

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 5, 2023 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. Meeting called to order at 1500.
2. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
3. Mike West stopped in to give update on his situation. Next appointment is March 2, 2023. He was also reminded that he needed to have a signed full duty, 100%, non-restricted duty release from his PCP.
4. Skip Erskine called in and gave update on Road Crew status preparedness for upcoming weather.
5. Selectmen discussed recent claim from a resident for negligence in not marking a tree that had fallen during the storm.
6. Selectmen called Doug Hackett in regard to discussion of new cruiser and also the pending work to be done with Tasco at some town buildings.
7. Peter Burling called in to talk about a timber cut on his property on Root Hill Road.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Parks

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 9, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. Meeting called to order at 1830.
2. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
3. Troy Simino came in to get an intent to cut signed.
4. Skip Erskine came in to discuss highway business and give debrief on weekend storm activity. The new truck should be delivered by the end of February.
5. Corey Fitch came in to discuss alternates and membership on the Conservation Commission.
6. Susan Chandler stopped in to inquire about specific times for Town Meeting. The Selectboard informed her of what was tentatively scheduled and that they were waiting for confirmation from the Cornish School. She also inquired about the status of a warrant article regarding the potential gift of the store building as the new library and how much time that the BOS had or hadn't dedicated to analyzing the Library Committee report. She stressed that this was a very time sensitive issue and that she felt somewhat "disrespected" that it appeared to her that, thus far, more time had not been dedicated by the BOS to this issue especially in light of what appeared to be such a monumental opportunity for the Town. The BOS concurred that it was a time sensitive issue; but assured her that disrespect was not a premise or function of the Board.

7. A motion was made to accept any outstanding minutes and place them on the website.
8. Selectmen returned calls to Justin Vivian and Caroline Storrs.
9. Meeting adjourned at 21:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Parks

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 12, 2023 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Frank Parks, John Hammond  
Absent: Dillon Gallagher

1. Meeting called to order at 1500.
2. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
3. Bill Wall came in and dropped off the new proposed site for the well to be drilled at the school.
4. Dale's Mobile Homes called to clarify and building permit for installation.
5. Selectmen continued to work on budgets
6. Meeting adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Parks

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 16, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. Meeting called to order at 1830.
2. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
3. Bill Wall came in to discuss the new well proposal at the school. He is adamant about reinstalling the filtration system and also has concerns about the proposed placement of the well.
4. Selectmen received final report from the Broadband Committee.
5. Selectmen worked on the 2023 budget, particularly the Highway budget with Skip.
6. Scott Baker came in to discuss budget and Highway Department. He also inquired as to the status of the minority report of the library committee. The report is not complete yet; but when it is it will be made available to the Town.

7. A motion was made to close Recycling Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, to accommodate the Town Meeting. All in favor.
8. Meeting adjourned at 2100.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Parks

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. Meeting called to order at 1500.
2. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
3. Marie DeRusha requested a 91-A for Michael York, NH State Librarian, any and all communication between Colleen O'Neill, Library trustees and Exploratory Committee. She asked if the Selectmen would request; she provided a list for reference. BOS will take the request under consideration.
4. Laura Cousineau and Dan Poor stopped in with a petition signed by 143 residents for a warrant article to ask the town to accept the store as the new town library. Tom Hannah and Mike Fuerst were reviewers with former committee members; not sole authors. Alex Hanson, staff writer for the Valley News, stopped in. An inquiry was made as to whether his visit was random, he indicated that it was; but that in fact he was there to cover the "library story".
5. Lois Fitts stopped in to voice concerns over phone service quality by Consolidated, particularly where the seniors or vulnerable population in Cornish are concerned.
6. Jan Lord was in to support Lois' concerns.
7. Lyle Parry called and gave an update on the work on the stage at the Town Hall as well as the possibility of making the furnace quieter.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Parks

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 23, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. Meeting called to order at 1830.
2. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.

3. Frank had received an update on the Highway Department from Skip as they were still out plowing. Frank relayed the information to John and Dillon.
4. The BOS commented on the article in the Valley News, Jan 23, "Cornish Library Decision Overdue"; and noted that though pretty well written, some of the information was not current and some of it was not factual as reported on at the 1/19/2023 Selectmen meeting.
5. The BOS discussed developing a specific "Survey Postage" or "Survey Expense" line item that can be used by the various committees in town given the amount of information gathering that has gone on by the various committees. A motion was made and seconded to have a Postage Survey/Expense line in the budget to be used at the discretion of BOS to cover expense as described.
6. Selectmen continued to work on the budget.
7. Selectmen discussed protocol for acceptance of minority reports from the former members of the Library Exploratory Committee. The protocol will be a formal acceptance or report at town office and then it will be released to the public in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Parks

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 26, 2023 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. Meeting called to order at 1500.
2. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
3. Executive Session started at 1500 and ended at 1600.
4. Heidi Jaarsma turned in her Library Committee Minority Report.
5. A motion was made to schedule the public budget hearing on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> at the town office at 7:00pm.
6. Alicia Simino came in to request if any minority reports had been submitted. She requested any/all that had been up to this point.
7. Selectmen worked on budget until 1915.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1930.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Frank Parks

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, January 30, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. Meeting called to order at 1830.
2. BOS reviewed mail, invoices and signed checks.
3. Paul Goewey stopped in and reminded the BOS that he is still available for volunteer work at Recycle Center. He also left information about traction devices for the recycle crew.
4. The remaining Minority Reports were submitted and accepted by the BOS.
5. Troy Simino stopped to inquire if any minority reports had been submitted and requested copies of the same. He also inquired as to when they would be posted to the town website.
6. Everett Cass stopped in to observe the meeting. He also requested copies of the minority reports.
7. The Selectmen continued work on the budget after signing checks and invoices. Also reviewed performance dialogue for Road Agent for 2022.
8. Scott Baker called in and commented on Minority Reports. He mentioned the fact that there had already been land purchased and an approved septic design done for the Stowell Library and wished that it had been included in one of the three reports.
9. Larry Dingee called in to discuss his earlier submittal of his Minority Report.

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Frank Parks