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254th
Annual Report
of the
Selectmen
and other
Town Officers



Cornish
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Year Ending December 31, 2020

CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Town Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

The Cornish Town Meeting was held on Tuesday the 10th of March. The polls opened at 10:00 AM to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. Moderator Gwyn Gallagher noted that the Warrant was properly certified and that the signatures of all the Selectboard were present. The Business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 pm with a prayer by Reverend Dale Nicholas as well as a moment of silence for those we lost this past, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Attendance at the Town Meeting was down this year due to the Covid-19 virus this year. Gwyn mentioned that there are rules set forth by the Secretary of State that we need to recognize. A microphone is mandatory, speakers must introduce themselves before making a comment, and comments should be directed to the Moderator. Gwyn Gallagher introduced the Selectboard and recognized the Supervisors of the Checklist. Leland Atwood was recognized with a round of applause for his forty- plus years as Supervisor of the Checklist. Moderator Gallagher presented Leland Atwood with an engraved rosewood clock for his years of service.

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

Selectman (3 years).....	Scott Baker-163
Tax Collector (1 year).....	Reigh Sweetser-171
Treasurer (1 year).....	Heidi Jaarsma-173
Moderator (2 years).....	Gwyn Gallagher-172
Trustee of Trust Funds (3 years).....	Stephen Bobin-171
Library Trustee (3 years)	Richard Scheuer-168
General Assistance (1 year)	Marie DeRusha-171
Supervisors of the Checklist (6 years)	Cara Decato-170
Sexton (1 year)*	Michael Monette-17

*additional write-ins for Sexton: Chuck DeAngelis (8);Dale Lawrence and Daryl Downing (4); Heidi Jaarsma and Tom Spaulding (2); Lyle Parry, Mary Curtis, Mike Duval (2);Ben Guernsey, Larry Duval, Dennis Demers, Bill Gallagher, Dr. Andrew Hiatt, Judith Kaufmann, Roger Gilbert, Doug Heaton, Reyer Jaarsma, William Monette (1).

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1, submitted by petition, for the Cornish Zoning Ordinance?

Amendment No.1, submitted by petition, amends the General Provisions of Article IV.19a, which applies to Expand cottage Industry, by increasing the square footage the business may occupy from 5,600 to 15,000 square feet, increasing the maximum number of full-time employees from eight(8) to twenty(20), increasing the number of employees allowed on the premises at any one time from ten(10) to fourteen(14), increasing the allowable signage from eight(8) to twelve (12) square feet, increasing the maximum number of off street parking spaces

this article and Dan Poor seconded. A hand vote was taken, and the article was voted in the affirmative, 57-42.

Article 22: By petition, in the interests of supporting the Town's goal of reaching 100% renewable energy for electricity by 2030 and for all energy sectors by 2050, to see if the Town of Cornish will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:62 which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with solar energy systems as defined in RSA 72:61. Such solar property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of the qualifying equipment as defined in RSA 72:61. Joanna Sharf moved this article and was seconded by Rob Jaarsma. A hand vote was taken, and the article was voted in the affirmative, 93-31.

Article 23: Heidi Jaarsma moved that the Town authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. Jim Neil seconded, and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 24: Doug Thayer moved that the Town hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation to. Bill Caterino seconded.

Article 25: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting. Larry Dingee moved. The motion was seconded by John Hammond.

Gwyn Gallagher thanked Clem Newbold and Shawn Kelliher for their Eagle Scout Projects, the restoration of the Hearse house and the construction of the new steps at the Cornish Town Offices, respectively.

The Cemetery crew received extra help from Daryl Downing this year.

Green-up day is 4/11 to 4/26, please sign up.

Jan Lord - Aging in Place has refrigerator magnets if anyone is interested. They coordinated with the rescue squad and purchased these. They have a pouch to hold important documents that are easy to find. They have an updated Resource book if anyone would like one.

Nancy Newbold has new 20-21 phone books.

Audrey Jacquier mentioned that the Senior lunches serve 50 plus people every month. She thanked Parry Construction for donating funds for two months of meals. She asked any other small business willing to donate to please call her.

Conservation Commission Award was presented by Corey Fitch, who made the following presentation: "I am pleased to be presenting this year's conservation award to an individual who has demonstrated a strong passion for conservation efforts throughout town. From playing a major role in establishing the CREA property, to volunteering with the Four Winds program, and countless projects in between, they have shown an exceptional commitment to protecting our natural resources and fostering education for our youth. They served as chair of the commission for a number of years and have been on more monitoring walks than any other member of the