

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 7, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, came in. He reported on the flat-bottomed culvert for replacement of failed Tewksbury Road culvert. There is a significant price difference between Ferguson and Prescott. John moved; Jason seconded that the town order the 10-gauge culvert from Prescott. The vote was affirmative unanimously. Center Road culvert has been repaired. The fair had the water tested at the Highway and Fire Departments. The tests were for bacteria and came back good.
3. Bill Wall reported that he had met with engineers from NH DOT. The DOT wants the town to change drainage by the Flat Fire Station. He also recommended to them that the DOT install a 35-degree radius end on the live end of the catenary by the Flat Fire Station.
4. Troy Simino was in to deliver invoices for the repairs of Paget and Tewksbury Roads.
5. Selectmen went into executive session. 7:00-7:08
6. Louise Marsh of 14 Cass Drive called to inquire about adding a small mobile home as an ADU. They have 1 acre out of current use and 12.1 in current use.
7. Troy Simino mentioned roads that served one house.
8. John moved; Jason seconded that the town accept the new rates from Eastern Propane. The vote was in the affirmative unanimously.
9. BOS discussed the Historic Building Committee and the requested scheduling of a meeting.
10. BOS discussed a request for reimbursement for a rental car during the flooding. More information will be needed.
11. Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 10, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, came in. He announced a reduction in the crew. Wayne also reported that he hired Kodi Sabins as Truck Driver and Equipment Operator. The grader will be due for new tires soon. Ditching and washouts on East Road have been addressed. Gap Road from Center Road to the first barn has been dealt with. A culvert on St. Gaudens Road was replaced. Slade Hill Road will need to be improved soon. BOS asked about FEMA money and the Army Corps. Of Engineers correspondence.

More information will follow. Wayne asked about CREA mowing. He will look into it. BOS approved the closure of Parsonage Road for the Fair.

3. Executive Session 4:35-4:40pm.
4. David Kruidenier came in representing the Historical Society expressing interest in the use of the G.H. Stowell building if the library moves in the future. John Hammond said it would be okay to plan. Dillon Gallagher mentioned it could be years. Jason Bourne indicated that there may be other groups interested. Dillon mentioned the town might be interested. In any case, no decision will happen anytime soon.
5. Gwyn Gallagher was in to offer the services of Gallagher Tree Service for plowing town roads this winter. GTS plowed a route for the town last year. He proposed a similar setup as last with some minor changes. BOS presented him with the new Purchasing Policy. He would like to move forward expeditiously so he and the town can plan. He mentioned how the Flat is usually plowed late, and he recommended the town have a hired truck for the village if the budget allows. The BOS will discuss this with Wayne.
6. Bill Wall called to explain that the radius panel freshly installed on Route 120 is called a System Radius Panel that has 5 holes.
7. BOS discussed a zoning question.
8. Mike Belanger stopped in to say “hi” and announce that he will break ground on the log cabin soon.
9. Larry Dingee stopped in to discuss the Historic Building Committee. BOS will contact Lyle Parry about the visits the BOS had previously made to historic and town buildings.
10. Left for site visits at 5:35.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 14, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond
Absent: Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. Mike West came in. Wayne Gray is on vacation to manage the Cornish Fair. Mike explained that the grader will require four (4) new drive tires. BOS agreed and they will be ordered. John moves, Dillon seconds, vote is affirmative. Pete’s Tire Barn will mount the new tires on Thursday. Pete’s has also repaired the loader tire.
3. Joanna Sharf sent an email about replacing diesel vehicles with electric power trains or with newer diesel power trains.
4. BOS called Chief Hackett. He had a question about the new purchasing policy. He had scheduled some purchases earlier in the year and wondered if he needs to do more paperwork or can proceed as planned. He will continue as the policy didn’t take effect until August 1. He also reported that he had just purchased four (4) batteries for the portable radios.

5. John moved, Dillon seconded, vote in the affirmative to adjourn at 7:50pm.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 17, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond
Absent: Jason Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Fire Chief, Mike Boutilier, came in to review the budget and expenditures to date. He wants to get 2 more sets of turnout gear if there is money left at the end of the year. The department will also order the mobile radios at the end of the year. He mentioned the preparation for fire safety at the Fair. The mini pumper is stationed at Town House Road Fire House, as it is more mobile in tight quarters.
3. The Highway Department removed the dead elm from the Trinity Church grounds.
4. John moves, Dillon seconds to approve July BOS minutes. Motion voted on in the affirmative.
5. Peter Burling stopped in. John mentioned the monument damaged at the covered bridge parking area. Peter said he will follow up. Peter asked BOS about the elm at Trinity Church. He was told that it had been taken care of today. He was happy with the Class VI portion of Root Hill Road after the logging on Peter's property.
6. Erich Weeks came in to report that a rut on the intersection of Gap and Center Roads broke a wheel bearing on his truck.
7. BOS left for site visits at 4:45.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 21, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond
Absent: Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. John and Teresa Kroh came in to update their building permit for a tiny home as an ADU to their multi-family conversion in the village district in the Flat. They updated the information on the location sketch. They left a booklet from the Tiny Home Industry Association. The BOS relayed that the BOS is one member short, but the application has

been discussed and we will continue to do so. Teresa said she was surprised that the BOS hadn't just denied the application.

3. The BOS called Selectman Jason Bourne to send him good wishes and a speedy return.
4. John moves, Dillon seconds the BOS adjourn early as they have had a quiet evening.
5. Adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond Jason Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Wayne Gray came in. He brought some invoices and two applications for employment. Slade Hill Road is repaired. A driveway culvert on Beechwood is plugged and caused some washout damage. Homeowners will need to be notified that it is their duty to maintain it. A homeowner on Center Road has built a "parking lot" in the Town right of way. He should be advised that the right of way will be used for snow storage in the winter. The 4' culverts have been delivered to Claremont Public Works. The squash culvert for Tewksbury Road is on schedule to be delivered at the time originally stated. The engineer is following up on the plans for Tewksbury Road. Wayne report that a 15" black culvert is missing. The BOS has no recollection of the Town selling any. Police will be notified. Damage at the top of Root Hill Road has been repaired, but will likely wash again. Meadows End did the forestry on the logging job. The '09 truck has brake problems. Wayne is planning on doing service on the equipment tomorrow during the rain. Wayne will check with Viking tomorrow. Wayne will follow up with one of the applicants.
3. Dan Poor came in as School Moderator. He has an idea to elect School Officers and Town Officers at the same time on the second Tuesday in March. He has not recently communicated with Town Moderator. He wants to bring it to the School Board unless the BOS is strongly opposed. Dillon Gallagher said his first reaction is that he values the separation and tradition as is. Jason Bourne asked how would this work with School District Clerk and the Town Clerk. Dan said maybe there wouldn't need to be both clerks. Dan had mentioned that there is a possibility that the Moderators could be pro-tem for the other body. John Hammond said it could be looked into. Dan re-iterated he thinks there could be savings, and he would not have to spend a long time waiting until the votes are counted and certified.
4. Tim Schad came in to report that he has been working with Mike Duval on the water project at the Andrew's property on East Road. He has permission from the ZBA to work on the project until August 29th. He asked Mike Fuerst about an extension, and Mike was unsure as to that being possible. He said that the NH DES had extended their permit. Tim will have the homeowner send the letter, provide the DES updated permit, and provide a realistic proposed time frame for a possible extension.

5. The BOS discussed the proposed ADU in the Village District. Jason moves, John seconds, that the BOS deny the application as the existing residence is not a single-family residence and therefore requires review by the ZBA as a multi-family conversion. The vote was unanimously voted on in the affirmative.
6. BOS left for site visits at 5:30.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 28, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. Police Chief, Doug Hackett, and Treasurer, Heidi Jaarsma, came in for the Public Hearing.
3. Heidi mentioned that Primex had sent information on transferring the Town's domain to a .gov domain. Jason explained that the problems with our email service is probably because we use Blue Host for email. Heidi will look into the changes necessary. She will work with Jenny Lipfert.
4. John asked Doug about grants.
5. Chair called the hearing to order at 7:00pm. Jason moves, John seconds, that the Town accept and expend a grant from the Office of Highway Safety in the amount of \$10,075.00 for the funding of overtime hours dedicated to traffic law enforcement and for the purchase of a new radar unit. The BOS voted in the affirmative unanimously. Mary asked if it was overtime. It is for Justin because he is full time. The part time officers will be paid the normal rate.
6. Doug told BOS that he is switching the cell phone from Verizon to AT&T. The air card will stay on Verizon for maintaining connectivity with Claremont.
7. Heidi asked Doug about upgrades to dispatch. Equipment will be replaced on Green Mountain and equipment will be moved from Green Mountain to the tower on Burr Road. He estimates roughly 30 days.
8. Mike Ochman and Rob Moore came in. Rob Moore has offered to sponsor a Veteran's celebration. He works for a licensed pyrotechnics company and is willing to do a fireworks show at the baseball field. The Fire Department is willing to do the safety detail and help clean up. Rob will need a 270' roped off area as the controlled area. The show would be a 10-15 minute show. Jason asked if it could be viewed from the school parking lot. It could, but best viewed from the ballpark. The Fire Chief and a Selectman's approval are necessary. Chief Hackett was still in the building so he was asked to weigh in. His primary concern is pedestrian traffic crossing Town House Road. He had some suggestions on parking. There was discussion on logistics. The BOS likes the idea and Rob will look into it closer and check back with the Selectmen and any other

necessary department heads. Rob would like to have the show on November 11 from 6-7pm.

9. Erich Weeks came in to explain how bad the Cornish Roads have become. He told BOS he broke a wheel bearing turning right onto Center Road from Gap Road.
10. Joanna Sharf came in. She had a list of 3 questions. First, the Energy Committee is having a zoom meeting on batteries. It will be from 7-8:30. Possible dates are November 6, 7 & 8. It will be recorded, but to view the recording one must pre-register. She will be sending more information about the Community Power project to BOS. Andrew Hatch has been deputized by Henry Herndon as a person to help explain the CCP idea to Towns. Jason mentioned that he has done some research and the BOS hasn't had a chance to discuss it. She stated that the difference between community power and other 3rd party energy suppliers is non-profit vs for-profit. CCPNH holds reserves to help stabilize costs and support renewable projects and energy efficiency. Third party suppliers may offer a variable rate. Some do offer fixed rates, but contracts have terms of longer than month to month. She mentioned the possibility of legal protections in the JPA. Joanna mentioned the Clean Diesel grant. The BOS discussed how vehicles are replaced. BOS explained that the Town had just ordered a new highway truck and police vehicle.
11. Adjourned 8:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 31, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond Jason Bourne

1. Selectmen reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, came in. He inquired about Town owned properties that the Highway could stockpile gravel.
3. Steve Buckley from NHMA called regarding the Brooks property in Mill Village. There is a procedure for tax sale. Former owner would be the estate. Town is responsible to do due diligence to seek heirs of law. Principle duty is that any excess revenue be returned to the proper parties. Whatever the Town receives more than the unpaid taxes, the Town can interplead to the court explaining we can't find heirs. The court would seek the heirs through announcement. In summary, Town must seek heirs of law, may then offer for sale by sealed bid. Town is entitled to other expenses and costs as well. See RSA 80:90. He recommends contacting Town Counsel. He also mentioned a private company that will handle tax sales for a fee.
4. After quick review, the BOS did not think of any convenient staging areas. The beavers on Tandy Brook Road have dammed the big culvert. It needs to be removed. The large culvert for Tewksbury Road is scheduled for September 11th. Jackson Road has a weak shoulder that needs repair. One of the new grader tires has a split in it. Pete's will come and take a look at the tire. The material from the State has been delivered to Recycle. The loader has a soft rear tire which will be delivered to Pete's in the morning. The F-

550 needs drive tires before inspection. Wayne brought quotes from Nicks and Joes. The '02 truck is at Reeds for inspection. Next will be the '17, then the '09. The '09 has a bad air seat and Reeds will look into it. Wayne followed up with one of the applicants. The BOS needs to look into some budgetary considerations. The new truck already has 2,000 miles on the odometer. Wayne will follow up with Scott Reed. The truck has a wheel base one foot longer than the current trucks. If things go well, the complete truck will arrive around December 1st. Wayne was asked about crew dynamics, and he said things were good. Jason asked what the grading plan is for the next several weeks. Wayne wants to work from one side of Town and work their way across Town. Wayne mentioned St. Gaudens, Lang, Hell Hollow, Fernald Hill Roads and side roads off Dingleton. Then Gap Road, etc. Jason asked about hot patch versus cold patch. If ditching when grading then full crew is necessary. If just grading some could break away and patch paved roads. Some of the bus routes have had some improvements made.

5. Fred Schad came in to pick up his building permit for a storage shed with roof mounted solar.
6. Rob Moore came in to discuss his proposed fireworks show. He will continue to follow-up with Department Heads. He will begin permits and a draft letter for the BOS.

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