

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 1, 2022 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Skip Erskine was in to report on town roads. He reported on some ditching and grading of trouble spots. Work was done to save the big culvert on Tandy Brook Road.
3. Troy Simino was in to discuss the Library Exploratory Committee. He asked if there would be a dissenting minority (3 members) report together with the majority report. He requested that information gathered but not published be made available. He said as much information as available be published on the town website as public record.
4. John Hammond moved, Frank Parks seconded, to request a minority report from the 3 dissenting committee members. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
5. Everett Cass sat in. He asked what had been going on at the school. Skip explained that the Fair had run power and nicked a pipe in the septic system.
6. Everett mentioned the memo that the BOS sent to the Chair of the Energy Committee. It was to be immediately distributed to all committee members. He mentioned email communications of the committee. He was reminded that the BOS had sent out a letter previously to ALL Boards and committees about NH RSA 91:A.
7. Everett asked if the BOS had contracted plowing. The BOS explained that they have been compiling a list of possible help for the winter season.
8. The BOS discussed Colleen O'Neill's offer to co-ordinate a meeting with Michael York, the NH State Librarian.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2022 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Marie DeRusha came in to present her budget request for General Assistance.
3. Caroline Storrs came in from the Historical Building Committee to present the estimates they received for paint and exterior carpentry repair on the Town Hall.
4. Tim Surprenant from Tasco Security came in with Chief Hackett to discuss security. The first location discussed was the Highway Department. He also discussed upgrades to the Town Office. Doug also mentioned getting cameras for the Mill Village covered bridge. Doug reported that the grant for the body cameras was approved, and requested that the BOS set a hearing to accept the grant.
5. Everett Cass came in to follow-up on emails from Energy Committee members.
6. John mentioned campers on Route 12A.

7. Colleen O'Neill came in to discuss the email the BOS had sent her about her offer to invite the State Librarian to meet the BOS. Dillon asked if the meeting she had arranged earlier with him had been warned. She said it had not. John asked if there were minutes. She said there were none. She stated that he might be a good resource for the BOS. She was on a Zoom meeting about climate change that happened to contain information on how to bring a petitioned warrant article. She asked who our counsel was. She asked when was the last day to bring a petitioned article. She reported that she is Executor of Laird Klingler's will. The \$375,000 pledge stands for the library but only if it moves to the flat store.
8. The BOS returned a call to Susan Chandler. She was curious as to when the BOS will make their decision. The BOS explained they are working on reviewing the report and any other information pertaining to the library issue.
9. Dillon reported that Heidi resigned from the Historical Building Committee. Dillon was asked if he would serve on the committee. He accepted.
10. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Lyle Parry was in to discuss pedestrian traffic from CREA to the fairgrounds. On behalf of the fair, he asked about creating a trail for pedestrians. The trail would improve safety during the fair.
3. Skip Erskine was in to discuss the Highway Department. Fall service has been completed. They are waiting for a repair kit for the chipper drum drive motor. Frank asked Skip about progress on the list of potential part time help. Skip plans to pre-buy gravel for the spring from this year's budget. The BOS authorized Skip to buy \$500 worth of shop tools. Tires for the KIA on Monday. The BOS updated Skip on the possibility of security upgrades at the Highway Department shop.
4. John McSwain came in to give BOS a sketch and material pricing for a 2-bay addition to the Recycle Center that Mike Monette had requested. The BOS will visit recycle to look at the possibilities.
5. BOS left for site visits at 4:10.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 12, 2022 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Bill Wall was in. Susan Chandler was in. Richard Thompson was in to discuss the use of the six 240V outlets near the school that the Fair installed. He wants to utilize the outlets for an EV charger for teachers. He was asked about the hardware. He said the Energy Committee owns a charger. He called the NH Electric Co-op about the charger. He said they had a municipal program. Frank asked about equitable use. Ball Wall mentioned a pay to use charging system. The BOS recommend the Energy Committee do further research. Susan asked if it was a charger for the town. Richard said for the school. Frank mentioned to have the unit checked. The town can't take a chance of installing faulty equipment.
3. Susan Chandler came in to follow-up on the phone call from last Monday the 5th.
4. Bill Wall brought in information about the Primary. He mentioned letters from the U.S. Census. He stated the letters that ask for responses online are illegal. The only legal letter will be the 3rd. The 3rd will need to be filled out.
5. Heather Meeks was in from the Trustees of the Trust Funds to discuss cemeteries, and if the BOS had heard about the new Highway Department truck timing. John asked about the Kibbey Fund and how to rectify the scholarships situation. Perpetual care was discussed.
6. Corey Fitch called. BOS said we will call him back. Corey called back to discuss the Conservation Easement on the Cole property.
7. The BOS called Lyle Parry regarding the Town Hall stage floor. It will be refinished during the holiday week.
8. The BOS discussed the Minority Report.
9. Adjourned at 8:45.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 15, 2022 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Marie DeRusha, General Assistance, was in.
3. Selectmen went into Executive Session from 3:00-3:05.
4. Brian Hotz was in to discuss the easement on the Cole property on Paget Road.
5. Mike Fuerst was in as a Notary Public.

