

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 3, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, checks, and Town budget data.
2. Sandy Guest came in to inquire about how much money Cornish received from the Federal Infrastructure funds. The BOS will research the full amount and get back to her.
3. The BOS discussed taking some time to visit the cemeteries in town to look at maintenance needs.
4. Another discussion took place concerning the Brooks' property that has been deeded to the town by tax deed. The Board will look into the current status of Mr. Brooks estate as he has passed away.
5. Jason Bourne contacted the NH Municipal Association concerning the comments posted on the Planning Board Master Plan Survey. His question concerned the inappropriate comments made and if they should be posted or edited. NHMA suggested that asking for public comments should be in a public meeting as they can be moderated.
6. The Broadband Committee is in need of 3 replacement members. One Board member and 2 alternates. The BOS will come up with names and ask them if they will commit to serving. The BOS called Barbara Nyholm and inquired if she would consider serving on the Board. Another call was made to Corey Stevens to see if he would serve. Jessica Butel has also been asked to be on the Board. All three will come to the office to be sworn in.
7. BOS discussed updating the town purchasing policy. A simple form with basic guidelines and rules will be drawn up.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 6, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, was in. He mentioned the need to repair the cemetery F350. He has been approved to select between two similar quote to have the exhaust manifolds repaired.
3. Wayne discussed the updated Policies and Procedures. The policy will remain as written. Wayne has been checking with the state for training. He discussed a homeowner with a plugged culvert that had complained. Wayne mentioned RSA 236:13, VI to them. He has a call into the state with some questions about the Leavitt Hill Bridge. He is preparing RFQ's for the bridge deck repair. He told the BOS he is nervous about a hazard tree on Lovejoy Hill. He would like permission to have it removed. He presented

three quotes that were inconsistent in format. Two quotes were equal on the Lovejoy Hill trees. BOS recommended that Wayne select the vendor. Wayside Lane has been ditched. Parsonage Road to the highway garage is graded. St. Gaudens to Dingleton has been graded. Some roadside mowing has been done. He met with the state agency worker for the 5 year well inspections at the fairgrounds. He has 4 tons of pavement patch on the F550 for pothole patching on Friday, July 7. He will follow-up with the State DOT on material that was promised to improve the Recycle Center driveway.

4. Wayne Gray, Fair Director, asked about the planned trail from the CREA property to the Fairgrounds. He mentioned moving the dredging's from the fire pond. He will reach out to some volunteers.
5. Selectmen left for site visits at 5:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 10, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. Bill Wall came in to express his concern about the toxicity of Styrofoam if caught on fire. He feels that Styrofoam should not be allowed at the Recycling Center.
3. Mike Belanger came in to discuss his building permit for proposed building of 1736 square feet. He would also like to downgrade the number of rental rooms from 8 to 5. He has an approved septic design to go with the building permit. He brought in a representation of the building. The BOS will do a site visit on Thursday.
4. Richard Thompson came in to present the specification for the battery that will be used for the small solar system at the Recycle Center.
5. Kelly Callahan came in to inquire about the colors to paint the Town Hall. It should be finished before the start of Cornish Fair. She also asked when the town will finish paving Jackson Road.
6. The BOS called Wayne Gray. He was out checking a plugged culvert on Clark Camp Road.
7. The BOS discussed what content should be posted on the town website.
8. The BOS called Doug Hackett to check in and see if he needed any help.
9. The BOS called Dale Lawrence to check in and see if she needed anything. The river is expected to crest at midnight.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 13, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Wayne Gray reported that Henry Homeyer is installing a charging station across the road from his home on Creamery Road. The swimming pool on School Street is full of gravel and needs to be cleaned. A state permit is not needed. All of the town's winter sand has been delivered. The manifold gaskets on the F350 will be repaired on 7/17. A complaint was lodged against a highway employee for his driving of a town vehicle. Wayne spoke to Frank Amidon on Old Turnpike Road about putting a culvert across the road to prevent future wash outs.
3. Cody Green stopped by for a building permit on Center Road. The BOS informed him that his parked trailer is in the road and is a hazard and needs to be moved.
4. The BOS called Gwyn Gallagher about a traffic incident with a town vehicle. He felt the driver was using excessive speed.
5. Motion made by Dillon to approve the minutes of April, May, and June. Seconded by Jason. Unanimous approval.
6. The BOS made a site visit to the Chase House for a building permit.

Respectfully submitted,
John Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 17, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. Chief Hackett called to inform the BOS about a death in town on Friday. He also offered to transfer the registration of the old police vehicle to the Highway Department. The BOS will have to hold a public hearing for the Highway Safety Grant.
3. Mike Monette came in to request that the dead elm tree at the Trinity Cemetery be cut before an internment on Thursday.
4. The BOS discussed selling .4 acres on Town House Road that abate the Hilliard property. It would be offered at a sealed bid to the public. The motion was made by John, seconded by Dillon, voted unanimously in the affirmative.
5. The BOS had a lengthy discussion on updating the purchasing policies of the town. An ethical sourcing statement will be included in the policy.
6. Dillon made a motion to nominate Linda Rice as an alternate to the Planning Board. Seconded by John. Voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 20, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Bill Wall came in to express his concern about the condition of the dam on School Street. He would like the BOS to inspect it.
3. Highway Department Justin Cousino came in to explain his version of the complaint lodged by Gwyn Gallagher as to his driving in excessive speed. He says he was not driving with excessive speed.
4. Theresa & John Kroh came in to inquire about adding another living unit on their property in Cornish Flat. The BOS gave them a building permit to submit. Probably their plan would be denied and sent to the ZBA for variance and/or special exception. The plan is to expand the 4 units to 5 units. The septic would need to be upgraded.
5. Wayne Gray came in to talk about work on the Highway. The past few days have been good and the crew has started ditching. The washout at the Flat fire station has some paperwork received from the DES concerning a repair to the brook bank erosion. Wayne also brought in a permit to install an underground power line on Creamery Road. The underground line would be for an electric car charging station.
6. The school has asked the Highway Department if they could move a 10'x14' building up to the outdoor classroom above the sand pile.
7. The beaver dams at the CREA property have been raising the water level to access the back hay field. The fair uses those areas for parking during the fair.
8. BOS left to make site visits.

Respectfully submitted,
John Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 24, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. Wayne Gray, Dale Lawrence, Mike Boutilier, Bill Harthan, and Doug Hackett all met to discuss the impact to the roads from the heavy rains. All are here to discuss the FEMA application. DES will tell us tomorrow if they will approve the emergency approval to install a new culvert on Tewksbury Road. The old one was destroyed and they may suggest we install a culvert larger than 6 feet. Wayne has procured a replacement culvert. At this time the town has a good supply of culverts. Discussion was had about maybe enlarging some of the culverts that will be replaced in the future. Daniels Construction has offered a temporary bridge to access Tewksbury Road if needed.

3. Dale said the chainsaw from the Emergency Management trailer is missing. She thinks someone just misplaced it.
4. Bill Harthan has offered to hay the CREA property.
5. Tandy Brook Road is open. Skyline Road is fixed. Sunset Strip Road is still closed.
6. Doug reported that an officer went off the road by hydroplaning across a homeowner's lawn. No damage to the new pickup. This happened during an extreme down pour Friday night.
7. Motion made by John, seconded by Jason, for accepting a grant from the Office of Highway Safety Grant Program #24-041 for the amount of \$10,075.00. Voted unanimous in favor.
8. Mike Ochman came in to report that he has lost 8-10' of bank along the brook at his property. He is scheduled to meet with the Planning Board. He would like to put up a light duty carport. It will meet the setbacks from the brook.
9. Ben Hawkins came in to discuss a building permit that was submitted in November 2020. He has a septic design that was also submitted in 2020. He will check with DES to see how long the septic design was valid.
10. Scott Baker came in to inquire about the status of the Dana Brooks property in Mill Village.
11. A discussion was made about the painting of the Town Hall. The question was asked if the folks painting were employees or subs. The BOS will find out if all have proper insurance coverage.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 27, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. Selectboard reviewed mail and invoices.
2. BOS called the DES to inquire about getting the go ahead to replace the failed culvert on Tewksbury Road. Joe Schmidl of DES said the paperwork should be completed by tomorrow.
3. Ray Kendall of Sunset Strip Road came in to ask how the town was coming along in repairing his road. The town is working hard in repairing the town roads. The crew hopes to get it repaired by next week.
4. Mike West and Wayne Gray came in to give an update on the road conditions. The last few days have been spent flushing out plugged culverts. They have been using a 2" trash pump with a 30' wand. Depending on the size of the culvert replacement, costs run as high as \$4,000 to \$5,000 each. A discussion took place about the driveway culverts that are in the ditch line. A plugged driveway culvert that can't take the water can severely damage the town road if it flows over the road. A decision was made to purchase a trash pump for flushing culverts. Motion by John, second by Dillon. Voted in unanimous decision.

5. Currently Tandy Brook Road is open. Fernald Hill and Gap Roads are fixed. St Gaudens still has one lane near Littell Road. Dodge Road has been graded and repaired. Sunset Strip has the ditch filled but needs more finish work. Root Hill Road still needs more repair. Many culverts have been checked and/or cleaned. Forecasts are for more rain the next couple days.
6. BOS reviewed a proposed building permit to put a tiny house in the village district in Cornish Flat.

Respectfully submitted,
John Hammond

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 31, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail, invoices, and signed checks.
2. Wayne Gray came in to give an update on conditions of the roads. The state has given the plans to him to replace the culvert on Tewksbury Road. Wayne has located the culverts and will call to see if they can be delivered tomorrow. Sunset Strip should be fixed by tomorrow. Root Hill and Slade Hill both need to be fully fixed.
3. Bill Wall brought in some information that explains the cause of the flooding in Vermont.
4. The BOS continued to discuss the building permit to add a tiny house to an acre lot in Cornish Flat. The current application for a building permit is incomplete. An approved septic design is needed as well as a map showing location and setbacks.
5. BOS approved the purchasing policy. Motion by John, seconded by Jason. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
John S. Hammond