

**2017 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 14th of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 am. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 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 29 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 charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same. (Majority vote required.)

a) Town Office	61,724
b) Tax Collector	12,549
c) Town Clerk	13,570
d) Election, Vital Statistics	2,700
e) Audit Town Books	10,000
f) Revaluation of Property	7,600
g) Legal Expenses	5,000
h) Planning Board	3,177
i) Zoning Board	600
j) Buildings & Grounds	26,196
k) Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	19,871
l) Insurance (Property/Liability)	30,000
m) Records Preservation	200
n) Spirit Committee	500
o) Police Department	87,145
p) Ambulance	16,352
q) Fire Department	46,700
r) Emergency Management	50
s) Septage	2,500
t) Recycling	22,000
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	14,035

Article 2 (cont.):

zb) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$581,679 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$481,865 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above snow removal), and up to \$99,814 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 \$60,000 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 \$5,000 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 Reserve 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 the sum of \$2,500 to be placed in the Municipal Building Non-Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for the continued upgrade of the Fire Department Cascade System with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to purchase turnout gear (gear, air packs, etc.) for the Fire Department. The sum of \$114,000 is to be received from a FEMA Firefighter Assistance matching grant, with the balance of \$6,000 to be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500 for the purpose of purchasing a propane generator for the Highway Garage. The sum of \$6,750 is to be received from a 50% matching grant with the balance of \$6,750 to come from unassigned fund balance. The funds coming from unassigned fund balance represent a portion of the unspent 2016 Highway Budget. (Majority vote required.)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for printing and mailing the Master Plan Survey with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purpose of purchasing yard lights to illuminate the sand pile and sand screen with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the unspent 2016 Highway Budget. (Majority vote required.)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of building improvements to the Highway Department with said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. These funds represent a portion of the unspent 2016 Highway Budget. (Majority vote required.)

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,920 for the purpose of purchasing cruiser data terminal laptops for the Police Department. The sum of \$5,460 is to come from a 50% matching grant with the balance of \$5,460 to come from taxation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the purpose of purchasing body cameras for the Police Department. (Majority vote required.)

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,500 for the purpose of purchasing a new police cruiser with \$16,310 to come from the unassigned fund balance (representing donations collected in previous years) and furthermore with \$21,190 to come from donations and grants received in the current or future year with no moneys to be raised from taxes. This is a non-lapsing article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,600 for building repairs and improvements to the G.H. Stowell Library with said funds to come the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 24: 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 25: 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 26: By petition. Resolved, that the Town of Cornish, through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process, has been presented with information about the Connecticut River, and has been informed of continued riverbank erosion in the towns along the river.

Approval of this article recommends that, if it is shown that there is a casual relationship between the operation of the Bellows Falls Dam and/or the Wilder Dam by TransCanada Corporation or successor or subsequent owner(s) resulting in the deterioration of the riverbank and attendant roads and farmland, the Town of Cornish formally request that TransCanada or successor or subsequent owner(s) modify current dam operations and create a mitigation fund to reimburse towns and landowners for any and all damages resulting from such operation.

This is a non-monetary article.

Article 27: 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 28: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 29: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.

Scott Baker, Chair

Dale Lawrence

John Hammond

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SELECTMEN OF CORNISH