

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 2, 2023 6:30-8:30pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher (chair), Jason Bourne, John Hammond

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Troy Simino was in to express his concern of the engineer Peter Blakeman. He felt that he was unprofessional and unprepared for the work that was needed for the culvert installation on Tewksbury Road. The elevations for the culvert installation were incorrect.
3. BOS approved the minutes of September 2023. Moved by John. Seconded by Dillon. Voted in the affirmative.
4. The BOS had a brief discussion on the town Zoning Ordinance concerning tiny houses. There is really nothing in the zoning regulations that addresses the usage of tiny houses in town.
5. The BOS spent time discussing the proposal for J.R. Liggett's building expansion. The BOS feel he needs to file for a special exception for expanded cottage industry. A total amount of square footage of building usage needs to be presented or documented. The BOS called Mr. Liggett and discussed the issue.
6. George Edson came in to inquire about closing his portion of Clark Camp Road for a few hours to be able to move wood from his property over the road to his house. The BOS referred him to the Road Agent.
7. The BOS discussed selling a town owned property Map 6, Lot 102 (.4 acres) located on 505 Town House Road. The property will be offered by a sealed bid.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 5, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher (chair), Jason Bourne, John Hammond

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Caroline Storrs came in to discuss the process of getting bids to paint the meeting house in the flat. They will have a Historic Building Committee meeting at the end of October. This will allow us to put in a warrant article.
3. Wayne Gray came in to discuss Highway issues. The '09 truck has a broken hinge on the frame of the dump body. He has had several shops look at it to repair and will have prices by the end of the week. Wayne also asked about contract plowing for the winter. The Highway Department crew is still a man short. The F550 has 2 recall notices. Wayne is having trouble getting a Ford dealership to get the truck repaired. The grading of dirt roads has been progressing. The majority of the roads are done and ditching needs to be done prior to grading. The beaver dams on Center Road have been looked at. A nuisance trapper has been contacted and will assess the problems in the culverts. The

junk culvert on Tewksbury Road has been removed. Wayne still has to install guard rails on Tewksbury Road over the new culverts. The old police cruiser is getting ready to move over to the Highway Department. The police decals need to be removed.

4. Heidi Jaarsma called and talked about the addition of another multi-family use conversion. There are a lot of questions that need to be answered concerning the proposal. She suggested checking with town counsel.
5. Mike Fuerst and Shelley Brookings came in to talk about the Broadband Committee. They have 2 basic proposals for the build out BMGI grants. The applications for the grants are due October 20<sup>th</sup>. Hub66 is very interested in the project. The BOS will have the material by the 12<sup>th</sup> to make a decision by the 13<sup>th</sup>. Hub66 has been in communication with the surrounding towns of Cornish, Plainfield, Grantham and Enfield.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher (Chair), Jason Bourne, John Hammond

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Troy Simino came in to have an Intent to Cut signed.
3. Wayne Gray came in to talk about Highway Department issues. Kevin Osgood gave a bid to the town to repair the '09 truck dump bed. If we use his service, he can have it ready by November 1.
4. Bill Wall came in to talk about a law change that would allow the home owner to by pass DES and deal directly with the state engineers concerning road and bridge erosion due to water damage. He would request that the Selectmen support the bill and contact the local legislators to support passage. Bill also feels that Styrofoam as a hazardous waste should not be allowed at the Cornish Recycle Center.
5. Sylvia Platt came in to express her concern about the damage done to the Class VI Road on Hildreth Lane. She would like to have the culvert replaced and Mr. Hooper the former owner of the property. She also inquired about the possibility of burying the power lines from Rte 12A to her house on Hildreth Lane. The BOS suggested that she ask the power company for advice.
6. Mike Duval came in to ask why the town was hiring a contractor to do some of the plowing. Mike felt that the grading being done was not done properly. He also feels that the ditching should be done on a 3-year rotation. Leaves need to be blown out of the ditches to keep the water flowing. Mike feels that personal driveways in town are putting water into the town roads. It is creating more work for the road crew to fix.
7. The Energy Committee came in to report that Fred Weld resigned from the committee and they have proposed Caroline Storrs as a replacement member. Everett Cass suggested that Frank Parks or Troy Simino might be good candidates. Richard Thompson, Nancy Wightman and Joanna Sharf came in to discuss their concerns on the

replacement member. Ninety-four people have signed up for the forum on the battery. The committee does use Zoom to relay information.

