

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 3, 2020 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Everett Cass came in to discuss equipment building. The chipper, roller and emergency trailer will all fit in the existing trusses.
3. Skip Erskine was in to discuss highway department progress. A. Discussed sanding of Jonesville, the town is obligated to maintain road the same as any other road in town. B. Discussed putting a chain access the Blacksmith Covered Bridge to prevent wheeled vehicles. C. Getting prices to replace F550.
4. Austin Easi came in with questions about employment with the Highway Department and how to obtain a CDL.
5. Selectmen went with Road Agent to do site visits several places in town.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 6, 2020 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices, signed checks.
2. Paula came in to talk about Angela Bean getting more hours and training to be certified.
3. A concerned citizen came in to discuss the logging operations on Fernald Hill and the lack of concern for residential culverts and entrances for logging operations.
4. Doug Hackett came in with James Yazinski to be sworn in for Police Department.
5. Selectmen worked on the budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 10, 2020 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Skip Erskine was in to talk roads and road plan for the weekend. All asphalt salted and catch basins cleaned.

3. Brian Meyette called to discuss the solar exemption petition. He stated that this was passed in the early 90's. He also stated that Nancy Wightman said the Selectboard ordered AVITAR to tax solar panels. This is false information. The added value is how Avitar assesses. In 1992 the solar exemption, article 3, failed to pass by vote. 178 yes and 209 no, so solar has never been tax exempt. Just have not been valued.
4. Tim Schad was in to discuss the Recycle Center buying dumpsters which will save on trucking.
5. Called Mike Monette to see if he would set up for voting. He said yes. He is also going to help get more information on voting booths.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 13, 2020 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices, signed checks.
2. Paula Harthan came in to answer miscellaneous questions and what is UCC line item on her budget.
3. Called Nancy Wightman to clarify that the Selectmen did not advise Avitar to start assessing solar. It is standard procedure for them to do this.
4. Called Chief Hackett to discuss his budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 17, 2020 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Everett Cass came in to see if he needs a permit to put in a car port. Metal with aluminum frame. He also spoke about \$3300.00 engineer fees for the town garage shed.
3. Skip Erskine was in to discuss roads. Littell Road had just fallen apart so Skip will plow the rest of the year.

4. Heidi Jaarsma is checking the Avitar billing. A discussion was held about the UCC/Wet Lands on the Town Clerk report. It has now been re-categorized to the proper line item.
5. Called Rosa Sousa about 55 Jonesville Road. She was asking about property access.
6. Rosanne Gardner was in to see about changing the floor plan of the previous building permit. We amended the floor plan.

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Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 20, 2020 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices, signed checks.
2. Everett Cass was in to see if the building at the town garage will be placed on as a warrant article.
3. Selectmen reviewed the 2020 budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 24, 2020 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Heidi Jaarsma was in to discuss fund balance and 2019 reports.
3. Gwyn Gallagher was in to keep us up to speed on the elections process after his class. Suggested we make it to a class.
4. Bill Wall came in to let us know what was done at Plainfield Recycle Meeting. The Selectmen are not signing up with Lebanon Landfill.
5. Tim Schad was in to encourage us to get the dumpsters on a warrant article. It has been done.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 27, 2020 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry, Everett Cass, Bill Caterino, Fred Weld, Doug Hackett and Heidi Jaarsma

Town Office: Everett Cass asked if insurance only covers one person. Yes.

Elections: Discussion about the budget being so much higher than last year. There are more elections and the town needs more voting booths.

Audit: Inflation

Revaluation: Was set up differently in previous years as two halves. Now it is currently one combined billing. It is up about \$4,000 annually.

Building & Grounds: Salary line is up as they got a raise.

Cemetery: Up mostly due to tree removal. Slight increase in wages. Bill Caterino asked if it was for multiple cemeteries.

Police Department: Doug explained that labor is up to compete with other local towns. Special salaries are paid back by the fair and Blow Me Down. Contracted services is for legal fees.

Unspent money goes back to general fund.

Fire Department: Fire equipment is down. Bill Caterino asked about the grant. It will be a warrant article.

Emergency Management: EOP plan was updated. Money was used to make copies.

Recycle: Buying 3 new containers.

Hazardous Waste: Kept the number up to remove antifreeze from highway garage.

Bill Caterino suggested we should contact Library Trustees. Trustees made a request to have just the usual \$2,000 put in the capital reserve account.

Fire Chief needs to do some work with Veridi to see if this will work with the repeater we own.

One is currently on Green Mountain in Claremont and the other is located on Storrs Hill in Lebanon. Need to find out if a repeater on the tower in Cornish will interfere with either of those.

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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 27, 2020 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices, signed checks.
2. BOS called Health Inspector on the complaints about 498 Jackson Road and on the falling down house on Route 120.

3. BOS called Dale Lawrence about equipment building and also the state project at the covered bridge.
4. BOS need to have a conversation with the Fire Chief about the repeater.

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Lyle Parry

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Friday, January 31, 2020 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

Present: John Hammond, Scott Baker, Lyle Parry

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Heidi Jaarsma came in to discuss budget numbers for 2020.
3. Robin Waterman was in to discuss lot #4 on East Road. Wants to put out 2 acres from one lot into current use and take out 2 acres from another lot to go into current use.

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