Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2026 4:00–6:00 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Erich Weeks reported that the Dingleton Bridge catch basin has been removed. Erich met with a representative from the school. School has concerns about trees over the Perkins Road/East Road bus stop. Got an estimate from Gallagher Tree Service. He is concerned about finances and using more of his budget. BOS discussed hazard trees and liability. BOS recommended the work for safety reasons. Erich gave BOS an update on F-550 battery replacement. Crew will finish final touch up on East Rd GRIP project Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Kubota has been losing coolant (1 qt/day). No puddles have been observed. There are no signs of leaks. He mentioned an invitation by All States Materials Group for a customer appreciation gathering. BOS will discuss. Erich got pricing on trucks to replace the '02. BOS have not planned on replacing the '02 as it is a very solid truck.

Steven Monette was in to talk about the Kubota cemetery mower. Today he could not make it run. He thinks it is the fuel solenoid switch. He plans on this being the final mow. He asked what he should do it if dies in the future. Take it to the dealer or bring it to Highway Department? BOS recommended he bring it to the shop. Steven asked about hauling glass to New London. He will get prices from haulers. Steve will order boxes for proper disposal of fluorescent tubes.

Mike Trenholm came in to ask about Avitar. He has been randomly selected four times in the last 5 years. He does not think this is random. He has less than an acre.

Fire Chief Bill Harthan came in to discuss the boot RFP. He said the department has reviewed the RFP's and will make a final count at the upcoming officer's meeting. The Fire Department did not get the grant for hoses and nozzles. He reported that the Fire Department will try again in the next cycle. The Chief will have some proposed budget numbers next week. He has been researching a hazmat collaborative. He will do more and bring more information to the Board. Engine 3 had a leak and was repaired immediately by Dingee Machine. He will schedule the Federal DOT inspections at S.G. Reed. He reported that the Flat Fire Station need some paint. The air packs are scheduled to be tested soon.

BOS returned a call to Tony and Veronica Ferragamo regarding a property near the Claremont line.

Keith moved, Dillon seconded to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 5, 2026 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail, checks, and invoices.

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Chair swore in Kevin Noble and Tony Newton as alternates to the Energy Committee.

Tony Newton disputed the necessity of a building permit for solar installations. BOS began requiring building permits in 2020 to establish assessment values in order to comply with NH tax benefits.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, reported that UNH T2 offered to host a plowing class in Cornish. It will be scheduled for November 19th at the Town Hall. Gallagher Tree cut the hazard limbs above the bus stop on East Road/Perkins Road. The Highway Department completed half of the GRIP additional material. That should be completed tomorrow. BOS passed on to Erich that there is a dramatic drop from 12A to the covered bridge parking area. He is planning to add material to improve the area. Keith asked if Erich had found the coolant leak on the Kubota tractor. He has not found a leak. Keith followed up on his memo to Erich regarding ¾" on GRIP 2 sections.

Jason moved to approve BOS meeting minutes for September 2026. Dillon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith moved to adjourn. Jason seconded. Metting adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2026 4:00–6:00 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Gwyn Gallagher came in to discuss the upcoming election. BOS and the Moderator discussed the mechanics of the election including greeters, ballot clerks, and counting procedure.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, was in. He mentioned an email regarding a possible Rally Race in Claremont. The email mentioned the possibility of other towns in the area being involved. Erich expressed concern about damage to roads and expense. Jason and Dillon agreed there seemed very

little if any benefit. Erich brought up plowing at the new Library/Community Center. It may make sense to hire a contractor with the appropriate machinery to plow the site. Erich mentioned a grant opportunity from NH DES. Erich reported that the Kubota had been run out of fuel. It had a major service and new battery installed yesterday. Jason asked about the coolant loss in the Kubota. Erich talked to Townline and it is likely a cracked head gasket. The cost will be approximately $1,500 and can be done during the winter. Highway Department added material at the covered bridge parking area before NH DOT moved their equipment in.

Jason asked if Erich had heard from TDS. He has not. Jason asked about logs that NH Electric Co-op had cut and left on the powerline on West Pass Road. Some are in the Town right of way. Dillon volunteered to contact Co-Op arborist for status.

