

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 2, 2026 3:30-6:00 pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00.

BOS started the meeting at 57 West Pass Road to check on setbacks for a building permit application. It appears the setbacks cannot be entirely met.

BOS returned to the Office at 4:50.

Dillon moved that the BOS maintain a binder in the public common area of the Town Office with DRAFT unapproved minutes within 5 (five) business days of the meeting. Keith seconded, Motion carries 3-0.

BOS discussed upcoming ZBA hearing.

Keith moves, Dillon seconds to adjourn. Affirmative 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

BOS discussed employment agreements.

Noel Barstow, candidate for interim Supervisor of the Checklist, was in. She was recommended by the sitting supervisors.

Larry Duval came in to ask about some tree cutting on Mace Road. Larry reported that Mike Lemeiux has begun work on property he owns on Mace Road. Larry is concerned and uncertain as to what the intentions are. Larry also asked about the CREA land. He reports that someone had done donuts in the back field. He inquired about the condition of the walking bridge. It is more the boardwalk that needs repair. He estimates the length to be 150 feet. He will measure tomorrow. He will put together a materials list as well.

Robert Moore came in to ask about a fireworks show proposed by NH Pyrotechnics Association (NHPA). The group would like to use the CREA fields for a 3 hour fireworks show. Robert had previously done a different show on the property that lasted about 30 minutes.

Mark Gattie of West Pass Road dropped off a building permit application. The application does meet setbacks and BOS advised him as to how to apply to the ZBA for relief.

Marie DeRusha came in. She provided two emails from Keith Mullane, CCI, on status of the former CGS building.

Mike Duval came in to warn the BOS that a neighbor may come in to complain about his composted cow manure that he fertilizes hay fields with.

BOS discussed zoning violations.

Keith moved, Jason seconded to adjourn.

Adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 9, 2026 3:30-6:00 pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, came in. He brought winter sand quotes from D&D Excavation, Pike, K.A. Stevens and St. Pierre. He reported that he didn't have a written report of work. He will send it tomorrow. He reported that All States will do rubber chip seal starting July 27th. Erich will stay in contact to stay abreast of any changes. Erich reported that a resident harassed the Highway Employees for an idling backhoe waiting for a truck. Deb Dworak had contractors install an undersized culvert on an agricultural driveway permit. Permits call for 15" and a 12" was installed. Brush to be cut for line of sight has not been cut. Waste oil furnace will be serviced. He is seeking quotes for painting trim on the Highway Garage.

George Edson came in and discussed electric bills and payments at the meetinghouse. The BOS agreed that electric bills for the meetinghouse will be covered by the Town as per the agreement made by the BOS and the Meetinghouse Committee agreed on as of October 20th 2025. The meetinghouse is a Town building and the Town will assume the costs. George will follow up with Mary.

Chief Bill Harthan came in and reported that he will be ordering 1 pager. He is putting together an RFP for the new boots. The chassis for the new engine has been finalized and ordered and Dingee Machine should see it this fall. Chief asked about a driveway being constructed on Route 120 between Town House Road and Mace Road on the West side of Route 120. Mary will provide a copy of the DOT permit.

Kellie Parry and Jacob Simino came in to propose a challenge to the BOS. Kellie asked if a member of the BOS would be willing to ride a mechanical bull against Jacob Simino. No member volunteered.

Jason moved that BOS officially disband the Broadband Committee as the contractor is approaching completion. Keith seconded. Dillon called the vote. The motion carried unanimously. Larry Duval came in to follow up on the list he provided the BOS for materials for the boardwalk on the CREA. The BOS confirmed that we had received it. He brought up the property on Mace Road where brush had been cut.

Jason moved, Keith seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Chair called meeting to order at 6:30.

BOS discussed with Mary, Admin. Asst., transition to a new assistant when the time comes.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, was in. He brought samples of St. Pierre winter sand. He proposed closing sections of Gap, St. Gaudens, and Hell Hollow during rebase and resurface work. 20th Hell Hollow, 21st St. Gaudens, 22nd or 23rd Gap Road. This information will be posted on the website. Erich will place signs a week ahead and knock on doors to inform affected residents. Erich informed the Board that TDS has contacted him to tell him that they plan on burying fiber optic cable on School Street and Leavitt Hill Road. BOS do not understand the thinking. School Street has catch basins on both sides of the road. The cable would have to cross 3 bridges.

Dillon moved, Jason seconded to approve June minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

BOS discussed green burials and cemetery policy. Keith moved, Jason seconded that BOS (Cemetery Trustees) approve updated revised Cornish, NH, Cemetery Regulations and approve Natural Burial Agreement. Vote was unanimously affirmative.

