

**2016 CORNISH TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday the 8th of March, next at 8:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 8:00 am. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. Articles 2 through 30 will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town changes for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

a) Town Office	57,691
b) Tax Collector	12,410
c) Town Clerk	13,490
d) Election, Vital Statistics	6,725
e) Audit Town Books	9,600
f) Revaluation of Property	7,600
g) Legal Expenses	5,000
h) Planning Board	2,727
i) Zoning Board	450
j) Buildings & Grounds	26,196
k) Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	19,600
l) Insurance (Property/Liability)	40,000
m) Records Preservation	50
n) Spirit Committee	500
o) Police Department	85,427
p) Ambulance	16,352
q) Fire Department	46,300
r) Emergency Management	50
s) Septage	2,500
t) Recycling	15,500
u) Hazardous Waste	1,000
v) Human Services	17,400
w) Parks & CREA Land	6,370
x) Memorial Day	500
y) Conservation Commission	750
z) Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000
za) Library	13,944

Article 2 (cont.):

zb) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$574,657 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$478,627 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and up to \$96,030 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Building Capital Maintenance and Improvement Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Cemetery Department Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be placed in the Paving Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$158,750 for the purpose of purchasing a new Dump Truck with its associated equipment for the Highway Department and

to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that amount from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose and to further authorize the sale of the 2005 Sterling Dump Truck. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$30,000 for the refurbishment of the Highway Department 2002 International Dump Truck with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the unspent 2015 Highway Budget.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$105,000 for paving and to allow the Selectmen to withdraw up to \$80,000 from the Paving Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose with the remainder to be raised by taxes. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$3,100 for the installation of ceiling fans in the Highway Garage with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the unspent 2015 Highway Budget.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$10,000 for the installation of upgraded lights in the Highway Garage with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the unspent 2015 Highway Budget.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,800 to perform a data verification (list and measure) of our property values and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount from the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$10,000 for improvements to the building known as Cornish Flat Fire Station, with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$15,050 for the purchase and installation of a generator to supply emergency power to the Town House Road Police/Fire Stations, such building being designated as the Town of Cornish Emergency Operations Center (EOC), with \$7,525 to come from the unassigned fund balance and \$7,525 to come from a 50% matching grant.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$7,100 to replace the sand screen at the Highway Garage with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the unspent 2015 Highway Budget.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$9,500 for the purpose of replacing four "Welcome to Cornish" signs and purchasing two granite benches for the common in Cornish Flat with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the Kibbey Estate.

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the 1985 Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund held by the Trustees of Trust Funds with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the Kibbey Estate. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$67,921 to create a Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the James C. Kibbey Trust Fund for the purpose of providing scholarship funds for up to two Cornish residents per year, by request in writing by the applicants, for the purpose of post-secondary study in the field of music at a public or private accredited post-secondary institution with said funds, representing a portion of the James C. Kibbey Estate, to come from the unassigned fund balance, and furthermore to name the Selectmen agents of said fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants or timber proceeds for this purchase. No part of this appropriation shall come from tax dollars.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750 for the repair, maintenance and improvement of Trinity Church and its grounds, with said funds to come from the Trinity Church Special Revenue Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

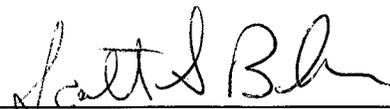
Article 27: By petition, to see if the voters of the Town of Cornish will designate Gap Road a Scenic Road as provided by NH RSA 231:157 and 231:158.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a.

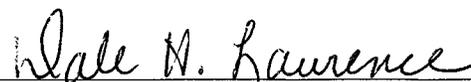
Article 29: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 30: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.



Scott Baker, Chair



Dale Lawrence



John Hammond