Jeff Robbins came in to discuss a shed that he wants to replace. Jason recommended he submit a building permit application and the BOS will do a site visit.

Fire Chief, Bill Harthan, came in. He discussed the heating systems in the fire houses. The department decided they would like to switch heating to propane. The current furnaces are at the end of their life cycle. The Flat has had some reliability issues. The Fire Department voted to accept the price of $605.00 per pair of Globe 14" Supreme Structural Boots from Firematic. Jason moved to approve the purchase of Globe 14" Supreme Structural Boots from Firematic. Dillon seconded. The vote was in the affirmative 2-0.

Jason moved, Dillon seconded to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 12, 2026 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail, checks, and invoices.

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30.

BOS returned a call to Heather Meeks, Trustee of the Trust Funds. She was concerned by a request from a resident to receive a refund for the right to inter due to the fact that the plots are in an older section of the Child Cemetery. The State had concerns that plots may be occupied already.

BOS discussed the upcoming general election. Keith proposed some suggestions regarding the general management including descriptions of roles, procedures and expectation.

Keith moved, Jason seconded to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 15, 2026 4:00–6:00 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Erich Weeks came in. Keith asked him about the location of the Squag City Dam. Erich described the location. The Highway Department took a load of metal to Morway's Recycling. A short section of South Parsonage Rd was stone lined. BOS discussed the use of check dams in similar situations. Erich reported that he had met with Cory Keeffe, NH Electric Co-op, to look at logs in the Town right of way on West Pass Road. All will be removed from the Town road right of way. Keith mentioned an inventory of ash trees. Erich has begun creating this inventory.

Heidi Jaarsma, Treasurer, was in. She reviewed a document regarding replacing Fire Station's heating systems. Heidi reported a resident who volunteered to serve as Deputy Treasurer. She presented the name of Matthew Oberkotter. She also proposed setting salaries for deputies equally. Dillon moved, Keith seconded to appoint Matthew Oberkotter as Deputy Treasurer per the recommendation of Treasurer Jaarsma. Motion Passed.

Laura Brooks was in to follow up on a building permit application.

Chief Vivian came in to talk about replacement of the desktop computer. A quote of $1,600 was presented to replace necessary hardware and upgrade all necessary software and labor. Keith moved, Dillon seconded to approve the purchase as presented. Vote in the affirmative.

Keith asked how much notice Chief Vivian was given by NH DOT about the Cornish-Windsor bridge closure. The Chief was made aware by seeing the sign board. He later received a press release from the State. Keith asked about the welcome to Cornish sign at the end of the covered bridge. Chief Vivian will check with local vendors for quotes on replacement. Keith asked about pedestrian crossing in the Flat by the new library. Justin will ask DOT about crosswalks and warning lights when the crosswalk is in use. Justin will also check on the required no parking signs on Route 120 North. The Chief asked about trading the outdated .40 caliber handguns to a licensed dealer for equipment credit. BOS approved. Dillon asked if the old electric speed trailer had value. Justin didn't think so. Justin has scheduled furnace service on the 19th. He will also look into work needed for trim painting and some siding replacement.

Tom Dombrowski came in with a septic design for Mike Ackerman on Center Road.

Keith moved, Dillon seconded to adjourn.
Adjourned at 6:22.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 2026 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail, checks, and invoices.

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30.

BOS took a phone call from Peter Matheson. He is interested in buying a place in Cornish and wants to move his business here. He is a sheet metal contractor who has no employees. He has reviewed the Zoning Ordinance. The Selectmen referred him to the ZBA.

BOS discussed a sign placed in the right of way on Lang Road that the Road Agent had asked about. Jason moved, Keith seconded that the sign is in violation of Article VI (8) of the Zoning Ordinance. The BOS voted 3-0 that the sign is in violation of Section VI(8). A special exception may be applied for.

Keith pointed out that per the Zoning Ordinance article V-C.2 that the minimum distance between roads, drives, and parking areas and water bodies, water courses and wetlands shall be 100 feet except as permitted by special exception.

Jason moved, Dillon seconded to adjourn.

