</i>	<i>Term 2025-2026</i>
<i>Jason Tetu, Board Member</i>	<i>Term 2024-2027</i>
<i>Jesse Cloutier, Board Member</i>	<i>Term 2025-2028</i>

The 2025-26 school year has seen many changes at many levels and has been one where a lot of information gathering has come together to form choices for the future of the district.

First some of the changes that have occurred in the district include the district saying goodbye to several members of the SAU team. Dr. Sydney Legget, Superintendent, Christine Downing, curriculum coordinator, and Brian Nolan, facilities director, all moved on to other opportunities. Kyle Riley has been hired as the new Superintendent for both Cornish and Plainfield school districts, Silas St. James as the new curriculum coordinator and Cody Schoolcraft has taken over as the new facilities director. Welcome aboard to all our new SAU team members. There was also a change in our principal position in the school, Karin Denholm has moved on to Mascoma Middle School, and we welcome Brandon Hill as the new principal of Cornish Elementary School.

The board has spent much of the fall and winter months assessing feedback from the community and data collected over the last several years to determine the best way to move forward with the necessary repairs to our building. The decision has been made to bring a bond proposal forward to the town to fully address the repairs and improvements the school facility needs. The bond proposal will be for \$11.4 million dollars. The full scope and details of the project are available on the school website, including all information regarding the tax impact. The board has looked at a phased approach to the project, but this approach will cost the

taxpayers significantly more money over time than a one-time project.

As for the school budget, the proposed budget to be voted on at town meeting is for \$5,699,556. This budget is an increase of \$55,546, or .98%, over last year's proposed budget. The tax impact of this budget with all associated changes in revenues is an increase to the tax rate of \$.84 per \$1000 of assessed value. There are several changes in this budget that are driving factors in keeping the budget fairly level. This includes a change in service delivery for curriculum, instruction and assessment, and facility management. Moving from benefited positions to contracted services would reduce expenses while maintaining required services.

There will be a warrant article for the town to consider that proposes an option to tuition grades 6-8 from Cornish to Plainfield starting in the 2026-27 school year. This has been a discussion for several years as a continuation of the middle school study, and the board feels it should be the town's decision if that is the direction it would like to go in. The particulars are a starting tuition rate of \$16000 per middle school child, with a 3% increase in rate per year for a period of at least 5 years. Cornish would have the ability to serve on an advisory board for middle school programming; however, this would be a Plainfield program. This proposal would include a proportional SAU cost shift, as more students would be in the Plainfield school than the Cornish School. In this model Cornish would move to a Pre-K to 5 school. As such there would be a reduction in staffing at Cornish. With the reductions in costs for personnel changes and the addition of tuition costs, this appears to be very close to cost neutral in year one.

The board will propose a change to Cornish's high school tuition threshold while continuing to offer school choice. For more than 30 years, Cornish has set its tuition rate based on several area high schools, including Stevens, Lebanon, and Vermont schools such as Hartford; however, tuition rates at Vermont public high schools have increased rapidly in a short period of time due to Vermont's funding formula. For the coming year, tuition at Hartford High School is projected to exceed \$25,000, compared with

approximately \$18,700 at Lebanon High School and \$17,000 at Stevens High School, making continued inclusion of Vermont schools in the tuition threshold financially unsustainable for Cornish. The Board is therefore proposing to base the tuition threshold on the two nearby New Hampshire public high schools, Lebanon and Stevens. Families may still choose other public high schools but would be responsible for any tuition costs above the established rate, as is currently the case with Hanover. Any students currently attending Vermont public high school would be grandfathered in, with Cornish covering their tuition costs through graduation.

The last update is on the ongoing Cooperative District study with Plainfield. We are currently in year two of the three-year study. There are several possible models for this that have been discussed. At the moment the study is on hold to see what Cornish will do with its building. The decision on what Cornish will do with the building looms large in future discussions about how a cooperative agreement could move forward. Once Cornish makes this decision the committee will finish their process of identifying the best potential options to bring to the towns of Plainfield and Cornish at next year's district meetings.

There are many big decisions to be made at the district meeting this year and we appreciate all the important input the public has provided in getting us to this point. We hope that everyone has had ample opportunity to review the information we have available and to ask any questions along the way.

Respectfully,

*Justin Ranney
Chair, Cornish School Board*



Principal's Report

Each year, the principal of Cornish Elementary School provides an update on the work of the school over the past twelve months. As we continue to build upon the goals outlined in our strategic plan, there is much to be proud of within our school community.

This year CES welcomed new staff members alongside a new superintendent, new CIA director, and new principal. Samantha Spielberg was hired to replace Judy Regrut as administrative assistant to the principal. Tyler Sullivan, Eleri Clifton, and Jolene Smith were brought on as paraprofessionals. Jeffrey Glover was hired as the grades 5-8 math educator, and Seth Moore was hired as the PreK-8 music teacher. The physical education position started with long-term substitute Dave Holloway, and Lily Barber took over in January.

This year has been one of continued growth, collaboration, and reflection. Our students, staff, and families have worked together to ensure that Cornish Elementary School remains a welcoming, supportive, and engaging place for learning. As a small PreK–8 school, we value the close relationships that exist across grade levels and the shared responsibility we feel for every student's success.

Throughout the year, our educators focused on strengthening instruction and using assessment data thoughtfully to inform teaching and learning. Students in grades K–8 participated in NWEA assessments in reading and mathematics, and students in grades 4–8 also completed science assessments. This data, along with other classroom-based measures, continues to guide instructional decisions, identify areas of growth, and ensure that supports are in place for students who need them. We remain encouraged by the progress we are seeing and are committed to using data responsibly and transparently.

Cornish Elementary School continues to benefit from the dedication and flexibility of its staff. As with many schools, we navigated staffing adjustments throughout the year, and I am grateful for the professionalism and teamwork demonstrated by our educators and support staff. Their willingness to collaborate, problem-solve, and support one another has been a strength of our school and has directly benefited students.

Student engagement and school climate remained a priority this year. Students participated in a variety of school-wide activities that helped foster a sense of belonging and school pride. Events such as spirit days, assemblies, performances, and celebrations brought energy into the building and provided opportunities for students of all ages to connect with one another. These shared experiences are an important part of our PreK–8 model and help strengthen our school community.

Our students were also able to participate in a number of enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom. Winter programming once again offered both on-mountain and school-based options, allowing students to remain active and engaged during the winter months. In the spring, students took part in community service activities such as Green Up Day, demonstrating responsibility and care for our town and environment. These experiences support our work around the Portrait of the Graduate and help students develop skills that extend beyond academics.

Family and community involvement continue to be a vital part of life at Cornish Elementary School. We are deeply appreciative of the many volunteers who give their time to support programs, events, and learning opportunities for students. From enrichment activities to celebrations and fundraisers, community support plays an essential role in making these experiences possible.

As we look ahead, our focus remains on continuous improvement, student growth, and maintaining strong communication with families and the broader community. Cornish Elementary School is fortunate to be

supported by a town that values education and cares deeply about its students.

It has been another strong year at Cornish Elementary School, and I am proud of the work being done each day by our students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Hill
Principal, Cornish Elementary School



Facilities Director Report

To the Cornish Community,

It has been my pleasure to serve as Facilities Director at Cornish School since July 2025. During this time, the Facilities Team has worked to maintain systems that are performing well while developing new strategies to address areas needing improvement. Thank you to the Cornish community for its continued commitment to providing an outstanding facility for students to learn and for the community to enjoy.

Current Building Status:

The building is in need of several large-scale repairs and system updates. The Harriman Group study clearly outlines the current condition of the building and helps guide future planning. At present, our primary focus is on maintaining existing systems while also improving efficiency in our work processes and procedures. We look forward to seeing the vision the Cornish community develops for the building and supporting that process.

Playground:

The playground was refinished this summer with a fresh coat of safety fiber wood chips. This product is made from virgin ground softwood trees and produced in Springfield, NH. Most importantly, safety fiber is a certified public playground surface per the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association.

Outdoor Classroom:

Last summer, stairs were built to the outdoor classroom by community volunteers. The stairs have created a safer access route for students and for campers attending the fair. Other additions include extra storage, a repurposed shed, and a large hard pack area in front of the pavilion to be used as additional workspace. The hard pack was donated by St. Pierre Sand and Gravel. We hope to add additional picnic tables in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Schoolcraft
Facilities Director



CCPTO Report

The CCPTO, or Cornish Community Parent Teacher Organization, is titled "Cornish Community" because our mission is to enhance educational and social opportunities while strengthening Cornish Elementary School and community ties. This is done by providing opportunities for community members to volunteer and participate in the enrichment of Cornish students.

Programs the CCPTO has provided financial support for over the last year include:

- Ski Program scholarships
- Screen-Free Week supplies
- Four Winds Science Program
- Direct reimbursement to teachers funding their own classroom enrichment
- Graduation Awards
- Life program enrichment and supplies
- Liability insurance to run the gate shifts for the Cornish Fair
- Seed money for fundraising efforts by the 7th and 8th grade classes

Programs and events CCPTO facilitated over the last year:

- The "Holiday Shop" where students can buy presents for their families
- The beginning of school year Ice Cream Social
- Lunch and snacks to staff on PD days to show appreciation
- Spirit Wear
- Baby-sitting services for annual town and school meetings
- Magnet School Calendars
- Fall theater programming (for lower wing students - upper wing will be getting one in the spring!)
- Welcome gifts for new staff and faculty

Fundraising:

The CCPTO does almost the entirety of its fundraising by staffing the entrance booths at the Cornish Fair. This is done by soliciting volunteers to donate a few hours of time over the long weekend, as well as manning a golf cart to help with the transition of gate shifts, and also finding volunteers for the counting house. It is a huge undertaking that has proven more and more difficult with a declining number of people willing to donate their time. Fortunately, we do have a strong group of volunteers who are dedicated to supporting the CCPTO's efforts in bringing enrichment and a sense of community to the school, and we hope to bring in more as new members join our PTO and town. This past year, the CCPTO and volunteers were able to raise \$7,853 from the fair for their efforts.



