

**MINUTES**  
**CORNISH PLANNING BOARD**  
**APRIL 2, 2026**

The Cornish Planning Board met on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Cornish Town Offices. Members present were Bill Lipfert, Everett Cass, and Gillian Goodwin; Kellie Patterson Parry; Dillon Gallagher, Selectman; and Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Everett Cass moved to accept the minutes of March 19, 2026. Dillon Gallagher seconded the motion. Bill Lipfert suggested an amendment to the minutes. With both Mr. Cass and Mr. Gallagher agreeing to the amendment, Mr. Lipfert called for a vote on the amended minutes. The vote was in the affirmative, 4-0.

Master Plan Update

Heidi Jaarsma discussed the organization of the 2009 Master Plan sections. She suggested a consolidation of the several Land Use sections into one and the addition of Natural and Scenic Resources; Cultural and Historical Resources; Housing; and, Infrastructure, Public Services, and Utilities sections.

Gillian Goodwin circulated the draft Natural and Scenic Resources section.

Bill Lipfert discussed his progress on the Roads and Transportation Section. He has tabulated historic expenditures on local roads and traffic counts and red listed bridges.

Gillian Goodwin asked about past Historic Resource Surveys. Everett Cass emphasized the importance of mills to the history of the town.

Other Business

Everett Cass reported that a driveway permit on Paget Road had been granted.

Bill Lipfert visited another driveway permit on Paget Road. It was across the road but slightly offset from the drive approved in the paragraph, above. The location was changed so that the offset between the two was increased to approximately 40 feet.

Four driveway applications were submitted by one applicant on Parsonage Road (granted), the south side of Jackson Road (approved with conditions), the north side of Jackson Road (advised to relocate to the east), Tewksbury Road (denied).

It was suggested that the Board consider amending the Driveway Regulations to include language regarding the requirement for a special exception for driveways within 100' of a waterbody.

Dillon Gallagher announced that the Selectmen had appointed a new Fire Chief, Bill Harthan, and a new Road Agent, Erich Weeks.

Everett Cass made a motion to adjourn. Kellie Patterson Parry seconded the motion, and the vote of the Board was in the affirmative, 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi M. Jaarsma