6. Brian Hotz presented documents. The Town would be an executorial easement agent if the SPNHF cannot carry out their duties. The Town will have the right, but not the obligation to monitor the easement. The Conservation Commission has pledged up to \$30,000 should SPNHF not raise the \$75,000 expense to create and manage the easement. The Town will have no financial obligations. Selectmen signed the agreement to be the backup should SPNHF fail. Mike Fuerst notarized the signing.
7. Mike Fuerst mentioned the Broadband Committee. They will create a report soon. He said there are 3 rounds of Federal Grants that will become available. NH Electric has received the first round. He mentioned that the committee might request to be continued for a longer duration than the current schedule. He discussed the membership of the committee. One member wants off. One member has not attended the last 4 meetings. The current alternate has attended all meetings. Mike requested that the BOS appoint Nelly Palmer as a voting member. The BOS accepts Mike's recommendation, pending a resignation by a voting member, and a nomination from the committee.
8. Dillon moved; John seconded that the BOS grant Planning Board member Gail McKenzie a leave of absence for an unspecified duration due to a family medical situation. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
9. Mike West was in. He mentioned his successful surgery. His follow-up appointment is January 2nd.
10. Adjourned at 5:00pm.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 19, 2022 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
2. Officer Justin Vivian and Bill Wall were in for the Public Hearing on the grant for body worn cameras (BWC).
3. Joanna Sharf was in to propose a budget for the Energy Committee.
4. Kathi Patterson called to file an official complaint about parking by the G.H. Stowell Free Library. The Highway Department didn't clear the banks, so it is difficult to access the library.
5. Everett Cass came in.
6. Town Treasurer, Heidi Jaarsma, came in for the Body Worn Camera Grant public hearing. Chief Hackett was called to provide information on the 50% matching grant. The grant is for \$21,140 for Body Worn Cameras and 2 mobile cameras. The cameras are Axon brand. The contract is for 5 years. At the end of the contract, it will be up to the town to decide whether to fund the cameras going forward. The Treasurer explained how the grant worked. The Chief was asked if the town owned the hardware. He will get back to us. The contract covers data storage in the Cloud. The CPD dictates retention

specifications. Heidi mentioned that it is standard to fund BWC in the annual budget. Lyle Parry was in and asked how these would be funded in 5 years. Would it be capital reserve, or annual budget. The Chief pointed out that it is a contract, not a capital purchase, so not a Capital Reserve Fund. Frank Parks asked about what happens if there is a hardware failure. In such a case the department will be sent new hardware. Bill Wall said cameras are critical for protecting the police and community. Everett Cass mentioned that the BWC are essential. John moves that the town accept the 50% matching grant and expend it over 5 years as required by the grant. It will cover 4 BWC and 2 vehicle cameras. Frank seconded. The vote was in the affirmative unanimously.