Adjourned at 8:37.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 22, 2026 4:00–6:00 pm

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

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm. Selectmen met at Cornish Flat to look at possible library overflow parking. Selectmen looked at possible parallel parking on the northbound side of Cornish Stage Road.

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

Nikos Tampasis came in to discuss purchasing the 3 lots from the Town that abut his property. He provided the Town with a proposal packet.

Mike Duval came in to talk about snow plowing at the former Cornish General Store parking area. If snow removal is subbed out, he is interested. He has plowed the lot for about 25 years.

BOS placed a call and left a message with Engineer Everett Hammond.

Fire Chief Harthan stopped in to report that four trucks are going in for inspection. One truck lost a turbo hose clamp and the Chief will get the part and assess the situation.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, came in.

Ernie Blackburn called the BOS to report that he wanted to opt out of the Avitar interior inspection. BOS informed him that he has no obligation to let them in.

BOS discussed possible parking options on Cornish Stage Road.

Keith moved, Jason seconded that the Town make a onetime exception to policy to allow the school to use the Town Hall for a blood drive as the school is a form of Town government. Vote was affirmative 3-0.

Jason moved to adjourn, Keith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2026 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail, checks, and invoices.

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Road Agent Erich Weeks was in. BOS was asked about plowing the new library/community center. Flat Fire Department plowing came up. Erich will contact the appropriate parties.

Mark Gattie came in to apply for a building permit replacing an existing shed.

Fire Chief Harthan explained to the BOS that Engine 2 needs $1,995.00 worth of repairs. Dillon and Keith approved the repair.

BOS discussed a recent request to purchase 3 tax deeded lots.

Keith moved, Dillon seconded to adjourn.
Adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Gallagher

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 29, 2026 4:00–6:00 pm

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

Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.

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

Matthew Oberkotter came in to be sworn in as Deputy Treasurer. Chairman Gallagher swore him in.

Heidi Jaarsma came in to update the Board on Trinity Church. The Historic Building Committee did a site visit on Tuesday the 27th. Dillon explained the damage that the committee discovered in the connection of a rafter and cross tie. Evidence of carpenter ants was discovered. The next rafter west also showed stress at the equivalent connection. Heidi explained that Richard Thompson considered the repair urgent. For $5,000 the building could be stabilized. He estimated that for $20,000 a complete restoration. Keith asked what was in the best interest of the Town? Keith moved, Jason seconded that the Town hire Richard Thompson to do the stabilization, cost not to exceed $6,000. Vote was in the affirmative 3-0.

Heidi reported that the school just filed the last form necessary to the state. She anticipates that preliminary tax rate could be set by next Thursday.

Heidi explained that Matthew Oberkotter has been coming in every Tuesday for training. She would like to pay him for training. She suggested a pay rate of $20/hr. BOS agreed and he will be paid $20/hr. for training.

Moderator Gallagher came in to discuss the upcoming election. BOS will test the accessible voting system on Monday. Keith asked if a sheet outlining election officials responsibilities could be created. He also suggested written instructions for vote counters so they adhere to the sort and stack method of counting. Jason pointed out that the election officials had changed the tally system recently. The BOS and Moderator agreed that the newer system is much more efficient. Gwyn read from the election

manual that greeters are to alert the Moderator if anyone waits for more than 10 minutes. The Moderator reminded the BOS that the state passed a law requiring table top voting equipment.

Erich Weeks, Road Agent, was in. He asked about the salt order. Town must take delivery of 50% of the total salt order to lock in the quoted price. BOS approved the order and purchase. Erich asked about tire chains. $10,520 would replace chains for all the trucks. Jason asked if Erich had 3 quotes. McCleods does not sell chains. B&B Chain is the only vendor Erich is aware of. Keith suggested that Erich make some calls and attempt to locate more vendors. He should document the research.

The loose plank on Dingleton covered bridge has been secured. He reported that a representative from the St. Gaudens National Park told him that the paved section of St. Gaudens Rd. is owned by the State of NH. He will continue to research. Dillon and Erich had laid out overflow parking on Cornish Stage Road.

BOS discussed the proposal that Nickos Tampasis had delivered. The Board placed a call to Justin Ranney. The BOS left a message.

BOS discussed capital equipment.

Dillon moved, Jason seconded to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher