



**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2023 6:30-8:30**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Chief Hackett came in to check with the Selectboard. He had some health issues last week and he reported that the check-up at the hospital had good results. He says he feels better than he has in ages. Doug also expressed concern about people being civil in the business portion of Town Meeting on March 18th.
3. The BOS talked about having a meeting with the Library Trustees discussing ongoing business concerning the library on Thursday, March 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 23, 2023 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. BOS had an executive session.
3. Jan Lord and Jody Schubert came in to confirm the proper wording for Aging in Place on the Town Website.
4. Paul Rondos came in to inquire about an annexation of land from his father Paul Rondos Sr.
5. BOS discussed the proposed painting and repairs to the Town Hall. An article on the Town Warrant to fund the work will be discussed and voted on at Town Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond 

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 20, 2023 6:30-8:30**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Gwyn Gallagher came in to talk about the upcoming Town Meeting. Scott Baker called inquiring about the zoning article changes to be voted on. He also offered to sit on the Budget Committee if needed.
3. The BOS discussed the issue of a library patron slipping on the steps leaving the library. The person broke her glasses and bumped her head. She did not notify the librarian at the time of the accident.
4. The BOS discussed issues with the help at the Highway Department. Work on the highway garage should start in the spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond

Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2023 3:00-5:00pm

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond

Absent: Frank Parks

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Troy Simino came in to get an Intent to Cut signed.
3. Lyle Parry came in to discuss a concern of the Town Highway Department. Wayne Gray came in to discuss some of his concerns of the Highway Department. The backhoe is still sitting in the shop waiting for trucking.
4. Colleen O'Neil came in to discuss the personal attach on her by Everett Cass at a public meeting. She felt his behavior was unacceptable and there should be consequences to his behavior.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2023 6:30-8:30**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond

Absent: Frank Parks

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Heidi Jaarsma came in to give us the final adjustments to the budget and the Town Warrant.
3. Sandy Guest came in to ask a couple questions concerning the budget hearing last Thursday, 2/9/2023. She was questioning why Everett Cass was sitting at the table with 2 Selectboard members. Mr. Cass responded to Sandy's question and he said that he was wrong for sitting the table and apologized for his behavior. Sandy also asked to verify a rumor that she heard from someone that wasn't at the meeting. The BOS gave her the correct information about the rumor.
4. Robin Kilfeather-Mackey came in to be sworn in as an alternate for the Conservation Commission.
5. Mike West came in to check with the Selectboard. His appointment with the doctor is March 2nd. He can come back to work when the doctor gives him the okay.
6. Gwyn Gallagher came in to talk about Town Meeting. Notices will be sent out to make sure the public is aware of the changes.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond





**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 2023 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond

Absent: Frank Parks

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Moderator, Gwyn Gallagher, came in to discuss Town Meeting. Tuesday, March 14, we will act upon Articles 1, 2, 3 and 4. Saturday, March 18, will cover Article 5 (Library) through 25. Only registered voters will be able to participate on floor votes. They will not be able to vote on March 18th.
3. Skip Erskine came in to report that the backhoe is back at the shop. A service mechanic will look at it on Monday. All signs point to an electric issue.
4. Heidi Jaarsma came in to discuss the town budget and talk about the warrant articles. With a use of \$75,000 fund balance for tax relief, the projected tax rate is \$27.27 up 15% from 2022.
5. Bill Wall came in to explain that the grant for the new well for the school has been requested. The amount is \$200,000, including the filtration system.
6. The BOS wrote a letter to ConnectCornish stating that all Town business and calendar will be posted on the new Town website.
7. Selectmen voted to make Article 17 non-lapsing.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond



JGH

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond

Absent: Frank Parks

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Laura Cousineau brought in more signatures for the petitioned article for the proposed library change.
3. BOS moved upstairs for a meeting with the Finance Committee. Attending was: Bill Caterino, Fred Weld, Christine Heins, Everett Cass, Chief Doug Hacket, Heidi Jaarsma Dillon Gallagher and John Hammond.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond

JB *JH*

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 2, 2023 3:00-5:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, Frank Parks, John Hammond

1. BOS went into Executive Session for a personnel issue.
2. BOS discussed where on the website the Minority Reports were published. BOS agreed to add a link on Library Exploratory Documents page.
3. Frank reported on the cost and time needed for obtaining a CDL. He did not find any financing for the cost of training.
4. Mike Monette and Skip Erskine came into the office.
5. The Recycling Center will be closed this Saturday due to cold weather. The Center will also be closed for Town Meeting on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Mike will look into strap on ice creepers for the Recycling Center help. He will also purchase a wheel barrow to spread sand around the containers.
6. John made a motion to deny the Fire Chief's request of \$71,345 to enhance radio communications on the Burr Road cell tower. Seconded by Dillon. Voted unanimous to approve the motion. This request was submitted much too late.
7. Skip requested to have April 6, 7 and 10th off. The BOS approved his request. Skip also discussed the possibility of paying overtime if the help is called out in the middle of the night and work less than a full 8 hours. The BOS agreed that all overtime started after working 40 hours. Dillon told Skip that the Highway Crew will get \$1.50/hr raise. The BOS had a discussion about raising the amount put into the Paving Capital Reserve.
8. Liz Gage came in to talk about Town Meeting and had a question about child care, food and transportation to the meeting. She will check with the school board about their protocol.
9. Brent Edgerton came in and said that the Town was liable for not removing the tree across Center Road. He drove into the tree and had \$3,000-\$4,000 damage to his truck. His insurance company will pay the claim but will not pursue the Town for compensation. He felt the Town should admit negligence by not putting signage out for the downed tree. The BOS did not admit negligence on the Town's part. Brent is considering a civil suit with the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hammond