7. The Chief mentioned Justin's cruiser. It is 10 years old and due to be replaced. Justin has been working with Claremont Ford. Claremont Ford has pre-ordered gasoline vehicles, but will be black and white. Another option is an F150 police truck. Doug mentioned towns that have the F150 option. The BOS will receive firm numbers soon. Bill Wall mentioned the Dodge Durango. Heidi mentioned maybe we should re-visit the model that has the town purchasing one vehicle, and pay to replace the second by fundraising. Budget surplus could be used to fund the Capital Reserve Fund to save for both cruisers. Price to replace cruiser would be \$41,000 with \$18,000 to replace other equipment. The PD will have more specific numbers in the next week or so. Frank mentioned Tasco and security cameras. Everett mentioned that the PD should not buy a hybrid. Doug mentioned better mileage, but the cost of the car is higher and maintenance would be more expensive. Frank mentioned that hybrids might not be appropriate. Patrol Officer Vivian said the F150 would be the way to go. F150 is a 4-to-6-week lead time, is significantly less than a cruiser.
8. Heidi reported that the School Board will be meeting January 9th and the Facility Manager will be there to discuss the well.
9. Kellie Patterson-Parry was in. Frank told her how great the Town Hall looks. Kellie said it was easier to keep up with now that it is clean. She will meet with Willing Hands to discuss tables. The dumpster was discussed. The schedule should be re-visited. At a minimum it should be cleaned every other week. Kellie and Lyle discussed putting the rental schedule on the website. All users should sign the rental contract. Selectmen can waive fees, but parties shall be held responsible. Lyle asked about the Highway Department shoveling the doors at the Town Hall. The BOS agreed. This task can be done when appropriate during a storm event.
10. Lyle Parry mentioned the library and ConnectCornish. He is disappointed that non-factual posts are being treated as facts.
11. Everett mentioned the possible Warrant Article for the flat store library conversion. He said such an article should address possible cost over-runs.
12. BOS called Dale Lawrence to discuss the school van. The van can be fueled at private vendors.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 22, 2022 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. John Hammond left early.
3. Officer Vivian was in. The Police Department has ordered new pads for the AED in his cruiser.
4. Caroline Storrs was in to ask about Town Meeting location and time. She also disagrees with the Fire Chief's capacity of the Town Hall. She suggested having Town Meeting at the school.
5. Cindy Heath came in to research Class VI roads for the NRI.
6. BOS approved some security improvements quoted by Tasco Security. Funds to come from the 2022 Police Department budget. The purchases have been authorized pending discussion on the Highway Department improvements.
7. Brent Edgerton came in to discuss a single vehicle accident on Center Road. At 11:00am he was delivering eggs on Paget Road. He traveled west on Center Road. He was warned by a utility worker that a tree was blocking the road. At 5:20 he again traveled west on Center Road. He didn't notice the tree and slid into the tree. He damaged the front grill and hood. He is saying to the Town of Cornish that he sees negligence. He claims to have a witness that will swear the tree fell between 4:00-4:30am. He was asked if he had called any departments after he was warned about the tree at 11:00am. He said he didn't think about it. Frank explained that Mr. Edgerton's insurance company will contact our company.
8. Jeff Plant came in to be sworn in as an alternate to the CCC. He will come back after the BOS have a discussion with the Chair of the CCC.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 29, 2022 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks
Absent: John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Doug Hackett called in to discuss the BWC grant. DOJ must approve. Won't have DOJ approval until late January. Axon will have a 13-21% price increase. He can apply for a round 3 grant. The cost will be up \$8,000. He thinks the new grant, if approved, could cover the increase. Hanover has excess Fleet 2 vehicle cams we could get for free. If it is older technology, worst case scenario we will have a bigger expense on year 5. Tasco

invoices for cameras were discussed. Treasurer, Heidi Jaarsma, was in to discuss the cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. Doug wants to go to a 7-year rotation.

3. Chris Chilton came in to return a key to recycle that the Fire Department borrowed after an incident.
4. Chief Boutilier was in to follow-up on equipment related to the SCBA. Also, to deliver an invoice.
5. Caroline Storrs called inquiring about the location of Town Meeting. She was told that tentatively the plans were to hold it in the school gym pending follow-up. BOS requested she wait until the time and location are published on the town website. She agreed. BOS will follow-up with the school.

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