8. The BOS had an extensive discussion about endorsing the application of HUB66 to apply for NH Broadband Matching Grant Initiative.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 12, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher (Chair), John Hammond

Absent: Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Everett Cass was here to talk about the Energy Committee. Fred Weld has resigned from the committee. A new member needs to be appointed by the Selectmen.
3. Motion made by Dillon to accept the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant as presented. Seconded by John. Vote in favor of the motion. Grant is in the amount of \$1,100.00 for the purchase of a laptop for the community's emergency operations center. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$2,200.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$1,100.00)
4. Colleen O'Neil came in to talk about the logging site on Whitten Cemetery Road. The Road Agent and the forester have had a miscommunication on how the site should be managed. The BOS showed her the agreement on how the log landing would be sited.
5. Members of the Broadband Committee, Kevin Noble and Shelly Brookings, came in to get a signed document by the BOS Chair. This is the resolution to apply to HUB66 for the BMGI Grant. The Board finds HUB66 is technically managerial and financially capable of meeting the obligations of the Fund request.

Respectfully submitted,  
John S. Hammond

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher (Chair), Jason Bourne, John Hammond

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Leo Maslan came in to talk about the potential logging project for the Town Forest. The total amount is less than 10 acres to be cut. Rolling Meadows of Reading, VT, is harvesting wood on the Lipfert property and will cut the wood for the Town of Cornish.

3. Reyer Jaarsma called inquiring about the road closure sign on Whitten Cemetery Road. The BOS explained that Colleen O'Neil has a log landing on the east side and the log truck will be parked in the road to load.
4. Broadband Committee members Kevin Noble and Shelly Brookings came in to submit the application from HUB66 in conjunction with the Town of Plainfield. The total cost is 3.86 million dollars. The grant will cover 75% of the cost, UHUB66 will cover the remaining cost. There will be no cost to the Town of Cornish.
5. The BOS discussed the grading and ditching done around town. Also, a record of culvert replacement records.
6. BOS called Mike Monette about cemetery clean-up. He will start soon. Mike also discussed issues at the Recycle Center. He would like to put a lock on the building of the solar array. Also, some repairs need to be done on the building roof and bracing damaged by the loader. Mike will get some estimate prices on picket fencing for the cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 19, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher (Chair), John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. BOS amended the October 12 minutes concerning the HUB66 resolution. Motion moved to accept and approve the resolution that HUB66 is technically and financially capable to meet the obligations of the fund request. Moved by Jason, seconded by John. Voted in the affirmative.
3. Wayne Gray came in to report on highway issues. The log landing on Whitten Cemetery Road has been resolved. The F550 has gone to Lebanon Ford and had warranty work done. The old police cruiser has had new brakes and is getting ready to be used by the Highway Department. The final report on Tewksbury Road culvert can be completed when the guard rails are installed. Estimated cost of posts and rails is \$1,800.00. Wayne suggested that the KIA be sold by sealed bid. The new town truck should be leaving Reeds to have the winter equipment installed. The beavers are building dams on Tandy Brook Road.
4. Larry Dingee came in to see if the town had a RFQ for proposed building expenses by the Historic Building Committee.
5. Vickie Davis of the UVLSRPC came in to talk about the upgrade of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She gave the BOS a substantial improvement worksheet for Flood Plain Construction. This is a tool to administer the current Zoning Ordinance. The current flood plain ordinance was voted on and adopted on by the Town in 2006. Discussion took place in changing the wording concerning verbiage in the worksheet. Refer to

portions of the Zoning Ordinance in the worksheet for clarification. Motion made by Jason to adopt the amended work sheet. Seconded by John. Voted unanimously to approve motion.

6. Heidi Jaarsma came in to talk about the tax rate. She will have a more definite estimate of what the rate will be later.
7. The BOS discussed the need for minutes to be taken by all committees in town.

Respectfully submitted,  
John S. Hammond

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher (Chair), Jason Bourne, John Hammond

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. The BOS discussed the sale of town owned property. 0.4 ac located on Map 6, Lot 102. It will be sold by sealed bid. A purchase and sales agreement will be available to anyone interested in bidding on the property.
3. The BOS discussed how to improve the town website to encourage people to refer to it more about town events, committees and Highway Department activities.
4. Dillon talked with Wayne Gray about having a more definitive road plan. He also asked that log books of the vehicles be brought in to be reviewed. The BOS would like to have an approximate plan of the upcoming months road work. Dillon will plan on meeting with Wayne once a week at the Highway Department office.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond

**Town of Cornish  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 26, 2023 4:00-6:00pm**

Present: Dillon Gallagher (Chair), John Hammond, Jason Bourne

1. BOS reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Road Agent, Wayne Gray, came in to discuss matters at the Highway Department. Two individuals have submitted applications of employment for the Highway Department. The BOS and Road Agent had a discussion about the number of town roads that serve a single home. There are 13 such roads in town. A discussion followed about the cost of

maintenance of these roads. Wayne will update us on an estimate of the expense of maintenance. John Hammond explained that in the past he had plowed out the school, highway shop and the town office with the loader. He offered to do it again if it would make it easier for the Highway Crew. The '02 truck was sent to Reed's to repair an oil leak. The wash out on White Swan Farm Road has been repaired. The guard rails on Tewksbury Road have been installed. The '09 is still at Osgood's to have the dump body repaired. The new truck is still at Reed's. NH Dot contacted Wayne asking for the town's permission to put up "turning traffic" signs for entering the Cornish Recycling Center. Wayne will request more information on placement of the signage. There are multiple beaver dams causing flooding on property. Five dams are currently along Tandy Brook Road. The town trucks will not be hauling the glass from recycling. Mike Monette will try to find a truck to haul it.

3. Mike Boutilier called to say that the Fire Department pickup has a short in the electrical system creating problems. It is currently at Straightaway Auto being repaired. The truck won't start.
4. The BOS discussed the CPCNH that other towns have used in NH. Jason had done research and gotten rates from various providers in different towns around the state.
5. John & Teresa Kroh came in to talk about the proposal of a tiny home as an application of a building permit. Jason explained to them the response from Town Counsel. The lot size with the number of residences are less than 2 acres. The lot size is 1 acre. The proximity of the proposed tiny house is in question as to being in the flood plain. The set back from the brook is 100 feet. The proposal they presented does not meet the current Zoning Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,  
John S. Hammond

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

Present: Dillon Gallagher (Chair), Jason Bourne, John Hammond

1. BOS signed checks and reviewed mail and invoices.
2. Heidi Jaarsma came in to talk about setting the tax rate. The preliminary tax rate is \$26.23. The estimated fund balance for 2023 is 19.10%. Motion to accept the 2023 preliminary tax rate of \$26.23 made by John, seconded by Jason. Voted unanimous in favor of the motion.
3. Gwyn Gallagher came in to see if the BOS had decided on if they were going to hire contract plowing. In the past Gallagher has plowed out Cornish Flat. Gwyn would like to know what the plan is going to be so he can schedule his crew's winter plowing.
4. Cody Greene came in to talk about the town right-of-way going by his house. The problem has become other equipment being parked in the town right-of-way. He has also applied for a building permit that does not meet the set back requirement. The BOS denied the permit and sent him to the ZBA for a variance.

5. Dillon talked about his discussion with Wayne. The '02 truck needs a new oil pan. The F550 has been checked out for winter work. The grader has been set up for winter plowing. The new truck is still at Reeds and should be ready to go to Viking to set up the truck. He will need to get a quote for the Leavitt Hill bridge deck repair. Mike Monette will look after the removal of glass from the Recycling Center. This will free up a town truck for highway use.
6. The BOS had a lengthy discussion about the replacement person on the Energy Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Hammond