Draft Minutes Historical Building Committee

Cornish Town Offices

9/15/2026

Present: Heidi Jaarsma, Joshua Cloud, Dillon Gallagher, Richard Thompson

Heidi Jaarsma called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Heidi informed the Committee (HBC) that Caroline Storrs had resigned and that the HBC should re-organize and name a Chair and a Secretary. Heidi Volunteered to serve as Chair. She was elected unanimously by consent. Dillon volunteered to serve as Secretary and was elected by anonymous consent.

Richard mentioned that he would like to see 5 members as he is away often and may miss meetings. Dillon said the Selectmen were happy with the makeup of the HBC and in no rush to appoint.

Heidi presented the Capital Reserve schedule spreadsheet and noted it was subject to change based on conditions.

In 2027 little cemetery buildings (Cummings vault, Childs building, and Hearse House) and CREA Barn are scheduled for paint. Dillon pointed out that the CREA Barn has an unsealed dirt floor and that the lower level siding is raw on the interior, allowing moisture to push the paint off the exterior.

In 2028 the Little Town Hall and Trinity Church are scheduled for paint.

The Meetinghouse roof was also mentioned by Heidi as it is missing a couple slates. Josh pointed out that there was a contractor in the New London area that may be a candidate. Dillon offered to check with Selectman Bourne as his employer, KUA, deals with many slate roofs.

Richard reminded the HBC that he had previously viewed a gap in the framing of Trinity Church between the tower and the building. He said that the lower area looks high and dry and solid.

Heidi explained that Peter Burling had recently donated funds to the Trust and mentioned a approximate balance. Peter had mentioned interior paint as a focus area as some is peeling. The HBC feels it should be investigated in case there are deeper causes. The HBC considers structural issues the priority.

Heidi wondered if there were any other thoughts on Trinity Church. She pointed out that there are currently 3 organs on site and only one is really functional to the use of the building and is

need of serious cleaning. If possible, measures should be taken to eliminate rodent damage in the future. The Town could seek good and appropriate homes for the other two.

Heidi announced the arrival of the NH State Historic Markers for the Town Office, Town Hall, Little Town Hall, the GH Stowell Library, and the Old Selectmen's Office. Richard asked if there were standards for installation. Josh volunteered to acquire appropriate hardware for mounting.

Dillon made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dillon Gallagher