

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 7:00 – 7:19 am**

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

The meeting was warned with notices at the Town Office and Town Hall and took place at the highway department garage. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 am.

Erich Weeks attended and the Board introduced him to the highway department employees as the new Road Agent. Skip updated the group on work in progress at the highway department.

At 7:19 Jason made a motion to adjourn. Dillon seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith Beardslee

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2026**

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

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed mail.
2. Dillon Gallagher called the meeting to order at 4:01.
3. BOS discussed the Tasco invoice.
4. Skip Erskine was in. He reported that the '02 truck is back together. It needs 2 air cans and 2 slack adjusters. It has just gotten new rear drums and shoes. He recommended that after the cans are installed the Town should hire Reed to adjust all airbrakes. He reported that the exhaust system on the F550 got excessively hot. It was parked outside in an abundance of caution. It will go to Claremont Ford Tuesday.
5. Bill Harthan came in and was sworn in as Cornish Fire Chief. He has served the department since 1998.
6. BOS discussed the Highway Department.
7. BOS called Eckman Engineering regarding the Form 4 load rating. BOS talked with Kurt the Office Manager. Eckman will call back tonight.
8. Shelly Brookings came in to deliver a solar tax abatement and a building permit. She has 603Tree coming to cut some hazard trees. She asked if they could cut the hazard trees on their property as St. Gauden's is a scenic road. Property owners can cut on their own property.
9. Stuart Foote came in to introduce himself to the BOS. Jason asked why he was interested in the Energy Committee. He first said that he needed something to and then pointed out his work and knowledge and experience. He has been volunteering to collect Town energy usage for the committee.

10. David Eckman from Eckman Engineering called back. He will be finished with the Form 4 load rating on the Leavitt Hill bridge within a week.
11. Keith referred the BOS to a document from the CCC with recommended changes to members term lengths and proposed changes to the by-laws. Dillon requested that the edits to the by-laws be presented in a manner showing proposed edits with bold and strike through text. Changes to terms are only recommendations to the BOS who have the duty and responsibility to appointments.
12. BOS called Chelsea Marsh regarding cleaning the Town Office and Town Hall. BOS left a message.
13. BOS called a resident located on West Pass regarding a complaint about an abutter's drainage issues and damage to West Pass Road. BOS left a message.
14. BOS called Bob Gendron to confirm his pay rate and start date at the Highway Department.
15. Jason moved, Keith seconded, to adjourn. Vote in the affirmative 3-0.
16. Adjourned at 6:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher, Chair

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2026 6:30-8:30**

Present: Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Absent: Dillon Gallagher (chair)

Selectman Bourne called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

BOS reviewed invoices, mail, and checks.

Selectman Beardslee explained the functionality of keypad locks which he had forwarded information about to Mary Curtis.

Selectman Bourne reported that he encountered Michael Mateja from Hub66 during a drive-through of Plainfield and inquired about the work Hub66 had planned for fiber optic cable in Plainfield and Cornish. Selectman Bourne reported that Michael said they were tagging poles on Friday April 3rd, and that the fiber installation would begin about a week later.

Selectman Bourne referred to an email received from a representative of Daughters of the American Revolution requesting a dedication ceremony at Chase Cemetery on May 17th, 2026.

Road Agent Erich Weeks stopped in to ask the BOS about purchasing as he was in need of cold patch. Selectman Bourne reviewed the purchasing policy and explained that the town was not using a formal purchase order system to date, explaining that signed proposals could serve the purpose of the purchase order. Selectman Beardslee explained emergency purchases and provided an example of tree work which needed to be addressed by a contracted

vendor. Selectman Beardslee explained beaver-related activity on Tandy Brook Rd. Erich asked about the town-owned property on Parsonage Rd. Where beaver activity is concerned and asked if Larry Duval could trap in that area. BOS agreed. Erich said that the town has more authorities where beaver activity is threatening the roads, referring to the Tandy Brook Road problem. Selectman Beardslee mentioned the use of stone to shore up the embankment which was being eroded away. Selectman Bourne asked if adding material to the waterway required any additional permitting or consideration, as a wetland. Selectman Beardslee advised Erich that the Ford F550 smelled hot to Skip Erskine, so was left out of the shop and wanted Erich to be aware as he was going to be driving that to Ford in the morning.

Mike Ochman met with the BOS to ask if anything else was needed from the town to begin working on a driveway. Selectman Bourne said that the driveway permit from the state was sufficient. Mike asked about subdivisions. Selectman Bourne explained that subdivisions require road frontage and referred him to the Planning Board.

Selectman Beardslee moved to approve minutes from March 2026. Selectman Bourne seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Beardslee asked Selectman Bourne about zoning compliance of a site on Town House road being used as a campsite, since campsites need to conform to the zoning ordinance. Selectman Bourne said that the lot would not be suitable for camping due to the 100 ft setback from the waterway and the 30 foot setback from property lines and the road right of way as required in the zoning ordinance. Selectman Bourne referred to letters from the Select Board and the Planning Board in 2009 and 2010 citing the Shoreland Conservation Overlay District and the road right of way covering the entire property,

Selectman Beardslee moves to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Bourne. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Bourne

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 9, 2026 4:00-6:00pm**

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

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed mail.
2. Steve Woodman came in to ask about mowing hay at the CREA property on the field that the Rice's used to mow. BOS explained that they would need to look into it. He would like to apply fertilizer by the end of the month.
3. Chief Bill Harthan came in. He announced that John Drye was elected as deputy chief. He asked about purchasing. Jason read from the purchasing policy explaining the various levels of purchasing. He explained that he has been receiving calls from representatives of the CCI. He asked what the Town's relationship with the CCI is. Jason explained that the

CCI is overseeing the construction project. The Town meeting vote approved the acceptance of the building provided the conditions are met. The CCI updates the Town on progress once in a while, but there is no formal relationship.

4. Ayden Chilton came in to inquire about the Mercer Scholarship Fund. BOS recommended he first talk to Mary.
5. Road Agent Erich Weeks came in. He delivered a box of miscellaneous paperwork and notebooks from the Highway Department office. He updated the BOS on the F550. He brought up green up day. He mentioned bags on Town House Rd. Erich asked if the Town was responsible for state roads. The announcement on the Town Website from Caroline Storrs refers to the DOT. Erich will have the crew pick up on Town roads. He reviewed some tree work. He reported on some equipment training. Bob was in the backhoe. Wayne got a chance in the grader. Erich sees potential all around. He investigated the box culvert/squash pipe on Jackson Road. There is too much water to get an accurate assessment. The Case loader steering is acting up again. He will follow up with Townline and get the last invoice from Mary. He brought photos of the dump subframe on the 2017 truck and the beginning of cracking. He will call Osgood's. He reviewed some mud work. They have put out 26 loads of material this week. Erich reported that the inventory in the Highway Garage is complete but he has not typed it up.
6. Chelsea Marsh from Chelsea's 603 Cleaning came in to meet the BOS. She will follow up with Mary. She is registered with the state, the IRS, and carries insurance. She will provide proof of insurance and coordinate with Mary.
7. BOS discussed camping permits.
8. Jason moved, Keith seconded to adjourn. Vote in the affirmative 3-0.
9. Adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher, Chair

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2026 6:30-8:30**

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

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Dillon called the meeting to order at 6:30.
3. Erich Weeks, Road Agent, was in. He discussed the Case loader. If the loader needs a steering proportioning valve, it would cost approximately \$17,000. If full diagnostics were performed the total could be over \$20,000. The machine has 3,392 hours. The '17 truck goes to Osgood Thursday for crack welding on the dump body subframe. Erich delivered an inventory of tools at the Highway Department shop. Inventory also included spare parts for sanders & plows, sanders, plows, etc. It is an extensive list. Erich asked about material sourcing. BOS pointed out that there are 3 vendors the Town commonly uses. He is getting quotes from all 3 vendors. Reed's will be at the Cornish shop to adjust brakes on all 3 six wheelers. The '02 truck has an oil leak that has not been

pinpointed yet. Highway put 6 loads of 3/4 out on Leavitt Hill. Added 3 loads of 3/4 to Burr Road. He made arrangements with Hartland to get a water tank.

4. Keith requested that Hartland sign a letter authorizing the transfer to Cornish. Dillon asked about the Buffalo Cyclone Blower. Erich expects an answer any day. He will provide a package to the BOS with quotes and specifications.
5. BOS called Leo Maslan. The Board informed him that all the paperwork nominating him as Fire Warden was complete. The Board thanked him.
6. BOS called Bill Harthan and left a message. The Board wanted to confirm that he hayed the hayfield at the CREA property.
7. BOS called Mike Monette to confirm that the Recycling Center had completed the necessary reporting to DES. He confirmed that he had.
8. Jan Lord came in to follow up on Green Burials. BOS gave her an update on progress.
9. Jason moved, Keith seconded to adjourn. 3-0 affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher, Chair

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2026 4:00-6:00pm**

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

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed mail.
2. Dillon called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
3. Erich Weeks, Road Agent, came in.
4. BOS discussed the remaining LFRF funds and open projects. Keith explained memos he had drafted on the subject.
5. BOS discussed heat usage at the Highway Department.
6. Erich brought up the expo/demo at Mt. Sunapee on May 22. He will bring the crew to the event. He indicated that the stone dam on Clark Camp Road above East Road was compromised. He asked about summer t-shirts for the crew. He will get pricing from Cintas. He suggested switching waste blocks from the sand screen and the resident sand bunker. He has a quote from Weed Pre-cast for a storm drain box for Root Hill Road. He mentioned that he was looking at other options. On the site visit he noticed that the bridge had been hit again. BOS discussed physical deterrents to prevent over height vehicles. '02 and '24 trucks had brakes adjusted. '17 needs slack adjuster bushings.
7. Robert Gendron was issued a "DO NOT DUPLICATE" shop key (Kyle's old key) and a recycle key. Erich was given a recycle key. F550 sander has been washed and oiled. A stuck bearing will be replaced.
8. Erich will pick up water tank from Hartland. He will also get a signed transfer receipt.
9. Highway has put out gravel on Clark Camp. He is still working with Fidium about the low line on St. Gaudens.

10. Keith moved to enter non-public session at 4:51 per RSA 91-A:3II(c). Jason seconded. Vote by roll call. Dillon: aye, Jason: aye and Keith: aye.
11. Dillon moved, Keith seconds, to seal non-public session minutes. Jason; Aye, Keith: aye, Dillon: aye.
12. BOS discussed the Brooks property in Mill Village, Map 3, Lot 52. BOS will get written notice from the sole heir to the property expressing that he has no interest or claim to the lot and to permit the Town to sell said lot.
13. BOS left for a site visit on 583 St. Gaudens Rd.
14. Jason moved, Keith seconded, to adjourn. Motion carries 3-0.
15. Adjourned at 5:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher, Chair

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2026 6:30-8:30**

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

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Dillon called the meeting to order at 6:30.
3. Steven Monette came in to report on Mike Monette. Mike will be out of work for a while. Steve has gotten contact information and will be able to manage the Recycling Center. Donald Amison will help at recycling. He is willing to do cemetery labor as a fill in. BOS will need to address the lack of a Sexton.
4. Erich Weeks, Road Agent, came in. He gave the BOS quotes from vendors regarding the cyclone blower that voters approved at Town Meeting. He got prices for 2 blowers and the BOS suggested the Mega as it is 20% more powerful. He got Fidium to repair their wire on St. Gaudens. The Co-op also has a repair to make in the same area. He will get quotes on garage door openers. May help with heat loss and cost of heat.
5. Keith moved, Jason seconded to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3II(c). Jason aye, Dillon aye and Keith aye.
6. BOS returned to public session at 7:36. Keith moved, Dillon seconded to seal minutes. Vote in the affirmative.
7. Eric talked about a culvert on Burr Road. He thinks it is too short and should be replaced. He brought some budget numbers on the catch basin by Dingleton covered bridge. He brought alternative plans and pricing.
8. BOS discussed a building permit for Verizon Wireless, c/o Darryl Gresham (Agent). The application has an engineer certification and does not change the footprint.
9. Keith created memos to vendors regarding LFRF funds and allocations.

10. Jason moved, Keith seconded to appoint Stuart Foote as a full member to the Energy Committee. Vote in affirmative 3-0.
11. BOS discussed mowing of CREA hayfield. Dillon will contact Steve Woodman.
12. BOS discussed Emergency Management. Mary Curtis resigned as Deputy effective 4/16/2026.
13. Jason moved, Keith seconded to adjourn. Motion carries 3-0.
14. Adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher, Chair

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2026 4:00-6:00pm**

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

1. Selectmen signed invoices and reviewed mail.
2. Dillon called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.
3. Erich Weeks, Road Agent, came in. He presented a bill of "sale" for the gift of a water tank from Hartland. The bigger Buffalo Turbine has a lead time of 1-2 weeks. He will order it. He will schedule street sweeping. He has been researching trucking costs. He researched garage door openers for the shop. F550 has windshield rock damage. Erich will look into getting it repaired. Parsonage and Harrington have been graded. Crew worked on St. Gaudens today. St. Gaudens, Gap, and Lang received attention from the grader. Whitten and Clark Camp have been opened. Highway patched the dip on Cornish Stage Road. BOS issued a recycle key to Bob Johnson. Erich has test driven the loader. He did notice a reduction in power steering pressure. It did not seem dire. He does not think it is a safety issue. Erich updated BOS on the work he has been doing on the culvert inventory.
4. Cindy Demers came in. She is concerned about water quality below Town House Road.
5. Steve Woodman came in to follow up on haying the CREA fields. The BOS and Steve agreed that he would hay both fields that had previously been hayed by the Rice family. Steve agreed haying would be completed by the Cornish Fair. The BOS will offer this arrangement on a year by year basis. Steve will have the option to renew, but is not obligated.
6. BOS discussed Memorial Day. The celebration could be reduced in scope from years past. There will be no Boy Scouts or school children. The BOS will discuss further when the full Board is present.
7. BOS discussed the GRIP project from last year. BOS discussed whether and what changes could or should be made.
8. Keith moved, Dillon seconded to adjourn.
9. Adjourned at 6:11.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher, Chair

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2026 6:30-8:30**

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

1. Selectmen reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Dillon called the meeting to order at 6:30.
3. Scott Baker came in to tell the Board that he was very happy with the grading done on South Parsonage Rd. He asked if the Town was planning on using calcium chloride on the gravel roads. The Board explained there were no plans to do so.
4. Steven Monette came in and updated the Board on the condition of his brother, Mike Monette. BOS discussed cemetery records. Steven will provide all cemetery documentation, maps and records to the Town Office. The Board and Steven discussed spring cleanup and mowing prep. Steven told the Board that the Recycle Center will need more workers soon.
5. BOS discussed a camping permit violation and when it will be resolved.
6. BOS discussed LFRF funds and remaining projects including Highway Garage roof improvements and sound reducing panels in the Town hall.
7. Keith mentioned the use of the mini splits in the Town Hall during very cold weather.
8. Keith moved, Jason seconded, to adjourn.
9. Adjourned at 8:58.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher, Chair