

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 4, 2021 6:30-8:30**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Skip Erskine was in to discuss roads, employees and where the town Highway Department stands.
3. Doug Heaton came in to discuss cost savings of switching to LED over the old T12 lights in the town office building.
4. Doug Heaton informed BOS that he has addressed the parking issue on School Street.
5. John Hammond made a motion to accept the December 4, 7, 14, 18, 21 and 28 meeting minutes. Scott Baker seconded. All in favor.
6. Jim Strout called to discuss salt and sand on the town roads. He stated how well the town roads are being maintained.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2021 3:00-5:00**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Selectboard received a phone call from Fire Chief, Mike Boutilier. He was just checking in and letting us know how his recovery is going well.
3. Skip Erskine came in and talked about the new F550 and how he has had it at the dealer for a handling problem. He was told there isn't anything wrong but he is going to have an alignment done somewhere else.
4. Selectmen left to do a site visit at the Recycling Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2021 6:30-8:30**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Skip Erskine came in to bring his end of year report.

3. Bucky Demers came in to discuss transferring a Town House Road property from Chris Chilton/Merilynn Bourne. Bucky would like to open a repair shop on Town House Rd.
4. Gwyn Gallagher came in to discuss Town Meeting plans. At this point the state has not made recommendations.
5. John Hammond made a motion to give the Energy Committee an annual budget. There was no second. Motion dies.
6. George Edson called to discuss the Fair's plans to upgrade the cattle barns.
7. BOS called Justin Ranney to discuss communication between the town and school for informational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 15, 2021 3:00-5:00**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Skip Erskine replaced transmission oil pan in the Cemetery Truck. The F550 was taken to Mainway Auto to have the alignment checked.
3. Loren from Avitar called to discuss Barrington Power's solar field.
4. Everett Cass came in to let the BOS know he is pushing for level funding the town budget.
5. Stuart Hodgeman called to let us know that we have had some complaints about the town hall floor. We will look into having it cleaned.
6. Finance Committee Meeting set for January 25th at 7:00pm. Public Budget Hearing set for February 1st at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 18, 2021 6:30-8:30**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Bud Stone has passed away so we need to pass on the Boston Post Cane to the eldest in town.
3. Selectman discussed and approved the budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2021 3:00-5:00**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Heidi Jaarsma came in to discuss that the Energy Committee asked to establish a Capital Reserve Fund. This would only be an option if it was beneficial to the whole town. Uncollected property taxes for 2019 were \$186,564. For 2020 they were \$202,951. Liens are about the same for both years. Fund balance is higher this year from a town standpoint excluding school budget.
3. Skip came in to discuss roads and let us know that the new hire will be starting on Monday.
4. David Russell from Barrington Power came in to discuss taxation on the commercial solar field. Barrington Power would like to have the solar panels assessed separate from the land it sets on. It is not different than a cell tower. Barrington has 24 solar systems throughout NH and VT. John asked who and how many tax evaluations. Mr. Russell admitted that this was a very foolish business decision to build this project for the \$390,000 that it cost to install. He has agreed to get us some of the other assessments for further information. The solar field in town has a 20-year lease agreement.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021 6:30-8:30**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Dan Poor and Richard Thompson came in with a petitioned warrant article to start a capital reserve fund for the Energy Committee. Richard has an intent to set up 2 capital reserve funds. One at the school and one at the town for funds donated from town residents so it is not solely a burden on town taxes. Eight separate pages with 59 signatures. Dan asked if we had made any decisions about town meeting. At this point the BOS have not made a final decision.
3. Selectmen went upstairs for the Finance Committee budget hearing.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 29, 2021 3:00-5:00**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Gwyn Gallagher came in to discuss Executive Order 83 which allows us to move voting with Town Meeting. John Hammond made a motion to hold Town Meeting on June 8th, 2021. Scott Baker seconded. All in favor. This information will be posted on the town website, ConnectCornish, town hall, town office and the post office.
3. Skip Erskine came in to discuss road conditions. F550 had some plow valve issues. New valve is on the way. They are under warranty.
4. BOS had a resident complain about campers on Root Hill. BOS will look into it.
5. Stu Hodgman came in to talk about guard rail upgrade by the state. He also talked about the parking area by the covered bridge.
6. John Drye came in to ask the Selectmen to stop in at the Cornish Flat Fire Station on February 24th at 7:00pm.
7. Selectmen discuss the cover of the 2021 Town Report.
8. BOS discussed how Avitar raised the value of the Decato "tower" land but did not raise the value on the Millers at 719 Town House Road commercial solar field. Both of these properties have a lease agreement attached to them.
9. Air Packs for the Fire Department will arrive February 10th and be fit and tested.
10. Doug Freeland was called to schedule his to look at the water at the town office.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyle Parry