BOS called Health Officer, Jeff Katchen, about a possible sewage disposal issue. He will look into the possible violation for health and safety reasons.

Keith moved, Jason seconded to adjourn. Affirmative 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 2026 3:30-6:00 pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

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

Bill Wall came in to provide a newspaper clipping. It refers to a new NH law that provides mental health services for volunteer responders.

Kevin Noble came in to see the Board. He was curious about the width of Center Road Town right-of-way. He is curious about utility rights-of-way that run in the Town right-right-of-way. Is the utility in the Town ROW or does the utility have its own ROW/easement? BOS explained that Center Road is a three rod road, 49.5ft. He is curious if the Town gets approached by utilities when they are preparing to apply herbicides. Kevin asked if Hub66 had given any indication of a completion date. He referred to the installation of several other broadband services.

Fire Chief, Bill Harthan, came in. Tanker is going to Reeds on Monday. Necessary tires for engine 3 will be purchased. One pager has been ordered. No more will be ordered until the full inventory is complete and the Fire Department can effectively assess any needs. BOS provided the Chief with a copy of a letter BOS received from DES regarding an illegal burn at property on Center Road. (Map 10, Lot 5). BOS discussed building permits and if changes need to be made. BOS suggested that the Chief reach out to the Fire Marshalls office to seek guidance. The Chief asked about a DOT permitted driveway on Route 120 (Map 10, Lot 45) that appears to be inaccessible for Cornish Fire equipment. He is uncertain as how to proceed. He plans to contact DOT in Enfield. The Fire Department removed fire alarm equipment from the mobile office at the school. Some of it may help upgrade the Town House station system.

Jason moved, Keith seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Chair called meeting to order at 6:30.

Road Agent, Erich Weeks, came in. Keith and Erich discussed the conversion of tons to yards. Highway Department finished the GRIP project on Hell Hollow, 0.1 mile with 4 inches of 1 ½ inch material. Remainder of project (0.35 mile) was covered with ¾ inch hardpack material. Tomorrow they will work on St. Gaudens. Keith asked how the water tank worked. Erich would have liked more flow, but they were able to make multiple passes. Jason asked if it could be modified and Erich confirmed that it could. Erich reported he will have to re-grade and touch up. He described that the shoulders are a little steep. Dillon asked what the crown was. Erich said 3-5%. Keith suggested if we don't get rain, it should be watered again. Erich provided sand samples from D&D (sand) and Twin State (super grit and sand).

Nancy Wightman came in. She asked if the contractor could add a strip around the new acoustic panels to hang the panels for the art show.

Glen McKinstry came in for a camping permit application. It was explained he needs a porta potty and will have to provide receipts that it is being pumped. He has re-applied for a driveway permit with the Planning Board. When the applications are approved the BOS will consider his building permit application. The Planning Board approved a shared driveway entering on lot 3 and serving lot 4 on July 16th.

BOS discussed the updated the rental rates and security deposit amounts for Town Hall rentals.

Dillon asked Jason if there was progress regarding TDS and their idea of running fiber underground. Jason was waiting for NHMA's response.

BOS examined winter sand samples. BOS is still waiting on Pike samples.

BOS discussed Cemetery Sexton position. BOS will contact Dale Lawrence, acting Sexton, to discuss the future.

Keith moved, Jason seconded to adjourn. Vote affirmative 3-0. Adjourned at 9:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 23, 2026 3:30-6:00 pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

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

BOS discussed recent GRIP work on Hell Hollow, St. Gaudens, and Gap Roads.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, came in. He provided all records of the GRIP project. Keith asked about the frequency of the delivery trucks. The quantities for Hell Hollow were correct as ordered. St. Gaudens required 2 extra loads. Gap required 2 ½ extra loads. Erich noted that power lines slowed the process. Some drivers were not experienced with dump spreading. In the future, the Department will have the backhoe on site to move poorly spread material to improve grading efficiency.

Keith asked about backhoe ditching. He pointed out that current practices could be better. He suggested the operator see some sections that had been done better in the past. Keith mentioned standards for dug ditches. Erich has talked to the operator and he is improving.

Keith asked about the bucket loader. Erich is having an outside mechanic look at it. BOS discussed winter sand with Erich. He will provide samples of Pike's products before Monday's meeting. Dillon suggested that Erich have a plan for how much manufactured sand will be set aside. He will also need to plan the deliveries so that the variety can be blended efficiently and effectively.

Fire alarm pull station was replaced by the front entry door. Keith mentioned that Erich should be working on a priority list for the remainder of the summer.

Dillon pointed out that he had contacted Dale Lawrence and she will be in Monday to discuss Sexton duties and cemeteries.