In addition to the fair, the funds raised through the Cornish Phone Book are allotted for school enrichment and the CCPTO will be taking on the organization and distribution of the phone book in the upcoming years.

Our 2025 Election of Officers resulted in a change in President and Vice President positions:

- Angela Bean – President
- Kaya Meenagh – Vice President
- Emily Lewis – Treasurer
- Tricia Kruidenier - Secretary

We are eager to attract and welcome new members to help in our efforts. The CCPTO is discussing ways to support babysitting and dinner services for busy parents who would like to participate. Joining CCPTO is the surest way to partake in the children of this community's enrichment and get involved with the school, so please consider joining us for some meetings. We welcome all community members - not just parents! Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at the Cornish Elementary School library. We also provide a meeting link for those that find it easier to join remotely.

Please email Cornishccpto@gmail.com for more information and to receive notices about our upcoming meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Bean
CCPTO President



School Nurse Report

School Health Goals:

	<u>Status:</u>
● Certify all staff in CPR/AED	Ongoing
● Use the principles of Continuous Quality Improvement to decrease student injuries	Ongoing
● Use illness data to evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on: prevention	Ongoing
● Use the quality improvement process to evaluate BMI of students	Ongoing
● Continue to provide education & communications for staff & parents regarding health-related issues	Ongoing
● Attain 100% compliance with NH State Immunization requirements	Complete
● Continue nutrition/wellness activities	Ongoing

Quality Improvement (QI) Program: School Health

Illness & Injury Data:

In a continued effort to assist parents in keeping their student(s) healthy and to decrease respiratory illnesses, CES partnered with the Upper Valley Public Health Emergency Preparedness Team and DHMC to offer a free Flu Clinic in school for students. Additionally, we were also able to partner with Rite Aid to offer an in-school immunization clinic for staff.

There were a total of 3,555 visits to the nurse for the school year, most of which were due to illnesses and injuries. This was a particularly big year for respiratory illnesses, norovirus and walking pneumonia.

Nutrition/Wellness Goals for Staff & Students:

	<u>Status:</u>
● Wellness Activities	Ongoing
● Stress fitness for life and educate students and staff	Ongoing

regarding healthy diet

- Influenza Vaccination clinics for staff and students Complete

Nutrition/Wellness Progress:

Maintaining a healthy food intake vs. exercise balance is important in maintaining good health over the course of a lifetime. A BMI and percent were calculated and graphed for each student. This data was reviewed with the PE teacher.

Regarding the goal of improving fitness, both the school and the community continue to support this objective for students through physical education classes, recess, and ongoing participation in the SKI/LIFE Program.

K-6 participated in the Passport to Winter Fun challenge sponsored by the Upper Valley Trails Alliance and 7/8 had their own challenge for Winter Wellness.

Screen-Free week in March - The Wellness Committee organized a variety of activities as part of a nationally coordinated effort to decrease screen-time for children. Activities included: taking a pledge to reduce screen time, hiking, the Spring Showcase, game night, staff vs 8th grade basketball game and a color run. Teachers participated by limiting their screen use during the school week.

The Wellness Committee helped promote two Red Cross blood drives here in Cornish.

The 4H Club collected food donations to create a “Heat and Eat” pantry in the Nurse’s office for families experiencing food insecurities. The deliveries to the families are coordinated with the School Counselor.

Molly Young had generously offered 10 after-school yoga classes to all past and present staff.

Encouraging staff participation in wellness activities through the SchoolCare (Cigna) program to support health and well-being.

Willing Hands continues to provide snacks to the school on a weekly basis, for students that are experiencing food insecurity or forgot their snack.

A Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) has been established and trained to respond promptly and effectively to medical emergencies.

Local nurses joined me for an Emergency Shelter Training presented by the American Red Cross..

Next Steps: Continue to collect BMI's and analyze results, and continue to stress healthy eating, limiting screen time, getting exercise an hour every day and getting enough rest.

Respectfully Submitted:

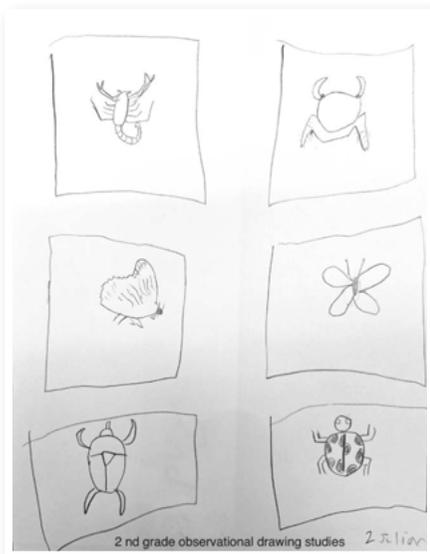
Laura Prignano BSN. RN

School Nurse

Healthy habits can protect you and your children. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses:

- Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

This message is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the NH Department of Health and Human Services, and your school nurse. To learn more, please visit www.cdc.gov and www.dhhs.nh.gov



Cornish School Technology Report

Overview

The 2025–2026 school year continued to focus on strengthening Cornish School’s technology systems while maintaining reliable day-to-day operations for students and staff. Efforts centered on supporting instructional technology, maintaining device fleets, and continuing to build and refine the district’s technology platforms in alignment with educational goals.

Instructional Technology & Classroom Upgrades

Cornish School continues to invest in instructional technology that directly supports teaching and learning. During this cycle, **four classrooms were updated with Promethean interactive boards**, replacing aging display equipment and expanding interactive instructional capabilities.

These upgrades improve classroom engagement, accessibility, and reliability while allowing teachers to better integrate digital content, student collaboration, and instructional software into daily lessons.

Student & Staff Devices

Cornish School remains a **1:1 Chromebook district**, with **iPads utilized in early elementary grades (K–2)**. Maintaining these device fleets is an ongoing priority and includes:

- Summer refresh and inspection of devices
- Repair and replacement of damaged or aging equipment



- Ongoing monitoring to ensure devices remain secure, functional, and ready for instruction

This proactive approach helps extend device lifecycles, minimize downtime, and ensure equitable access to technology for all students.

Technology Platforms & Systems

The district continues to **build out and refine its technology platforms**, focusing on stability, security, and instructional alignment. This includes supporting classroom applications, administrative systems, and cloud-based services used daily by staff and students.

Ongoing platform development ensures that systems remain reliable, scalable, and responsive to evolving instructional and operational needs.

IT Services & Support

The technology department provides hands-on support for staff and students, addressing device issues, account access, instructional technology needs, and general troubleshooting. This support plays a critical role in keeping classrooms operational and minimizing disruptions to instruction.

Looking Ahead

Cornish School will continue focusing on maintaining a stable, secure, and instructional-ready technology environment while making thoughtful adjustments as state and federal requirements evolve. Priorities include continued classroom technology improvements, long-term sustainability of the Chromebook and iPad fleets, and ongoing development of the district's technology platforms to support both instruction and operations.

As part of this work, the district will be **rolling back the sau100.nh.gov email migration for student accounts**. Cornish School was the **first district in New**

Hampshire to participate in this **grant-funded .GOV email initiative**, and the project was implemented in good faith under the requirements in place at the time. Since that initial implementation, **.GOV eligibility and usage requirements have changed**, particularly as they relate to student email accounts.

Rolling back student email accounts ensures continued compliance with current standards while maintaining appropriate access, security, and functionality for students. Staff and operational accounts will remain aligned with applicable .GOV requirements, and the technology department will continue coordinating with state partners to ensure future decisions align with best practices and regulatory guidance.

Through careful planning and collaboration with school leadership, Cornish School remains committed to providing secure, reliable, and adaptable technology services that support students, educators, and the broader school community.



Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Report

The Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment serves both Cornish and Plainfield School Districts. With each district contributing 50% of the position's costs, the Director is in Cornish two and a half days a week and in Plainfield the other two and a half days. The essential duties focus on developing, maintaining, and implementing effective curriculum resources; supporting staff in improving instruction; and managing the system of assessments and the data they provide to learn our strengths and areas to focus on to increase learning and achievement. I partner with the SAU leadership team, the principal, and school staff to support learning and growth for all.

A Snapshot of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at Cornish Elementary School

- **A new leadership team has focused on getting to know Cornish Elementary School by:**
 - Prioritizing classroom *walk-throughs*, with the Superintendent, CIA Director, and sometimes Principal Hill, visiting classrooms across the school for 5-10 minutes to gather a sense of what instruction looks like in Cornish.
 - Providing ongoing *feedback* about what we see during walk-throughs and maintaining an open dialogue with teachers about the wonderful teaching and learning we see, as well as resources and next steps to improve in some ways.
 - Meeting with staff members to hear their perspectives and problem-solve together.

- **Instructional Coaching provides personalized support and goal-oriented growth for teachers:**
 - The CIA Director meets with individual teachers to discuss their goals – whether the focus is on classroom management and engagement, assessment development, a teaching strategy to implement, a particular part of the curriculum to teach, or a specific student need to address.
 - Together, the teacher and CIA Director partner to learn, implement, and reflect.

- The process may involve research, model lessons, co-planning, co-teaching, observing colleagues, and/or examining data together. The teacher drives the whole process: setting goals, charting a path forward, and using the coach as a resource.
 - Three Cornish educators are participating in a year-long book study on *Arise: The Art of Transformational Coaching*, by Elena Aguilar, in collaboration with five Plainfield educators, to build capacity for instructional coaching here in the school.
- **PreK-4 Teachers have worked to establish consistent instructional practices in writing across these grade levels:**
 - Spearheaded by Interventionist Mitzi Sinclair and supported by the CIA Director, teachers have met to learn about a new approach to teaching writing.
 - All students in grades K-4 completed a writing prompt to establish a baseline of their knowledge and skills.
 - Students respond to further writing prompts throughout the year, based on the content they have read and studied in the Core Knowledge reading curriculum.
 - Teachers analyze student writing to highlight trends, strengths, and areas of need.
 - Writing instruction will be improved by implementing common language, a consistent progression of skills, and consistent instructional approaches.
- **Staff have been working on implementing effective classroom strategies:**
 - CES staff continue to work with consultant Erin Moore, who has facilitated professional learning around classroom management, student engagement, and developmentally appropriate behavior responses.
 - Ms. Moore also comes to Cornish to observe and coach teachers.
 - CES School Counselor Paige MacLeay led a workshop for staff focused on executive functioning skills and how teachers can structure classroom routines to support all learners.

Cornish is a strong community that supports a great school. The staff here work hard every day, and there is so much exciting learning and growing happening at CES. Thank you to all – staff, students, families, and community members – who make this such a special place!

Respectfully submitted,

Silas St. James

Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Cornish School District, SAU #100



**Cornish School District
2025-2026 Teachers/Professional Staff**

Last Name	First Name	Role
Barber	Lily	PE/Health Teacher
Dangelo-Worth	Kelsey	Teacher
Davis	Casey	Teacher
Dyke	Wendy	Special Education Case Manager
Edward	Lauren	Teacher
Glover	Jeffrey	Teacher
Grzesitza	Aurore	Library Media Specialist
Hayward	Melissa	Teacher
Hill	Brandon	Principal
MacLeay	Paige	School Counselor
Mandell	Alison	Teacher
Moore	Seth	Music Teacher
Neily	Chantelle	Teacher
Prignano	Laura	School Nurse/ Health Educator
Prince	Rebekah	Teacher
Sinclair	Mitzi	Reading and Math Interventionist
Sousa	Rosa	Teacher
Wolfinger	Giuseppina	Art Teacher

**Cornish School District
2025-2026 Support Staff**

Last Name	First Name	Role
Clifton	Eleri	Paraprofessional
Formichelli	Megan	Paraprofessional
Harper	Anna	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
LaFlam	Stephanie	Preschool Teacher
Matthews	Monica	Paraprofessional
Morin	Jessica	Paraprofessional
Regrut	Judith	Executive Administrative Assistant
Smith	Jolene	Paraprofessional
Sousa	Paulo	School Custodian
Spielberg	Samantha	Executive Administrative Assistant
St. Martin	Alexander	Paraprofessional
Sullivan	Tyler	Paraprofessional
Thornton	Nancy	Paraprofessional

**Cornish School District
2025-2026 SAU #100 Staff**

Bierwirth	Beth	Business Administrator
Canfield	Corey	Director of Technology
Dressler	Amy	Director of Student Services
Huett	Cindy	Executive Administrative Assistant
Riley	Kyle	Superintendent
Schoolcraft	Cody	Facilities Director
St. James	Silas	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Elementary School (2/2/2026)

Pre- Kindergarten	17	4th Grade	12
Kindergarten	15	5th Grade	11
1st Grade	13	6th Grade	13
2nd Grade	10	7th Grade	14
3rd Grade	19	8th Grade	8

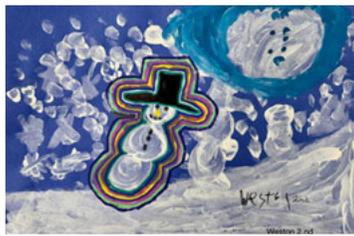
TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 132

Public High School Enrollments (2/12/2025)

	Claremont	Hanover	Hartford	HATC	HARP	Lebanon	Mascoma	Windsor	Total
9th Grade	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	4	10
10th Grade	0	1	1	0.5	0	7	0	2.5	12
11th Grade	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5
12th Grade	1	2	1	0	0	10	1	2	17
TOTALS:	2	5	4	.5	0	21	1	10.5	44

HIGH SCHOOL

	24/25	Rate \$	Total \$	25/26	Rate \$	Total \$
Claremont	3	\$16,000	\$48,000	2	\$17,000	\$34,000
Hanover	3	\$22,000	\$66,000	5	\$22,500	\$112,500
Hartford	5	\$22,000	\$110,000	4.5	\$23,000	\$103,500
HATC	1.5	\$23,900	\$35,850	.5	\$23,900	\$11,950
HARP	0	\$61,000	\$0	0	\$60,022	\$0
Lebanon	24	\$18,920	\$454,080	21	\$19,450	\$408,450
Mascoma	1	\$22,000	\$22,000	1	\$22,191	\$22,191
Windsor	8.5	\$20,837	\$177,115	10.5	\$21,878	\$229,719
TOTALS	46		\$913,045	44.5		\$922,310



FY27 Cornish School District Expense Operating Budget Recommended 2-2-26

	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted Budget	2025-2026 Estimate ACTUAL	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	2026-2027 \$\$ Increase 25/26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25/26 Budget
1 - REGULAR INSTRUCTION							
Teacher Salaries	\$ 756,915	\$ 750,616	\$ 781,908	\$ 816,827	\$ 806,212	\$ 24,304	3.11%
Ed Assistant Salaries	\$ 96,333	\$ 17,752	\$ 161,415	\$ 151,873	\$ 155,647	\$ (5,868)	-3.64%
Pre-School	-	-	\$ 19,009	\$ 24,028	\$ 24,102	\$ 5,093	26.80%
Substitutes	\$ 15,560	\$ 22,598	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 3,000	15.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 634,930	\$ 645,173	\$ 569,667	\$ 614,833	\$ 656,502	\$ 86,536	15.24%
Extended Year	\$ 15,256	\$ 22,285	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	-	-	\$ 83,910	\$ 83,910	\$ 86,422	\$ 2,512	3.00%
Instructional Staff Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Equipment Repair	-	\$ 763	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,200)	-54.55%
Tuition	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Supplies	\$ 11,939	\$ 11,535	\$ 17,025	\$ 17,025	\$ 14,200	\$ (2,825)	-16.59%
Bulk Supply	\$ 4,873	\$ 5,814	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ -	0.00%
Copiers	\$ 16,477	\$ 12,480	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Software	\$ 11,109	\$ 7,299	\$ 16,844	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,204	\$ (3,640)	-22.97%
Instructional Enrichment	\$ 11,639	\$ 14,605	\$ 17,090	\$ 13,000	\$ 14,459	\$ (2,631)	-15.39%
Textbooks/Curriculum Adoption	\$ 16,436	\$ 4,823	\$ 14,883	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,210	\$ (12,673)	-85.15%
New/Replacement Equipment	-	\$ 648	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,880	\$ 1,380	276.00%
Furniture	\$ 4,998	-	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000	\$ (500)	-20.00%
Dues/Fees	\$ -	\$ 230	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Sub Total Regular Instruction K-8	\$ 1,596,365	\$ 1,516,602	\$ 1,714,951	\$ 1,777,297	\$ 1,809,239	\$ 94,688	5.52%
High School Tuition In State	\$ 544,985	\$ 565,909	\$ 626,240	\$ 618,466	\$ 427,228	\$ (199,012)	-31.78%
High School Tuition Out of State	\$ 222,115	\$ 310,487	\$ 382,500	\$ 353,188	\$ 347,916	\$ (34,594)	-9.04%
Sub Total High School Instruction 9-12	\$ 767,100	\$ 865,296	\$ 1,008,740	\$ 971,624	\$ 775,144	\$ (233,596)	-23.16%
Total Regular Instruction K-12	\$ 2,363,065	\$ 2,382,898	\$ 2,723,291	\$ 2,748,921	\$ 2,584,383	\$ (138,906)	-5.10%
2 - SPECIAL EDUCATION							
Teacher Salaries	\$ 35,935	\$ 33,526	\$ 46,890	\$ 46,891	\$ 51,186	\$ 4,296	9.16%
Ed Assistant Salaries	\$ 161,370	\$ 197,904	\$ 126,449	\$ 113,312	\$ 116,699	\$ (9,751)	-7.71%
Specialized Staff	\$ 45,387	\$ 46,755	\$ 46,755	\$ 46,755	\$ 48,155	\$ 1,399	2.99%
Extended Year	\$ 942	\$ 3,660	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
Substitutes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 138,222	\$ 146,024	\$ 163,255	\$ 163,255	\$ 162,307	\$ (947)	-0.58%
Legal	-	\$ 2,122	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
Testing	-	\$ 293,422	\$ 239,740	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	\$ 245,620	\$ 293,422	\$ 239,740	\$ 250,000	\$ 284,808	\$ 45,068	18.80%
Tuition	\$ 30,440	-	-	\$ 55,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	0.00%
Staff Travel	\$ 177	-	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies/Consumables	\$ 1,619	\$ 167	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
Books	-	-	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0.00%
Software	-	-	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Furniture	\$ 106	-	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
New/Replacement Computers	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Dues/Fees	\$ 68,491	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
Sub Total Special Education K-8	\$ 728,358	\$ 722,972	\$ 642,090	\$ 688,212	\$ 882,155	\$ 240,065	37.39%
HS Ed Assistant Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HS Ed Assistant Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Extended Year/Purchased Services	\$ 24,431	\$ 47,648	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HS Tuition - Out of State	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HS Tuition - Private	\$ 43,228	\$ 22,352	\$ 60,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ (20,000)	-33.33%
Sub Total Special Education 9-12+	\$ 67,660	\$ 70,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ (20,000)	-33.33%
Total Special Education K-12	\$ 796,018	\$ 792,972	\$ 702,090	\$ 723,212	\$ 922,155	\$ 220,065	31.34%

FY27 Cornish School District Expense Operating Budget Recommended 2-2-26

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	2026-2027	2026-2027	2026-2027
	Total Year	Total Year	Voted	Estimate	Proposed	\$\$\$ Increase	% Incr. Over
	Actual	Actual	Budget	ACTUAL	Budget	25/26 Budget	25/26 Budget
3 - CO-CURRICULAR							
Officials	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,300	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.00%
Athletic Director	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
Stipend	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
Supply/Contracted/Dues/Fees	\$ 5,406	\$ 4,801	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	\$ -	0.00%
Total Co-Curricular/Athletics	\$ 14,206	\$ 12,601	\$ 13,700	\$ 13,700	\$ 13,700	\$ -	0.00%
4 - GUIDANCE							
Salaries	\$ 61,669	\$ 65,922	\$ 72,762	\$ 72,763	\$ 77,569	\$ 4,807	6.61%
Employee Benefits	\$ 43,573	\$ 53,629	\$ 58,287	\$ 58,408	\$ 65,889	\$ 7,602	13.04%
Testing	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,460	\$ 7,909	\$ 7,909	\$ 3,456	\$ (4,453)	-56.30%
Supplies/Print	\$ 470	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 750	\$ (650)	-46.43%
Contracted Services/Dues/Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,436	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,290	\$ (1,146)	-47.04%
Total Guidance	\$ 110,712	\$ 124,011	\$ 142,794	\$ 142,480	\$ 148,954	\$ 6,160	4.31%
5 - HEALTH							
Salaries	\$ 63,969	\$ 68,222	\$ 72,902	\$ 72,904	\$ 75,091	\$ 2,189	3.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 49,242	\$ 63,560	\$ 59,746	\$ 59,829	\$ 66,619	\$ 6,874	11.50%
Supplies	\$ 1,117	\$ 1,133	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,700	\$ 50	3.03%
Textbooks	\$ 256	\$ -	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 850	\$ 700	466.67%
Software	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,000	111.11%
Equipment	\$ 200	\$ 179	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees	\$ 150	\$ 140	\$ 444	\$ 444	\$ 444	\$ -	0.00%
Total Health	\$ 114,934	\$ 133,234	\$ 136,042	\$ 136,027	\$ 146,854	\$ 10,812	7.95%

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	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted Budget	2025-2026 Estimate ACTUAL	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	2026-2027 \$\$ Increase 25/26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25/26 Budget
6 - STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT							
Stipends	\$ 4,300	\$ 460	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (2,000)	-28.57%
Curriculum Work	\$ 2,615	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,500	275.00%
Benefits	\$ 690	\$ 330	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Substitutes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Staff Development-Teachers	\$ 14,576	\$ 5,932	\$ 12,750	\$ 7,500	\$ 12,750	\$ -	0.00%
Prof. Dvlp-College Coursework	\$ 9,269	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0.00%
Staff Development-Support Staff	\$ 1,865	\$ 311	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,400	\$ -	0.00%
Staff Training Workshops	\$ 3,561	\$ 9,116	\$ 16,700	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,000	\$ (3,700)	-22.16%
Supplies/Resource Books/Software	\$ 663	\$ 1,346	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	\$ 7,400	\$ 1,700	29.82%
Total Staff/Curric Development	\$ 37,539	\$ 24,995	\$ 54,050	\$ 37,900	\$ 55,550	\$ 1,500	2.78%
7 - LIBRARY							
Teacher Salaries	\$ 56,686	\$ 60,522	\$ 65,627	\$ 67,683	\$ 65,311	\$ (316)	-0.48%
Employee Benefits	\$ 18,900	\$ 17,568	\$ 18,712	\$ 19,391	\$ 53,713	\$ 35,001	187.06%
Contracted Services/Software	\$ 7,412	\$ 6,099	\$ 7,438	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,800	\$ (4,638)	-62.36%
Supplies	\$ 300	\$ 1,499	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)	-50.00%
Books	\$ 1,589	\$ 5,601	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (3,250)	-52.00%
Periodicals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Furniture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 640	\$ (360)	0.00%
Total Library	\$ 84,886	\$ 91,310	\$ 100,027	\$ 100,274	\$ 126,464	\$ 26,437	26.43%
8 - INFORMATION SERVICES							
Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	-100.00%
Contracted Service	\$ 122,381	\$ 66,030	\$ 60,786	\$ 60,786	\$ 104,125	\$ 43,339	71.30%
Copy	\$ -	\$ 13,881	\$ 18,500	\$ 18,500	\$ 15,500	\$ (3,000)	-16.22%
Data Communication	\$ 8,979	\$ 15,390	\$ 15,090	\$ 15,090	\$ 13,416	\$ (1,674)	-11.09%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies	\$ 480	\$ 604	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.00%
Software	\$ 9,186	\$ 9,623	\$ 16,105	\$ 16,105	\$ 19,866	\$ 3,761	23.35%
Equipment	\$ 180	\$ 36,592	\$ 24,120	\$ 24,120	\$ 30,228	\$ 6,108	25.32%
New/Replacement Computer/Network Equipment	\$ 13,430	\$ 42,410	\$ 9,824	\$ 9,824	\$ 7,204	\$ (2,619)	-26.66%
Dues/Fees	\$ 340	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 715	\$ 65	10.00%
Total Information Services	\$ 154,976	\$ 185,180	\$ 151,074	\$ 150,075	\$ 196,054	\$ 44,980	29.77%

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	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	2026-2027	2026-2027	2026-2027
	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Voted Budget	Estimate ACTUAL	Proposed Budget	\$ Increase 25/26 Budget	% Incr. Over 25/26 Budget
9 - SCHOOL BOARD							
Treasurer Stipend	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	0.00%
Criminal Records Checks	\$ 2,095	\$ 1,314	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
Recording Secretary	\$ 3,774	\$ 3,515	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.00%
Professional Services	\$ 18,919	\$ 12,948	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 2,000	16.67%
Auditor Services	\$ 10,265	\$ 10,750	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 1,500	13.64%
Advertising	\$ 1,278	\$ 904	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
Annual Report	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	0.00%
Supply	\$ 1,392	\$ 647	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees/Meetings/Travel	\$ 3,161	\$ 3,161	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	0.00%
District Meeting	\$ 759	\$ 579	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
Total School Board	\$ 42,893	\$ 35,068	\$ 38,500	\$ 38,500	\$ 42,000	\$ 3,500	9.09%
10 - SAU OFFICE							
Salaries	\$ 53,745	\$ 53,432	\$ 58,138	\$ 58,138	\$ 65,299	\$ 7,162	12.32%
Employee Benefits	\$ 22,784	\$ 28,885	\$ 26,607	\$ 26,607	\$ 32,312	\$ 5,705	21.44%
SAU Contracted Service	\$ 232,312	\$ 307,627	\$ 313,705	\$ 313,705	\$ 264,476	\$ (49,230)	-15.69%
Professional Contracted Service	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	0.00%
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	50.00%
Copy/Print	\$ 240	\$ 1,301	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies/Advertising	\$ 1,137	\$ 944	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	0.00%
Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	\$ 2,385	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
Software/Equipment	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000	33.33%
Total SAU Office	\$ 321,203	\$ 397,714	\$ 414,450	\$ 414,450	\$ 380,088	\$ (34,363)	-8.29%

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	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Voted Budget	2025-2026 Estimate ACTUAL	2026-2027 Proposed Budget	2026-2027 \$\$ Increase 25/26 Budget	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25/26 Budget
13 - FEDERAL GRANTS							
IDEA (Spec Ed)	\$ 60,380	\$ 45,573	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 15,000	37.50%
Pre School	\$ 429	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 650	\$ 150	30.00%
Title 1 (Improving Academic Achievement)	\$ 17,546	\$ 23,971	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 2,000	40.00%
Title 2 (Quality Teachers)	\$ 20,401	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,000)	-16.67%
ESSER (COVID)	\$ 184,981	\$ 7,686	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Title IV	\$ 12,269	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
Title V RLIS	\$ 1,321	\$ 1,589	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
SAFE	\$ 29,002	\$ 2,260	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Grants	\$ 326,328	\$ 91,069	\$ 63,500	\$ 63,500	\$ 79,650	\$ 16,150	25.43%
14 - OPERATION OF BUILDING							
Custodial Salaries/Wages	\$ 47,794	\$ 49,228	\$ 50,712	\$ 50,712	\$ 62,239	\$ 1,527	3.01%
Overtime	\$ 790	\$ 336	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,000)	-50.00%
Summer Staff/Substitute	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 10,417	\$ 10,583	\$ 47,930	\$ 11,927	\$ 12,145	\$ (35,785)	-74.66%
Contracted Services	\$ 93,700	\$ 218,741	\$ 141,201	\$ 126,201	\$ 110,713	\$ (30,488)	-21.59%
Facilities Assessment	\$ -	\$ 58,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Water/Septic	\$ 5,028	\$ 15,543	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ -	0.00%
Rubbish Removal	\$ 7,057	\$ 7,013	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	0.00%
Lawn Care	\$ 6,070	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 1,500	30.00%
Building Repairs	\$ 40,080	\$ 39,527	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 7,000	39.00%
Building Improvement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ 7,497	\$ 8,831	\$ 10,262	\$ 10,262	\$ 13,132	\$ 2,870	27.97%
Telephone/Data Communication	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies	\$ 10,566	\$ 11,199	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 2,000	16.67%
Electricity	\$ 40,413	\$ 25,138	\$ 32,400	\$ 32,400	\$ 30,000	\$ (2,400)	-7.41%
Propane	\$ 1,268	\$ 1,090	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ -	0.00%
Fuel Oil	\$ 8,790	\$ 2,528	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ -	0.00%
Wood Pellets	\$ 25,275	\$ 31,743	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,000	7.14%
Equipment (New & Replacement)	\$ 1,342	\$ 1,109	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ (2,000)	-40.00%
Furniture (Building)	\$ -	\$ 1,040	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000	\$ (1,500)	-60.00%
Staff Travel	\$ -	\$ 221	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees	\$ 1,135	\$ 50	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Total Operation of Building	\$ 307,222	\$ 488,191	\$ 405,705	\$ 345,702	\$ 342,429	\$ (63,276)	-18.60%
15 - TRANSPORTATION							
Student Transportation	\$ 135,487	\$ 142,153	\$ 146,510	\$ 146,510	\$ 150,905	\$ 4,395	3.00%
Special Ed Transportation Elem	\$ 4,560	\$ 6,046	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%
Field Trips (Regular and FIT)	\$ 7,948	\$ 8,146	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ -	0.00%
Specialized Transportation (Van)	\$ 41,046	\$ 41,046	\$ 42,277	\$ 42,277	\$ 43,545	\$ 1,268	3.00%
Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Fuel/Fees	\$ 1,285	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ -	0.00%
Total Transportation	\$ 190,325	\$ 197,391	\$ 200,287	\$ 196,787	\$ 215,950	\$ 15,663	7.82%

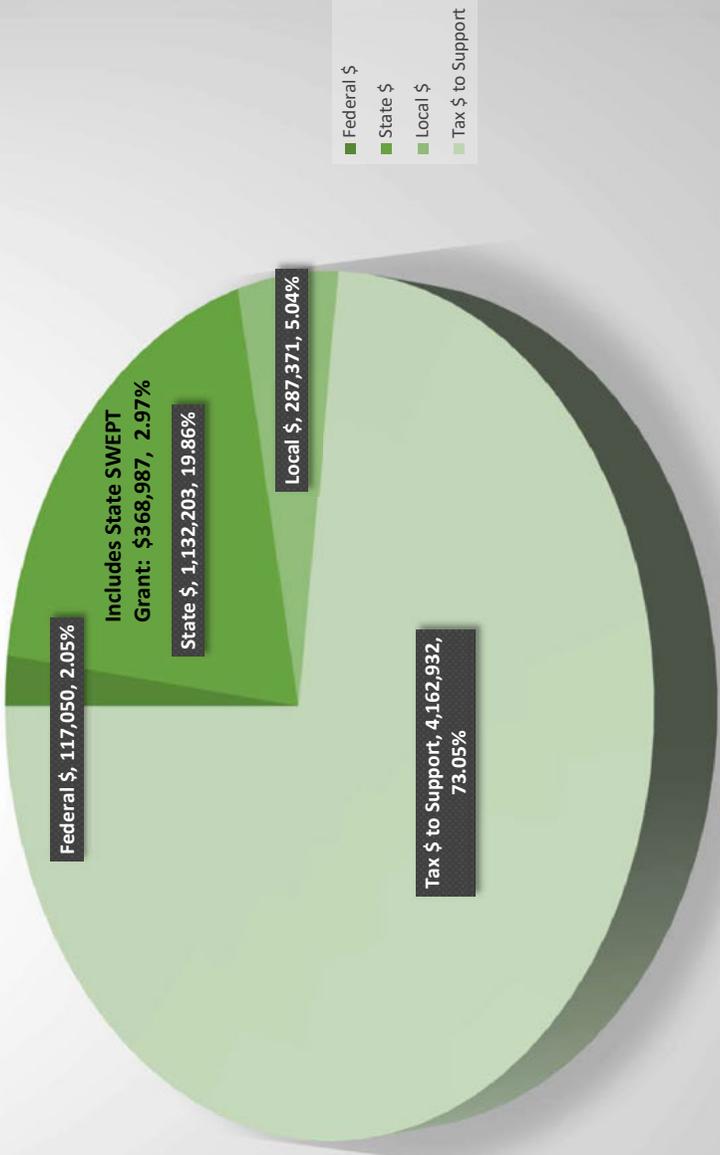
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FY27 Cornish School District Expense Operating Budget Recommended 2-2-26							
	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	2026-2027	2026-2027	
	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Voted Budget	Estimate ACTUAL	Proposed Budget	\$\$ Increase 25/26 Budget	% Incr. Over 25/26 Budget
16 - FOOD SERVICES							
Salaries	\$ 2,500		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 191		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	\$ 119,301	\$ 131,527	\$ 131,795	\$ 131,795	\$ 141,421	\$ 9,626	7.30%
Repairs/New Equipment	\$ 226	\$ 15,392	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	0.00%
Transportation		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 785	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
Total Food Service	\$ 122,218	\$ 147,704	\$ 134,295	\$ 134,295	\$ 143,921	\$ 9,626	7.17%
17 - DEBT SERVICE							
Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
18 - TRANSFERS							
Trans. Building/Site							
Trans. Special Education ETF		\$ 100,000					0.00%
Trans. General Fund	\$ 126,358	\$ 34,836	\$ 17,275	\$ 21,535	\$ 26,901	\$ 9,626	55.72%
Encumbrance/Payable Prior Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Transfers	\$ 126,358	\$ 34,836	\$ 17,275	\$ 21,535	\$ 26,901	\$ 9,626	55.72%
SUB TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12	\$ 5,351,556	\$ 5,448,585	\$ 5,594,010	\$ 5,543,246	\$ 5,699,556	\$ 105,546	1.89%
19 - Other							
Warrant Article 7 - Facilities	\$ -		\$ 50,000	\$ 75,000		\$ (50,000)	-100.00%
SchoolCare	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 81,977		\$ -	0.00%
Warrant Article 6 SPED/Tuition	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	0.00%
Warrant Article 3- Collective Bargaining	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	0.00%
Warrant - Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	0.00%
Warrant Article 6 - Spec. Ed/Tuition	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	0.00%
Total Other	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 156,977	\$ -	\$ (50,000)	-100.00%
TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12	\$ 5,351,556	\$ 5,523,585	\$ 5,644,010	\$ 5,700,223	\$ 5,699,556	\$ 55,546	0.98%

FY27 Cornish School District Revenue Operating Budget Recommended 2-2-26

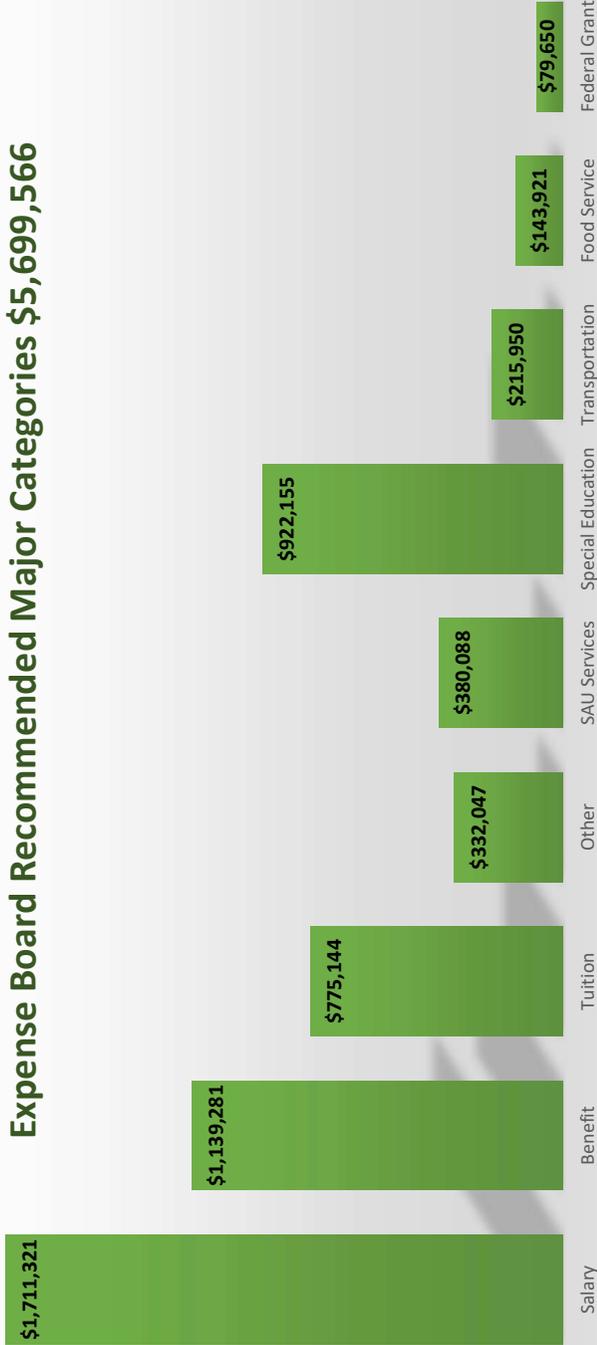
	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Total Year Actual	2024-2025 Total Year Actual	2025-2026 Official MS-24	2025-2026 Estimate ACTUAL	2026-2027 Proposed BUDGET	2026-2027 \$\$ Increase 25/26 MS-24	2026-2027 \$\$ Increase 25/26 ACTUAL (EST)	2026-2027 % Incr. Over 25/26 Budget
LOCAL SOURCES:									
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	214,948	125,172	231,739	49,762	49,762	22,716	(27,046)	\$	-54.35%
Interest Income	11,941	2,646	4,000	3,500	3,500	4,000	0	\$	0.00%
Food Service Revenues	40,831	35,277	44,505	53,000	45,000	45,000	(6,000)	\$	-15.09%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Tuition Revenues	2,877	3,000	2,875	2,876	2,875	2,876	(0)	\$	-0.01%
Transfer from Reserve Funds	1,421	16,767	34,836	28,124	21,535	26,901	(1,223)	\$	-4.35%
Transfer from Bid Maint Reserve Fund	18,089	97,139	58,500	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Transfer from Capital Trust	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Deficit/Supplemental Approp	0	0	0	0	81,977	0	0	\$	0.00%
Capital Project Bond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Local Source Food Service	45,993	48,044	0	32,000	53,740	58,000	26,000	\$	81.25%
Pre-/After School Care	28,710	44,364	30,255	42,000	35,000	42,000	0	\$	0.00%
Other (Includes Local Grants)	115,271	115,473	80,261	83,180	83,180	85,878	0	\$	0.00%
Total Local	480,081	488,069	485,618	297,640	376,569	287,371	(10,269)	\$	-3.45%
STATE SOURCES:									
NH Adequacy Grant	844,410	797,980	797,980	739,229	739,229	762,596	23,367	\$	3.16%
NH State Education	245,751	342,942	309,059	359,660	359,660	368,987	9,327	\$	2.59%
NH Kindergarten Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
NH Building Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Special Education Aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Child Nutrition	545	620	658	620	620	620	0	\$	0.00%
Other	14,854	1,241	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Total State	1,105,561	1,142,783	1,107,697	1,099,509	1,099,509	1,132,203	32,694	\$	2.97%
FEDERAL SOURCES:									
Federal Grant Programs	126,072	311,600	113,433	63,900	63,900	79,650	16,150	\$	25.43%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Child Nutrition	13,990	11,599	22,013	13,400	13,400	13,400	0	\$	0.00%
Medicaid	32,144	20,797	25,295	24,000	24,000	24,000	0	\$	0.00%
Other	5,838	104,613	0	0	0	0	0	\$	0.00%
Total Federal	178,044	448,609	160,731	100,900	100,900	117,050	16,150	\$	16.01%
TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES	1,763,686	2,079,461	1,754,046	1,498,049	1,576,978	1,536,624	38,575	\$	2.58%
Property Tax Dollars Needed	3,027,587	3,438,303	3,819,301	4,145,961	4,145,961	4,162,932	16,971	\$	0.41%
TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	4,791,273	5,517,764	5,573,347	5,644,010	5,729,939	5,699,556	55,547	\$	0.98%
TOTAL REVENUES	4,791,273	5,517,764	5,573,347	5,644,010	5,729,939	5,699,556	55,547	\$	0.98%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,668,606	5,351,556	5,523,585	5,644,010	5,700,223	5,699,556	55,546	\$	0.98%
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	122,667	166,208	49,762	0	23,716	0	0	\$	0.00%

FY27 Proposed Revenue Breakout

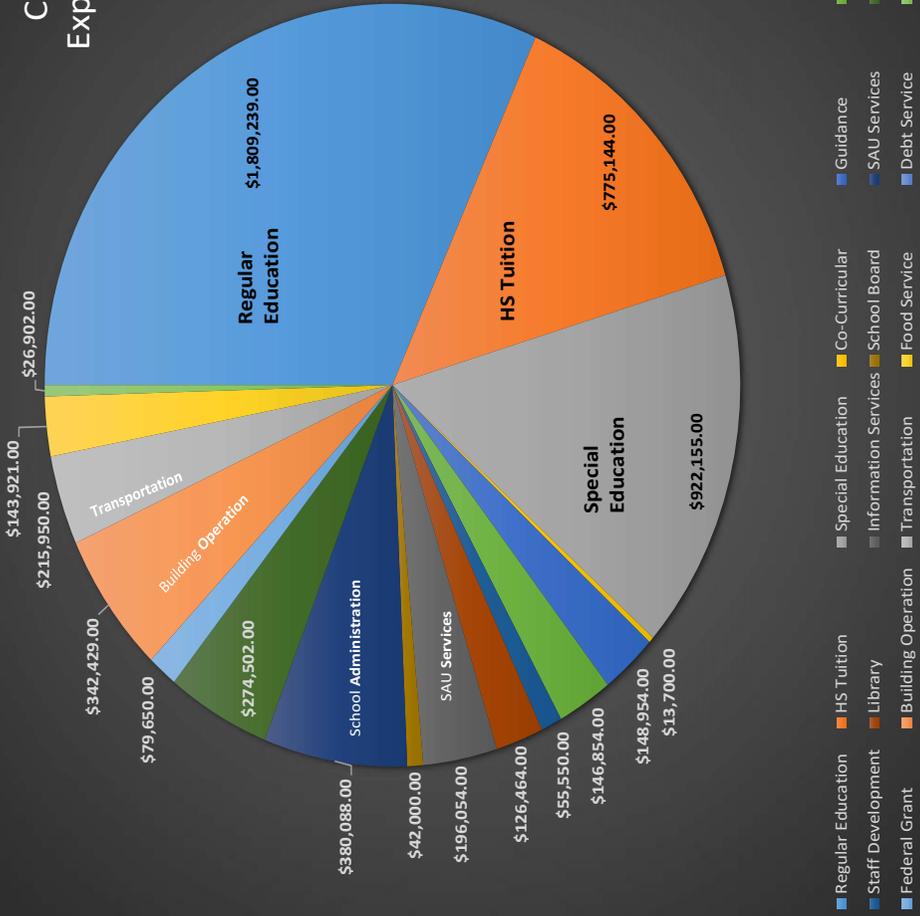


Cornish School 2027

Cornish FY27 Expense Board Recommended Major Categories \$5,699,566



Cornish Proposed Expense Budget FY27

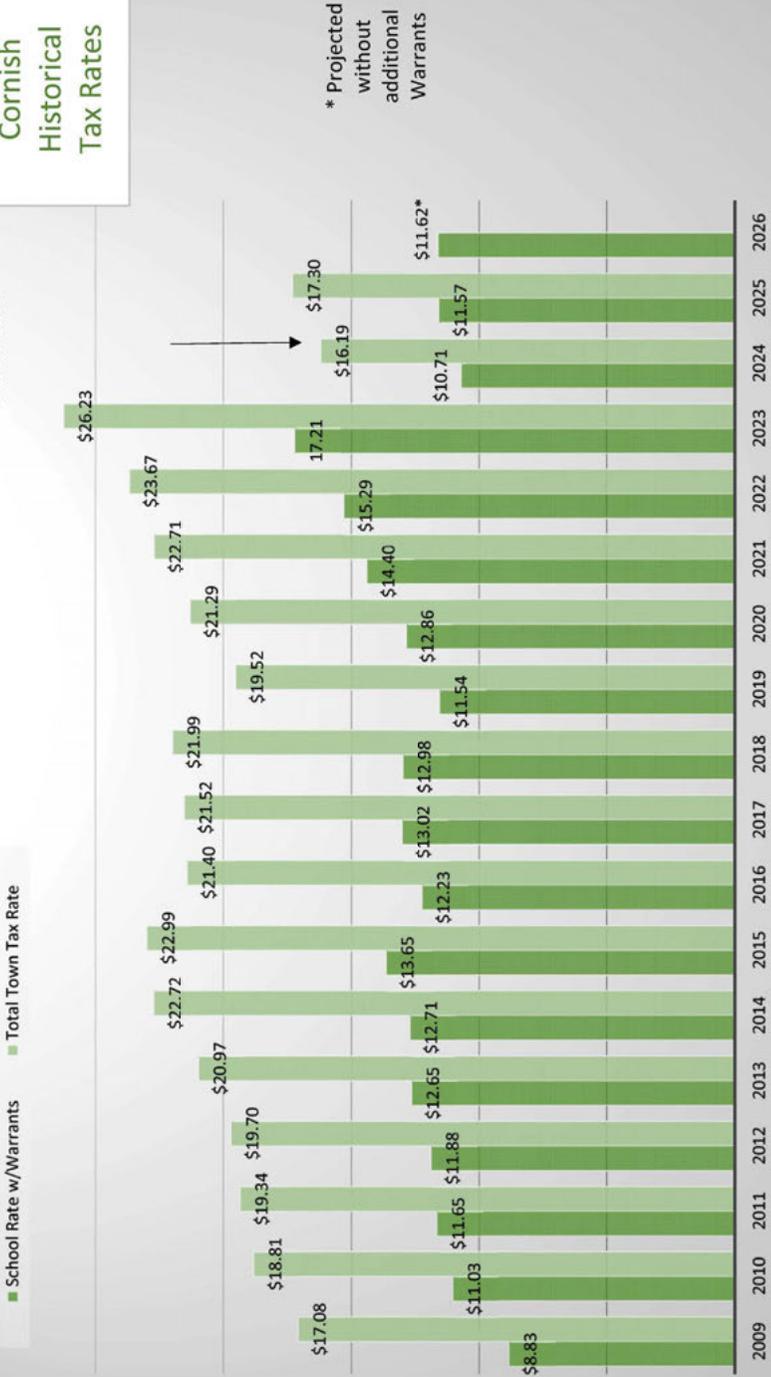


FY26 Estimated Tax Rate - Proposed						
Cornish Elementary School						
Proposed 26-27 Budget						
			Estimated	Actual	Proposed	Increase/
			Tax Rate	As Set	2026-2027	(Decrease)
			At March 2024	2025	Budget	2025
			Annual Meeting	MS-24	1/26/2026	MS-24
Revenues:						
	Interest Income		4,000	4,000	4,000	0
	Tuition		2,876	2,876	2,876	0
	Local Pre-K/AfterSchool		42,000	42,000	42,000	0
	Other Local Revenue		85,878	85,878	85,878	0
	Special Education Aide		0	0	0	0
	Other State Sources (EFA Phase Out)		0	0	0	0
	Medicaid		24,000	24,000	24,000	0
	Unassigned Fund Balance		230,719	49,762	22,716	-27,046
						0
	Adequate Education Grant		738,774	739,229	762,596	23,367
	State Education Tax		359,660	359,660	368,987	9,327
						0
			1,487,907	1,307,405	1,313,053	5,648
Budget						
	Total Operating Budget (All Funds)		5,476,294	5,476,294	5,699,556	223,262
	Warrant Articles Approved		0	167,716	0	-167,716
			5,476,294	5,644,010	5,699,556	55,546
	Less:					
	Food Service		134,295	127,144	143,921	16,777
	Grants		63,500	63,500	79,650	16,150
	Total General Fund		5,278,499	5,453,366	5,475,985	22,619
	Less Revenues		1,487,907	1,307,405	1,313,053	5,648
	Local Property Tax Amount		3,790,592	4,145,961	4,162,932	16,971
Property Tax Calculation:						
	Assessed Valuation with Utilities		356,668,170	358,388,744	358,388,744	358,388
	Assessed Valuation without Utilities		348,132,570	349,199,044	349,199,044	349,199
	Local Tax Rate		10.63	11.57	11.62	0.05
	State Education Tax Rate		1.03	1.03	1.06	0.03
	Total School Tax Rate		11.66	12.59	12.67	0.08

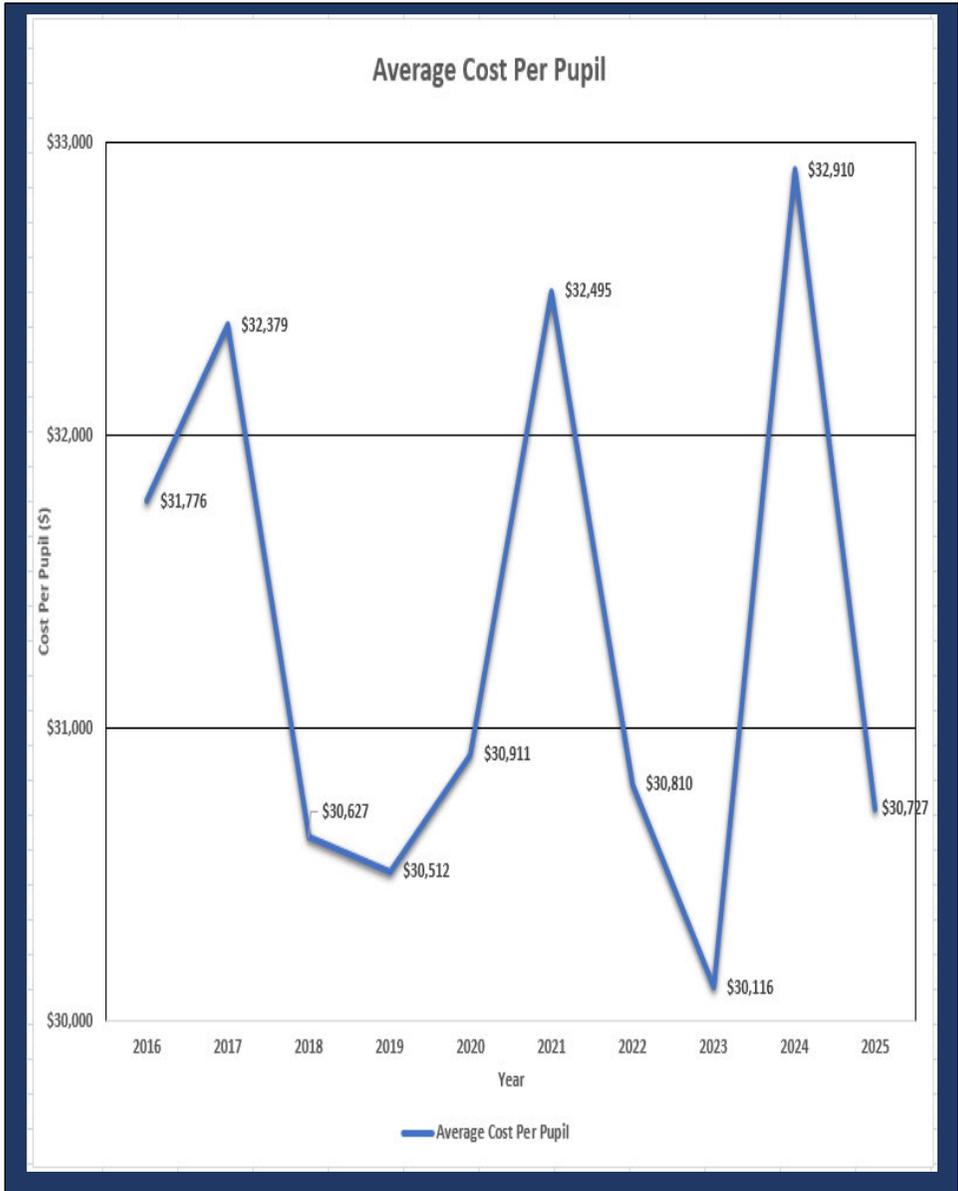
Cornish Historical Tax Rates

Revaluation

■ School Rate w/Warrants ■ Total Town Tax Rate

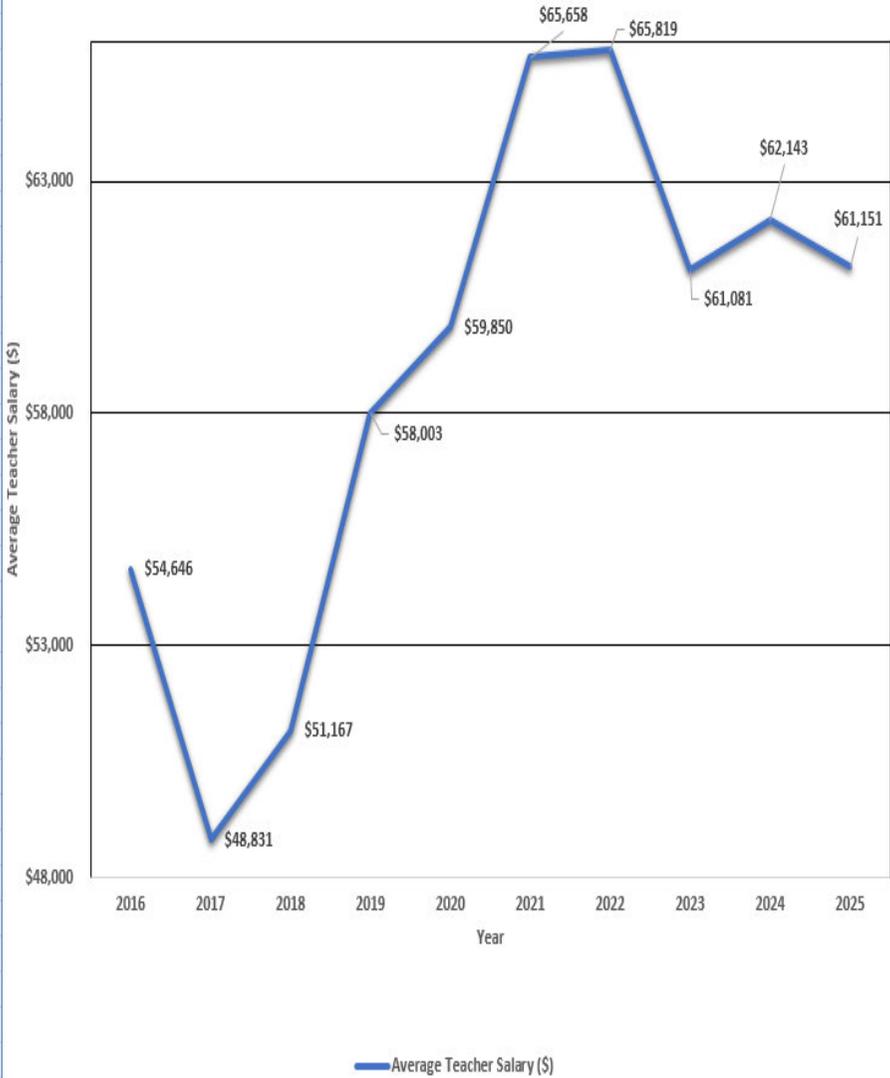


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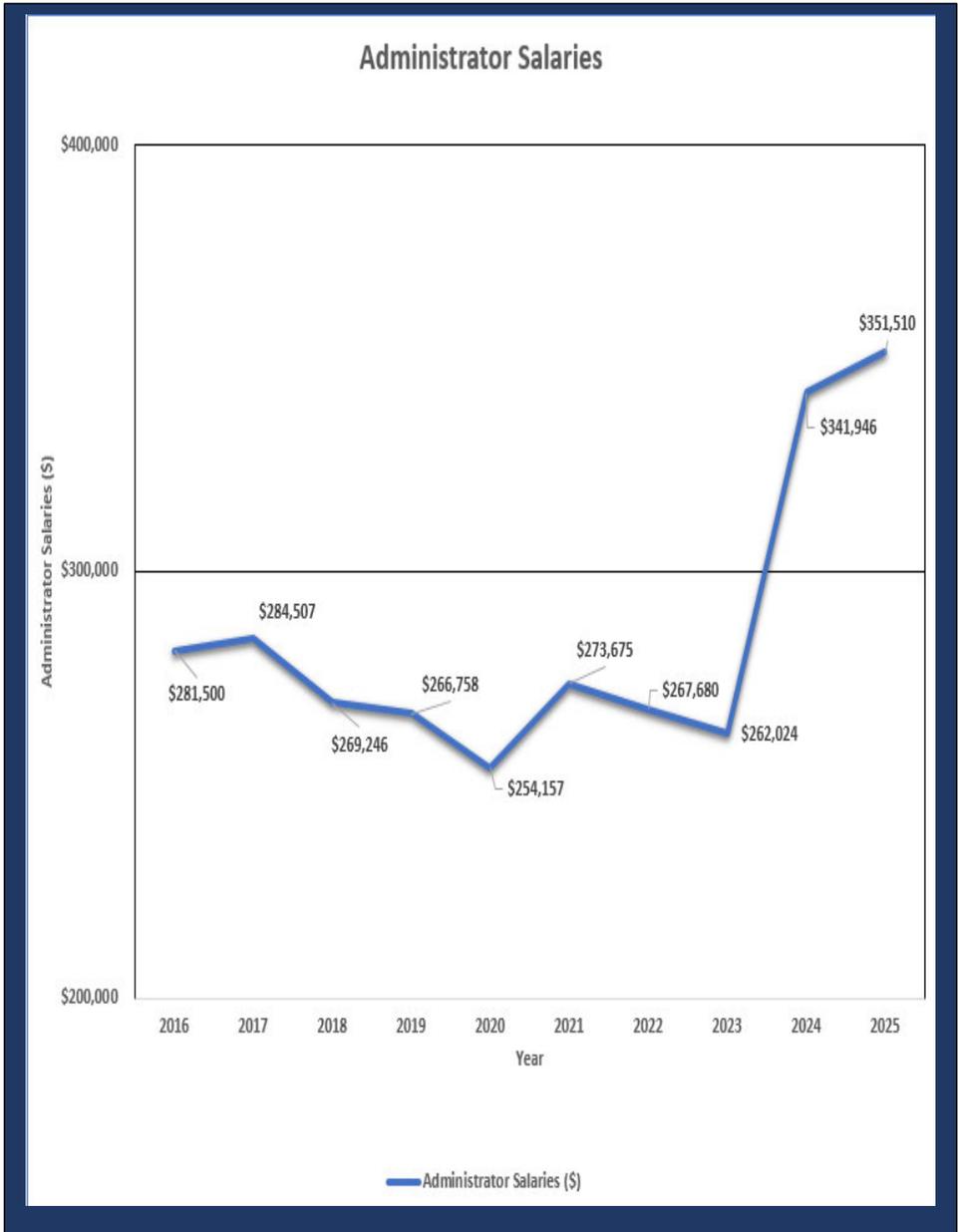


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Average Teacher Salary



Mandatory Report to Voters on School Expense Cornish School District, SAU#100



Top Administrator Salaries

Administrator Title	Current Salary
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Principal	\$105,560
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Superintendent	\$61,200
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Business Administrator	\$48,110
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SPED Director	\$47,451
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Special Funds - FY24 End

Special Endowment Fund					
	6/30/2024	Interest	Transfer	6/30/2025	
Endowment Fund	\$29,460.67	\$1,420.77		\$30,881.44	
Special Endowment Fund Breakout					
Writing	\$5,762.56	\$277.91		\$6,040.47	
Capital	\$13,415.51	\$646.98		\$14,062.48	
Art&Music	\$676.79	\$32.64		\$709.43	
Citizenship	\$671.01	\$32.36		\$703.37	
Sportsmanship	\$338.97	\$16.35		\$355.32	
Multiple Categories	\$1,523.65	\$73.48		\$1,597.13	
Sports Program	\$2,061.61	\$99.42		\$2,161.03	
Resource Room	\$2,061.61	\$99.42		\$2,161.03	
Science Exploration	\$1,801.31	\$86.87		\$1,888.18	
Spelling Excellence	\$1,147.65	\$55.35		\$1,203.00	
Additional Endowments					
	6/30/2024	Interest	Transfer	6/30/2025	
French Account	\$15,384.84	\$15.34	\$0.00	\$15,400.18	
Brewster Fitch	\$10,509.79	\$550.62	\$0.00	\$11,060.41	
School Building	\$7,676.56	\$402.19	\$0.00	\$8,078.75	
Science Room	\$1,747.00	\$91.52	\$0.00	\$1,838.52	
Burling Trust	\$29,790.25	\$830.45	-\$4,598.95	\$30,620.70	
Queneau Scholarship	\$38,491.45	\$943.60	\$0.00	\$39,435.05	

FUNDRAISER REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025

FUNDRAISER	BEGINNING BALANCE	AMOUNT RAISED	AMOUNT SPENT	ENDING BALANCE
Student Council	\$897.70	-0-	-0-	\$897.70
Class of 2025 Washington DC Trip	\$1,618.65	\$1,857.76	-0-	\$3,476.41
Yearbook	\$516.89	-0-	-0-	\$516.89
Farm To School	\$579.80	-0-	\$186.93	\$392.87
Storrs	\$150.00	-0-	-0-	\$150.00
Robotics	\$750.00	-0-	-0-	\$750.00
Principal's Fund	\$596.28	\$71.20	\$22.95	\$644.53
Livia Lexion Fund	\$8,434.14	-0-	-0-	\$8,434.14
Galapagos Trip	\$4,829.77	\$41,411.58	\$44,690.04	\$1,551.31
Class of 2032	\$36.00	-0-	-0-	\$36.00
Class of 2030	\$42.00	-0-	-0-	\$42.00
Class of 2029	\$6.00	-0-	-0-	\$6.00
Class of 2028	\$74.00	-0-	-0-	\$74.00
8 th Grade Day Trip	-0-	\$1,762.61	\$741.11	\$1,021.50
Total Interest	\$103.88	\$6.43	-0-	\$110.31



Cornish Elementary School Certified Employee Salary Report 2025/2026

Name	Position	FTE	Track	Step	23-24 Salary	24-25 Salary	25-26 Salary
BARBER	PE/Health Teacher	1	BA	1	N/A	N/A	\$45,055
DANGELO-WORTH	Teacher	1	MA	13	\$63,469	\$67,722	\$75,310
DAVIS	Teacher	1	BA	8	N/A	\$54,122	\$57,322
DYKE	Sp. Ed. Case Manager	1	MA+30	14+	\$71,869	\$74,322	\$82,825
EDWARD	Teacher	1	MA+15	14+	\$68,869	\$72,822	\$80,386
GLOVER	Teacher	1	BA	6	N/A	N/A	\$53,511
GRZESITZA	Library Media Specialist	1	MA+15	9	N/A	\$60,322	\$68,683
HAYWARD	Teacher	1	BA+15	10	\$54,969	\$59,222	\$63,531
MACLEAY	School Counselor	1	MA	12	\$61,669	\$65,922	\$72,763
MANDELL	Teacher	1	MA	7	N/A	\$56,922	\$61,265
MOORE	Music Teacher	1	MA	14	N/A	N/A	\$77,946
NEILY	Teacher	1	MA+15	4	\$47,269	\$53,022	\$56,987
PRIGNANO	School Nurse	1	BA+15	14	\$63,969	\$68,222	\$72,904
PRINCE	Teacher	1	MA+15	11	\$61,369	\$65,622	\$72,503
SINCLAIR	Reading and Math Interventionist	1	MA+30	14+	\$71,869	\$74,322	\$82,825
SOUSA	Teacher	1	MA	14	\$65,269	\$69,522	\$77,946
WOLFINGER	Art Teacher	0.4	MA	14	\$26,828	\$28,529	\$33,886

**Cornish Elementary School Support Staff Salary Report
2025-2026**

Name	Position	FTE	# Months	Hourly Wage (24/25)	23-24 Salary	24-25 Salary	25-26 Salary
BEAN	Title I Learning Coach	.5	10	\$27.81	N/A	\$19,272	\$19,272
CLIFTON	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$22.24	N/A	N/A	\$29,122
FORMICHELLI	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$25.91	\$15,989	\$16,467	\$33,916
HARPER	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	1	10	\$193	\$44,066	\$45,388	\$46,755
HUETT	Executive Administrative Assistant	1	12	\$30.36	N/A	N/A	\$56,824
LAFLAM	Preschool Teacher	.53	10	\$32.65	N/A	N/A	\$24,030
MATTHEWS	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$23.03	\$27,437	\$28,261	\$30,146
MORIN	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$22.47	\$27,725	\$28,556	\$29,419
SMITH	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$25.91	\$31,979	\$32,938	\$32,283
SOUSA	School Custodian	1	12	\$24.29	\$47,794	\$49,228	\$50,712
SPIELBERG	Executive Administrative Assistant	.8	12	\$32.54	N/A	N/A	\$47,642
ST. MARTIN	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$23.03	\$28,418	\$29,271	\$30,147
SULLIVAN	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$22.24	N/A	N/A	\$27,711
THORNTON	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$25.91	\$31,979	\$32,938	\$33,922

Shared SAU Positions Information – Proposed for FY 2027

Position	Cornish (FTE)	Plainfield (FTE)	Total
Superintendent	\$66,456 (.45)	\$81,224 (.55)	\$147,680
Business Administrator	\$51,536 (.4)	\$77,303 (.6)	\$128,839
Director of Student Services	\$50,829 (.4)	\$50,830 (.4)	\$101,659
Director of Technology	\$39,887 (.4)	\$59,831 (.6)	\$99,718
SAU Executive Assistant	\$32,650 (.5)	\$32,649 (.5)	\$65,299

Town Directory and Information

Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies	911
Police, Non-emergency	(603) 543-0535
Fire, Non-emergency	(603) 675-2221
Cornish Rescue, ambulance	(603) 675-2221
Selectmen, Assessing Office (town.admin@cornish.nh.gov)	(603) 675-5611
Town Office Fax	(603) 675-5605
Town Clerk (p.harthan.clerk@cornish.nh.gov)	(603) 675-5207
Tax Collector (tax.collector@cornish.nh.gov)	(603) 675-5221
Treasurer (h.jaarsma@cornish.nh.gov)	(603) 675-5611
Highway Garage (highway@cornish.nh.gov)	(603) 675-2205
Cornish Elementary School	(603) 675-5891
G.H Stowell Free Library (library@cornish.nh.gov)	(603) 543-3644
Town Website	www.cornish.nh.gov

Meeting Schedules and Hours

Town Boards meet at Town Office Bldg. – School Board meets at School	
Town Office Assessing	Monday 11:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m. Tues. 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Selectmen	Monday 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	Mon. 12:30-3:00 p.m. Tues. Wed. & Thurs. 5:00-7:00 p.m. Last Saturday of each Month 9:00a.m.-noon
Tax Collector	Monday 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Planning Board	1 st and 3 rd Thursday of each Month 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board (as needed)	1 st Monday of each Month 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	4 th Wednesday of each Month 7:00 p.m.
Cornish School Board	3 rd Monday of each Month 5:30 p.m.
G.H. Stowell Free Library	Monday 3:00-6:00 p.m. Tues. & Wed. 3:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

TOWN OF CORNISH
WHO to see about WHAT and WHEN

SELECTMEN

Administrative Assistant

Mary Curtis

Phone (603) 675-5611

Fax (603) 675-5605

Monday 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Abatements (Property Tax)

Building Permits

Camping permits

Current Use Applications

Elderly Tax Exemption

Intent to Cut Lumber

Assessing

Pistol Permits

Property Tax Cards

Property Tax Maps

Raffle Permits

Septic Dig Approvals

Subdivision Applications

Veterans Tax Credit

Other Questions – See Selectmen

TOWN CLERK

Paula Harthan

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

Angela Bean

(603) 675-5207

Mon. 12:30 p.m.-3:00p.m.

Tues., Thurs. 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wed. 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Last Sat. of the Month 9:00-noon

Dog Licenses

Vital Records

Board & Committee Minutes

Motor Vehicle Permits

Genealogy Information

Marriage License

TAX COLLECTOR

Reigh Helen Sweetser

DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

Paula Harthan

Monday 9:00-11:30 a.m.

(603) 675-5221

BUILDING PERMITS

New Housing Units

Barns, Garages, Additions, Pole Barns

Pools: In Ground or Above

Decks, Dormers, Sheds, Carports

Camping Permits

Free Standing Solar Panels

\$100.00

\$50.00

\$35.00

\$50.00

\$25.00

\$50.00