BOS discussed LFRF projects remaining.

BOS left message for Justin Walker at Walker Heating.

BOS left message for Lyle Parry at Parry Construction.

BOS discussed cemetery policy, Sexton job description, and Trustee duties.

Jason informed the BOS that he had received an email from Hub66 he had forwarded to Mary Curtis.

BOS discussed results of GRIP project.

Keith moved, Jason seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.

Adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Chair called meeting to order at 6:30.

Dale Lawrence, interim Sexton, came in to discuss the Sexton position. She will finish the term. Her daughter will help her and consider running in March. Dillon asked about the layout of the plots. Dale will work on putting information together on closed sections and cemeteries, and a list of available plots.

Jason moved that BOS appoint Dale Lawrence Sexton until Town Elections on 3/9/2027. Keith seconded. There was no further discussion. Vote was in the affirmative 3-0.

Keith asked Dale about the purchase of plots and associated procedures. He showed Dale a NHMA printout from a Trustees of the Cemeteries training and asked about procedure for unused plots purchased more than 50 years ago.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, was in. He discussed the Police Interceptor and the need for tires. The right front tire is bald. The vehicle is AWD so should have 4 tires installed. The vehicle has been recently aligned. He has been getting prices. He suggested switching to a slightly narrower tire as they will cost way less. Erich reported that he will work on the underdrain on East Road just west of Clark Camp Road. He will arrange for a load of washed stone. He is planning to do ditch work on East Road starting at the Flat. Erich mentioned that Skip Erskine had approached him to find out if the Highway Department needed any extra help for the winter. Erich's goal is to have a self-sufficient operation. He asked the Board for their opinion. Jason said that if staffing changes the Town could find itself in a bind. He stated that ideally the Town could

handle this on its own. Keith pointed out that any subcontractor needs to be able to plan. He thinks that the Town can handle this winter, so do not hire a subcontractor.

Winter sand was discussed. Keith moved that the Town purchase 1,000 yards of winter sand from D&D Excavating Inc., at \$24/yard and 2,682 tons of Pike washed stone screenings at \$24.60/ton. Jason seconded. Vote was in the affirmative 3-0.

Keith asked about material used on Gap Road on the GRIP section. Highway Department needed 2 extra 10 wheeler loads of the $\frac{3}{4}$ ". Highway also spread eight 6 wheeler loads on the non-GRIP section.

Erich will meet with Mike Duval on Wednesday to look at the underdrain location and sections for GRIP on East Road.

Bill Schmidt from the Energy Committee and Joanna Sharff came in to ask about the Energy Committees request for website changes. Dillon asked how the committee was doing. Bill responded that they had been watching electrical rates.

Robert Moore came in to follow up on his request for a fireworks display on the CREA property. The initial request was for a 3 hour show with a 420 foot safety radius. Concerns about dogs, horses, and Veterans were discussed. Keith asked about if private property could be used. Disrupting hayfields was also discussed. Dillon asked about debris. The Association rakes up the area, but small pieces of plastic and cardboard may remain.

Jason moved, Keith seconded to adjourn.

3-0 aye

Adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 30, 2026 3:30-6:00 pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher Chair, Jason Bourne, Keith Beardslee

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

BOS met at the Town Hall for a site visit at 4:00pm. Returned to the office at 4:27pm.

Chris Chilton came in and thanked the Board for the Mercer Scholarship his son earned. He then complained about the dip on Cornish Stage Road. It had been repaired twice and still has some dip. He explained that it should have been done before the chipseal.

Road Agent, Erich Weeks, came in. He reported on pot hole repair. He presented one estimate from Travis Dube Painting for painting the trim on the Highway Department Garage. Dillon pointed out that the gable ends have recent trim and may not need paint. The quote was for

\$11,680.00 not including lift rental. He has re-marked some GRIP areas with guidance from Mike Duval. He has investigated the spring on East Road. He will do more location work. He described his approach for the underdrain. He will get pricing from local contractors for equipment and operator for the 4' pipe on Burr Road.

Erich followed up with property owners on East Road prior to ditching. Jason reported that some residents from East Road will be in to discuss.

Erich asked about areas that had been improved by the GRIP. He wondered if calcium chloride should be used to help pack material in future GRIP projects. The Board reminded him that the Town does not use calcium chloride on the roads.

Kay Kibbie called the BOS regarding wire left on her property from the broadband build on Clark Camp Road. BOS will follow up with Hub66.

BOS reviewed an RFP presented by Fire Chief, Bill Harthan, and approved it.

Keith moved, Jason seconded to adjourn. Vote I the affirmative 3-0. Adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher