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# CORNISH

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REPORT

OF THE  
SELECTMEN AND  
OTHER TOWN OFFICERS



For the year ending December 31, 2023

 CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE 

**257<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Report**  
of the  
**Selectmen**  
and other  
**Town Officers**



**Cornish**  
**New Hampshire**  
Year Ending December 31, 2023

**NOTICE**

**DOG OWNERS:**

- **All Dogs over three months of age must be licensed by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Failure to license subjects owners to a fine of \$25.00 plus \$1.00 per month after June 1<sup>st</sup>. It's the law.
- Legal Rates: Male/ Female - \$9.00, Neutered/Spayed \$6.50
- Owner over 65, \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- **State Law requires all dogs to be vaccinated against Rabies.**
- Rabies certificates are required for licensing.
- **New Hampshire RSA 466 - Owners are liable for free running dogs. Penalties are severe.**

**NEW CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATIONS:**

- The Town requires permits for new construction or exterior alterations to any building. If in doubt, check first with the Selectmen.

**TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS:**

- RSA 482-A State Dredge & Fill applications must be filed with the Town Clerk before beginning work. Fines may be assessed for noncompliance.

**MUNICIPAL REMINDERS:**

**Deadlines:**

Property Tax Abatements.....	December Billing to March 1
Current Use Applications.....	April 15
Exemption/Tax Credits.....	April 15
Property Tax Due Date.....	July 1 and December 1
Vehicle Registration.....	Birth Month of Applicant

***Please be sure to let the Town Office know when you change your address.***

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# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **Town Clerk** – 3 years

Paula Harthan (2024)

Angela Bean, Deputy

### **Town Treasurer** – 1 year

Heidi Jaarsma (2024)

William Caterino, Deputy

### **Moderator** – 2 years

Gwyn Gallagher (2024)

### **Selectmen** – 3 years

Jason Bourne (2026)

Dillon Gallagher (2024)

John Hammond (2025)

### **Tax Collector** – 1 year

Reigh Sweetser (2024)

Paula Harthan, Deputy

### **Sexton** – 1 year

Michael Monette (2024)

### **Supervisors of Checklist** – 6 years

Robin Monette (2028)

Cara Decato (2026)

Jan Lord (2024)

### **Trustees of Trust Funds** – 3 years

Jeff Proehl (2025)

Heather Meeks (2024)

Stephen Bobin (2026)

### **Trustees of George H Stowell Library** – 3 years

Laura Cousineau (2024)

Marie De Rusha (2026)

Kathryn Patterson (2025)

### **General Assistance & Senior Resources** - 1 year

Marie De Rusha (2024)

## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **Highway Agent**

Wayne Gray – By Selectmen

### **Fire Chief** – by Selectmen – 3 years

Michael Boutilier (2024)

### **Police Officers** – by Selectmen

E. Douglas Hackett, Chief

Corey Stevens, Sgt.

Justin Vivian

Ethan Yazinski

### **Planning Board** - by Selectmen – 3 years

Bill Lipfert, Chair (2024)

Everett Cass, Vice Chair (2026)

Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary (2024)

Dillon Gallagher for Selectmen Ex Officio

Jonathan Glass (2025)

Gail McKenzie (2025)

Kellie Patterson-Parry (2026)

Linda Rice, Alt (2026)

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment** – by

Moderator – 3 years

Michael Fuerst, Chair (2025)

Kate Freeland, Vice Chair (2026)

Merilynn Bourne, Clerk (2025)

Troy Simino (2026)

Karim Chichakly, Alt (2025)

David Haseman, Alt (2026)

Lyle Parry, Alt (2025)

### **Conservation Commission** – by Selectmen – 3 years

Corey Fitch, Chairperson (2025)

Jody Schubert, Vice-Chair (2024)

Linda Leone, Secretary (2024)

Cindy Heath (2026)

Glenn Griffin (2025)

Reyer Jaarsma (2026)

Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Alt. & Treas. (2026)

Julie Foote, Alt. (2026)

Bob Taylor, Alt. (2026)

Rickey Poor, Alt (2024)

John Hammond for Select Board Rep.

(Appointed Officials, Cont.)

**Finance Committee** – by Moderator – 3 years

Scott Baker (2026)

William Caterino (2025)

Everett Cass (2024)

Heidi Jaarsma Ex Officio

Lyle Parry (2026)

Fred Weld (2024)

**Town Forest Committee** – by Selectmen

Virginia Prince, Chairman

Jim Fitch

Ed Woodbury

Reyer Jaarsma, Cons. Comm. Rep.

Jason Bourne, Selectboard Rep.

**Capital Equipment Committee** – by Selectmen

Wayne Gray

Scott Baker

Dan Flynn

Richard Heim

Tom Spaulding

Larry Dingee

Reyer Jaarsma

Jim Fitch

**Energy Committee** – by Selectmen

Joanna Sharf (2025)

Nancy Wightman (2024)

Richard Thompson (2026)

Everett Cass (2025)

William Cable, Alt (2025)

Dan Poor, Alt (2024)

**Wetlands Wildlife Committee**-by

Selectmen

Steve Wilkie

James Fitch

Larry Duval

**Ct. River Resource Committee** – Local

River Subcommittee – by Selectmen

Colleen O’Neill

**Overseers of Covered Bridges** – by

Selectmen

Leo Maslan

Richard Thompson

**Surveyors of Wood, Bark & Lumber** – 1 year

Gwyn Gallagher

Leo Maslan

Jim Fitch

Richard Thompson

Reyer Jaarsma

James Neil

Troy Simino

Bill Ladd

**Emergency Office Liaison to 911**– by Selectmen

Dale Lawrence

**Emergency Mgmt. Dir** – by Selectmen

Dale Lawrence

**Historic Building Committee** – by Selectmen

Josh Cloud

Caroline Storrs

Larry Dingee

Richard Thompson

Dillon Gallagher

**CREA Committee** – By Selectmen

Dale Lawrence, Chair CES

Wayne Gray, Fair Association

Corey Fitch, CCC

Larry Duval, Wetlands Wildlife Committee

Leo Maslan, Scout Troop #332

Robert & Linda Rice, Cara Decato

E. Will Brown, Community Member

Jim Fitch, Wetlands Wildlife Committee

**Spirit Committee** – by Selectmen

Liz Gage

**Librarian** – by Trustees of the Library

Stephanie McAndrew

**Fence Viewers** – 1 year

Henry Homeyer

Leo Maslan

Bill Gallagher

Richard Scheuer

Rob Jaarsma

Bill Wall

Bill Ladd

**Hog Reeves** – 1 year

Judy Bonneau

Mike Monette

Haley & Calvin Jewell

Keith & Karen

Stephanie & Chuck

Mullane

McAndrew

Frank & Lori Parks

**Selectmen’s Special Agent** – by Selectmen

Dillon Gallagher

**Auditors** – by Selectmen: Rowley & Associates

## **STATE APPOINTMENTS**

**Health Officer** – Jeff Katchen

**Deputy Health Officer** – Ginny Prince

**Forest Fire Warden** – Mike Boutelier

**Forest Fire Deputy Wardens** Joel Kinney,

Leland Atwood, John Drye, Leo Maslan, Bill

Harthan, Walter Scott, Gardner Cass, Scott Reuthe

**2024 CORNISH TOWN WARRANT  
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

**FIRST SESSION: OFFICIAL BALLOT SESSION**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

All-Day Voting 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article one of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 am. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm, at which time the polls will close.

**Article 1:** To choose in a manner provided by law all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**SECOND SESSION**

Saturday, March 16, 2024

**BUSINESS SESSION** begins at 10:00 a.m.

You are further notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon to act upon Articles 2 through 27.

**Article 2:** To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same. (Majority vote required.)

(a)	Town Office	\$ 68,734
(b)	Tax Collector	13,631
(c)	Town Clerk	18,215
(d)	Election, Vital Statistics	5,932
(e)	Audit Town Books	11,740
(f)	Revaluation of Property	18,895
(g)	Legal Expenses	10,000
(h)	Planning Board	3,377
(i)	Zoning Board	500
(j)	Buildings & Grounds	31,980
(k)	Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	27,874
(l)	Insurance (Property/Liability)	50,000
(m)	Records Preservation	800
(n)	Spirit Committee	500

(o)	Police Department	217,702
(p)	Ambulance	16,751
(q)	Fire Department	56,500
(r)	Emergency Management	200
(s)	Septage	2,500
(t)	Recycling	41,989
(u)	Hazardous Waste	2,310
(v)	Human Services	23,425
(w)	Parks & CREA Land	6,000
(x)	Memorial Day	400
(y)	Conservation Commission	750
(z)	Interest Tax Anticipation Note	2,000
(za)	Library	42,717

(zb) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$816,651 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. It is anticipated that \$108,926 is to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges to offset this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be added to the Conservation Commission Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)



**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be added to the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added to the Cemetery Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This amount represents the unspent portion of the prior year's Highway Department budget and is intended to account for the transfer of ownership of the 2014 Police Department Cruiser to the Highway Department. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$825 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance and represents the proceeds from the sale of the 2009 Kia Sorento. No amount to be raised from taxation. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,380 to perform a full update of property values and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of paving and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Paving Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$107,103 for the purpose of repairing the Leavitt Hill Bridge, also known as Bridge #175/143 and located on Leavitt Hill Road over Blow-Me-Down Brook, and to authorize the withdrawal of this sum from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,940 for the purpose of purchasing 20 helmets for the fire department. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised through taxation. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Fire Department SCBA Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and to raise and appropriate \$8,500 to put in the fund with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance; further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,718 to purchase and install a heat pump and air conditioning system for the Fire Station in Cornish Flat, which is the Town's secondary emergency shelter. This sum to come from an Emergency Management Performance Grant and is contingent on an in-kind contribution match. Hours that the Emergency Management and Fire Departments have worked preparing for, during, and after an emergency qualify as in-kind contributions. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,032 to purchase and install a standby generator for the Fire Station in Cornish Flat, which is the Town's secondary emergency shelter. This sum to come from an Emergency Management Performance Grant and is contingent on an in-kind

contribution match. Hours that the Emergency Management and Fire Departments have worked preparing for, during, and after an emergency qualify as in-kind contributions. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1995. (Majority vote required).

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants or timber proceeds for this purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Majority vote required.)

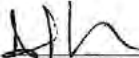
**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the repair, maintenance and improvement of Trinity Church and its grounds, with said funds to come from the Trinity Church Special Revenue Fund. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Majority vote required.)

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52-a. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 26:** To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

**Article 27:** To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Given under our hand and seal this Fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four.**

  
Dillon Gallagher, Chair

  
John Hammond

  
Jason Bourne

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

SELECTMEN OF CORNISH

**Minutes of the 256<sup>th</sup> Cornish, New Hampshire, Town Meeting  
March 2023**

FIRST SESSION: MARCH 14, 2023

The Official Ballot Session of Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Articles one through four were acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To choose in a manner provided by law all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Selectman (1 year) .....	Jason Bourne – 243
Town Treasurer (1 year).....	Heidi Jaarsma – 341
Trustees of the Trust Funds .....	(3 year) Stephen Bobin – 330
Trustees of the Library .....	(3 year) Marie De Rusha – 207
Sexton (1 year).....	Michael Monette – 360
Tax Collector (1 year) .....	Reigh Sweetser – 366
General Assistance (1 year).....	Marie De Rusha – 351

Article 2: Amendment No. 1 amended the provisions for apartments as accessory dwelling units so that the ordinance shall not restrict the size of an apartment to less than 750 square feet. This amendment brought the ordinance into compliance with RSA 674:72. Amendment No. 1 also defined accessory dwelling unit and clarified the definition of an apartment. Zoning Amendment No. 1 passed by a vote of 328-53.

Article 3: Amendment No.2 added bonding and security insurance requirements to the performance for commercial solar collection systems. Zoning Amendment No. 2 passed by a vote of 273-98.

Article 4: Amendment No. 3 eliminated Article X, Section H, which sets the zoning board to set application fees. Zoning Amendment No. 3 passed by a vote of 219-150.

SECOND SESSION: MARCH 18, 2023

The business portion of Town Meeting was held on March 18, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium. Moderator Gwyn Gallagher opened the meeting by introducing the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk. Mr. Gallagher asked Dillon Gallagher to lead the meeting in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Gallagher led the town in prayer for the meeting. Mr. Gallagher stated that he would not tolerate any rude and disrespectful comments and reminded the meeting that all comments and questions must be directed towards the moderator.

Article 5 (a-za): Moderator Gallagher proposed that the Town take up 3(a) through 3(za) as one lump sum totaling \$640,604. Dillon Gallagher made a motion to raise and appropriate said amount for town operations.

(a)	Town Office	\$	69,309
(b)	Tax Collector		13,631
(c)	Town Clerk		18,215
(d)	Election, Vital Statistics		3,485
(e)	Audit Town Books		11,400
(f)	Revaluation of Property		18,895
(g)	Legal Expenses		10,000
(h)	Planning Board		3,377
(i)	Zoning Board		500
(j)	Buildings & Grounds		32,746
(k)	Cemeteries & Perpetual Care		29,839
(l)	Insurance		35,000
(m)	Records Preservation		800
(n)	Spirit Committee		500
(o)	Police Department		207,544
(p)	Ambulance		16,751
(q)	Fire Department		56,500
(r)	Emergency Management		200
(s)	Septage		2,500
(t)	Recycling		38,231
(u)	Hazardous Waste		2,310
(v)	Human Services		19,566
(w)	Parks & CREA Land		6,000

(x)	Memorial Day	400
(y)	Conservation commission	750
(z)	Interest - Tax Anticipation	2,000
(za)	Library	40,155

Dillon Gallagher made a motion to raise and appropriate said amount for town operations. Merilynn Bourne seconded the motion. Comments on individual articles were as follows:

3(o) Police Department: Jim Neil asked for a report from Chief Doug Hackett. Chief Hackett introduced the full-time officer Justin Vivian and mentioned that he has been a great help to the town and well received throughout the community.

3(q) Fire Department: Bill Harthan, assistant Fire Chief said that the department is currently a great group of dedicated volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the department they can stop by on Wednesday nights at the Fire stations.

3(v) Human Services: Chris Chilton made a motion to increase the amount up \$2,000 for the rescue squad and was seconded by Larry Dingee. Moderator Gallagher called for a vote, and the motion to amend carried.

Moderator Gallagher called for a vote on the amended main motion, to raise and appropriate \$642,604 for town operations, and the motion carried.

3(zb) Dillon Gallagher moved to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$758,902 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, snow removal from town buildings and school grounds with \$100,995 anticipated to be received from the state as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges to offset this appropriation. John Hammond. Jan Lord asked if there was a plan in place for the roads. John Hammond stated that the town currently has an interim road agent. Private contractors are helping with the shortage of highway workers. Frank Parks said that Jackson Road is first on the list and then it depended on pricing as to what roads are next. Moderator Gallagher called for a vote, and the motion carried.

Article 6: Kathy Patterson moved Article 6, as follows:

By petition, to see if the Town will vote to accept as a gift under RSA 31:19 and RSA 202-A the donation by the Cornish Community Initiative (“CCI”) of the real estate known as the Cornish General Store (Tax Map 18, Lots 6 & 38), with a new completed library building thereon, subject to the condition that the property shall

be used indefinitely as the “Cornish Library and Community Center” and that the library shall be open to the public for a minimum of 15 hours per week, except for holiday weeks and emergencies. CCI shall engage in a campaign to raise funds for the renovations. CCI, with input from its architect and the Board of Library Trustees, shall decide when and if there are sufficient funds for the renovations, with a deadline of March 18, 2028 to raise sufficient funds. Upon substantial completion of the renovations, the Selectmen shall accept, without further action by the Town, the warranty deed from CCI for the completed library property. The Selectmen’s acceptance of the deed shall be subject only to the following conditions:

1. the completed library building is in move-in ready condition, except for furnishings.
2. the renovations are substantially consistent with the preliminary design plans presented at the 2023 town meeting, or the new building is considered fit for use as a public library and community center. The determinations that Conditions 1 and 2 have been satisfied shall be made by the Library Board of Trustees in consultation with CCI’s architect and the Board of Selectmen.
3. the property is not subject to any mortgages, liens, leases, or encumbrances
4. the condition of the building complies with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.
5. the Town shall have no financial obligation for the above-described construction and renovations.

Dan Poor seconded the motion. Moderator Gallagher announced that the petitioners would have 30 minutes to make a presentation which included a presentation and handouts. Susan Chandler gave a power point presentation. She explained that lawyers for the CCI and the Library Trustees had written the petition. Ms. Chandler highlighted the history of discussions regarding the Stowell Library including limitations due to lack of land to add water and septic in the 1970s, exploration of an access ramp in the 1990s, the establishment of a capital reserve fund, and a report from Historic Windsor in the early 2000s which identified potential undue financial burden and destruction of the building’s historic character. Ms. Chandler stated that a 2018 forum had identified needs beyond water and access. In 2019 architectural drawings were commissioned by the trustees to create access to the Stowell building and the Historical Society. Land adjacent to the Stowell was acquired by the town in 2022 to accommodate a well and septic system. Ms. Chandler described the conclusion by the trustees and the librarian that the needs for more space, access, and parking could not be met by the Stowell Building. The Trustees then asked Colleen Salinger if the library

could rent space in the store as an annex. Ms. Chandler turned the presentation over to Ms. Salinger.

Colleen Salinger said that she had offered the building to the town in 2021. She has created a nonprofit, the Cornish Community Initiative (CCI). The CCI will run a two-plus million capital campaign to raise money for the renovation of the store. CCI board members are Cornish residents, Ms. Salinger, Dan Poor, Yadin Flammer, Keith Mullane, and Cindy Heath. The CCI has currently been pledged \$500,000, and none of the pledgors will give any funds to the Stowell Library. The CCI will have up to five years to raise the funds. Ms. Salinger will then donate her building to the CCI, which would renovate the building to be a library. Upon completion, the library will be turned over to the town when the library trustees deem it ready as outlined in the warrant article. Ms. Salinger announced that the CCI voted at its last meeting to furnish the library. The offer will expire at the end of March. Ms. Salinger described past activities of the CCI.

Ms. Chandler resumed her presentation by describing the work of the Library Exploratory Committee, which voted 4-3 to recommend the relocation of the library. Ms. Chandler turned the meeting over to Jeremiah Goulet of Banwell Architects.

Jeremiah Goulet reviewed the site plan for the library and community center. He reviewed the location of the well, septic, the 100-year flood plain, and the parking. He also reviewed the proposed interior of the building.

Gwyn Gallagher noted that the presentation had been 30 minutes long. Susan Chandler asked for more time. Mr. Gallagher stated that the other side would have the same amount of time and acquiesced. Ms. Chandler stated that there would be no cost to acquire, renovate, and furnish the building. Ms. Chandler stated that the Library and Community center would cost \$62,000 a year to run and would be open 20 hours per week. Ms. Chandler spoke to the number of library programs currently taking place in the general store building. She noted that the trustees unanimously support moving the library to the general store. She thanked the town for the opportunity to speak.

Alicia Simino stated that comments made at the meeting about renovating the Stowell attributed to Historic Windsor were untrue. Historic Windsor had been contacted last month, and executive director, Judy Hayward, had said that the conversation with the library trustees had taken place over twenty years ago and that her comments had been taken out of context by the trustees. Ms. Simino relayed that Ms. Hayward said that she had only commented on a proposal to



construct a wheelchair lift. Ms. Simino read a letter from an historic preservationist who advised that the Stowell Building deserves a second century of service to the community.

Barbara Nyholm, a Cornish resident and a board member of Historic Windsor, wanted make a clarification on behalf of Judy Hayward, executive director of Historic Windsor. Ms. Hayward had been asked by the library trustees twenty years ago to comment on a specific proposal for an exterior wheelchair lift, not on whether the building could be renovated. Ms. Nyholm summarized from a letter written by Ms. Hayward that the 2019 UK architectural plan for the Stowell was a good one. Ms. Nyholm added that if the Stowell could be placed on the state historic register, the building would be eligible for up to \$100,000 in state grants.

Cathy Parks questioned how the trustees could recommend a cy pres petition when they had developed several plans to renovate the Stowell in 2019.

Larry Dingee noted that land had been acquired by the Town to install a well and a septic at the Stowell. By updating previous cost estimate for the 2019 accessibility plans for the Stowell, Mr. Dingee estimated that the construction cost of the 2019 plans would be \$338,000-\$565,000. This included additional work such as HVAC upgrades and moving the oil tank. He felt that existing town funds and fundraising could easily cover the renovation with no impact on the tax rate.

Troy Simino agreed with Mr. Dingee that the Stowell could be renovated at no cost to taxpayers. Mr. Simino said that the trustees had never given the town a chance to save the Stowell. The trustees had never brought anything forward to town meeting to renovate the Stowell.

Heidi Jaarsma, a member of the library exploratory committee, said that a building as large as the library and community center would cost the taxpayers more in the long run. Ms. Jaarsma spoke of the importance of having a library in an historic building. She stated that a smaller building was a more sustainable and more affordable building over the long term and asked the town to vote no on the article.

Cheston Newbold said contributions to the library capital reserve had been increased to \$12,000 a year over a decade ago, but had been cut to \$2,000 by the library trustees. If the town had kept contributing at the higher amount, there would be a sizeable fund available. Mr. Newbold added that the Stowell is a beautiful building that should be saved, not used for storage. He stated that the Town had just heard that the building could be renovated at a reasonable cost.

Charlie Plimpton spoke of the importance of identifying need in planning for future facilities. He also discussed potential difficulties in fundraising.

Bill Gallagher noted that the three members of the exploratory committee who voted no all are or have been town officials. Mr. Gallagher stated that the general store was a big money project and the committee was charged with keeping the town and the taxpayer safe from the burden of such a project. He said that the focus of the committee meetings, many of which he attended, was not whether it could work, but how to make the move to the store happen. He stated his opposition to the article was due to his observations of the exploratory committee.

Ray Adams stated that he loves Cornish because of the history of the town. He has traveled through a lot of towns and admires Cornish because it has always been a simple, quiet town. He asked that Cornish stay simple.

Karen Strout stated that the town has other buildings that already serve as community centers. She said that trustees should have fixed the Stowell a long time ago. She would hate to see this article pass and see the Stowell fall by the wayside. Ms. Strout noted that the focus of the town should be the school, and that the town should put its efforts into taking care of the buildings it already owns. She suggested the CCI could run the community center privately and at no burden to the taxpayer.

Lois Fitts said that the issue had divided the town. She hoped the whole town would support the outcome of the meeting.

Jim Lukash spoke of his roots in town and the history and quiet simplicity of the town. He asked why people who have just moved to town want to change it and asked the town to save the Stowell.

Mr. Gallagher asked if the town was ready for the question. Wells Chandler stated that the other side should have time to speak. Mr. Gallagher said that they had been given forty minutes. Merilynn Bourne made a point of order that an individual or group had given their speech, but as a taxpayer she also had a right to speak.

Jenny Schad said that parking at the Stowell was an issue and asked if there was a parking plan. Dillon Gallagher, Selectman, responded that the RSA 41:11 puts the Select Board in charge of roads and parking. He stated that a thoughtful plan could accommodate parking within the right of way.

Dan Poor made a motion to amend the article so that the furnishings were included in the gift by changing “except for furnishings” to “including furnishings” in condition #1. Laura Cousineau seconded the motion. Gwyn Gallagher called for a voice vote, and the amendment was voted in the affirmative.

Kate Freeland said that change is not bad and that the renovated Stowell would not meet the needs of the library.

Larry Dingee asked about the RSAs cited in the article. Counsel for the town explained RSA 31 refers to the ability of the Select Board to accept gifts including real estate. RSA 202 refers to the Library Trustees’ ability to accept gifts. He felt that both applied to the proposed gift.

Troy Simino stated that the presentation had covered every aspect of the question and asked that the moderator call the question.

Susan Borchert stated that she had brought her children to ballet in a studio located next to the library and that the parking situation was not good. She asked about the cost of the 2019 plans and the ability to provide handicapped parking. Dillon Gallagher responded that the architect had come up with a plan for handicapped parking. He added that School Street is a smaller street with a lower posted speed. Mr. Gallagher noted that the fourteen spaces at the general store might not accommodate the capacity of the building. He added that parking along NH 120 presented a hazard. Larry Dingee stated that \$338,000-\$565,000 estimate was based on the original designs as commissioned by the trustees in 2019.

Merilynn Bourne said that the Stowell is not going to be torn down. She stated that the 2019 plan is a small building. She stated the repurposing the Stowell would save the library.

Valerie Newton agreed with Merilynn Bourne and stated that parking on School Street is a problem.

Moderator Gallagher called the question. The vote on the amended motion was taken by secret ballot. The vote was in the affirmative with 264 in favor and 256 against.

Article 7: Corey Fitch moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to be added to the Conservation Commission Fund previously established, seconded by Rickey Poor. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

Article 8: Jim Borchert moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established, seconded by Dillan Gallagher. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

Article 9: Fred Sullivan moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established, seconded by Heather Meeks. The motion carried.

Article 10: Merilynn Bourne moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established, seconded by Selden Lord. Duane Churchill voiced his opinion that the Town spends too much money and that we do not need a full-time police officer. Others disagreed with his comment. The motion was voted in the affirmative.

Article 11: Merilynn Bourne moved that Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be added to the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund previously established, seconded by Bill Caterino. The motion carried.

Article 12: Kathy Patterson moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established, seconded by Jim Borchert. Susan Cass made a motion to amend the amount to \$0.00. Michael Monette seconded the motion. Ms. Cass stated that the capital reserve fund can only be used for the Stowell Library and questioned why the appropriation was necessary. Kathi Patterson, trustee, said that there was work to be done on the building, which would serve as the library for the next five years. Heidi Jaarsma asked about the target balance of the fund. Ms. Patterson said that she did not know. Moderator Gallagher called for a vote on the motion to amend the appropriation to \$0.00, and the amendment did not carry. The main motion was voted in the affirmative

Article 13: Fred Sullivan moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established, seconded by Dan Flynn. Merilynn Bourne asked what the target balance was. Frank Parks stated that the several bridges need to be fixed, including red listed bridges, and that Leavitt Hill Bridge was next on the list. The motion carried.

Article 14: Dillon Gallagher moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance and

Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Seconded by Caroline Storrs. There being no discussion, the motion passed.

Article 15: Heather Meeks moved to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be added the Cemetery Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Seconded by Dan Flynn. There being no discussion, the motion passed.

Article 16: Rickey Poor moved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Seconded by Jan Lord. Steve Jameson made a motion to amend the amount to \$125,000. Seconded by Dan Flynn. Selden Lord asked the Selectman how many miles of paved roads were in town. Frank Parks said there was sixteen and a half miles of paved roads. Kevin Noble asked the selectman to form a committee to study the roads and come back to town meeting next year with a plan. The amendment was voted in the affirmative. Moderator Gallagher called for a vote on the amended main motion, to raise an appropriate \$125,000 to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund, and the amended motion carried.

Article 17: Stephen Bobin moved to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 2023 Police vehicle with its associated equipment for the Police Department and to authorize the Selectman to withdraw \$60,000 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the police vehicle with its associated equipment is completed or by December 31,2023, whichever is sooner. Seconded by Sharon Atwood. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

Article 18: Mike Boutilier moved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,285 for the third and final year's payment of principal and interest toward the 3-year lease-purchase agreement approved by the Town on June 8, 2021, for the acquisition of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (MSA GISCBA with (28) GI Cylinders) for the Fire Department. Funds for the third year's payment to come from the unassigned fund balance. This lease-purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation or "escape" clause. Seconded by Bill Harthan. There being no discussion, the motion carried.

Article 19: Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500 to replace rotten trim, clapboards, and doors, and to paint the exterior of the town Hall, and to authorize the Selectman to withdraw the \$32,500 from the Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created

for that purpose. Seconded by Dillon Gallagher. There being no discussion the motion carried.

Article 20: Jim Fitch moved that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements to the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants or timber proceeds for this purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. Seconded by Ginny Prince. There being no discussion the motion carried.

Article 21: Sharon Atwood moved to see if the town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 for the repair, maintenance and improvement of Trinity Church and its grounds, with said funds to come from the Trinity Church Special Revenue Fund. Seconded by Stephen Bobin. Duane Churchill suggested the town sell the church since it is not used that much. Frank Parks mentioned that the church is used for weddings and other events. There being no more discussion the motion carried.

Article 22: Heidi Jaarsma moved to see if the town readopt the optional veterans tax credit in accordance with RSA 72:28,II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500.00. Seconded by Sue Chandler. Lee Baker made a motion to increase the tax credit to \$750.00. Seconded by Heidi Jaarsma. Bill Caterino mentioned that this is not “free money” and that it has to come from somewhere. The motion to amend passed. Moderator Gallagher called for a vote, and the amended main motion carried.

Article 23: Fred Sullivan moved that the town vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52-a. Seconded by Jan Lord. There being no more discussion, the motion carried.

#### Article 24: Other Business

Surveyors of the Wood, Bark & Lumber: current slate was moved by Dan Flynn, seconded by Dillon Gallagher, and voted in the affirmative.

Jim Fitch  
Gwyn Gallagher  
Reyer Jaarsma  
Bill Ladd

Leo Maslan  
James Neil  
Troy Simino  
Richard Thompson

Fence Viewers: Moved by Jan Lord, seconded by Caroline Storrs, and voted in the affirmative.

Bill Gallagher  
Henry Homeyer  
Robert Jaarsma  
Bill Ladd

Leo Maslan  
Richard Scheuer  
Bill Wall

Hog Reeves: Moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Judy Bonneau  
Hayley and Calvin Jewell  
Stephanie and Chuck McAndrew

Mike Monette  
Keith and Karen Mullane  
Frank and Lori Parks

Article 25: Michael Monette asked why interest on town investments has increased. Heidi Jaarsma, Treasurer, stated that the state law regulates where towns can invest funds. The interest rate on existing bank accounts increased significantly in the latter half of 2022.

Moderator Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 3:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Paula Harthan  
Cornish Town Clerk

**GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	December 2022	December 2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Short Term Investments	2,853,357	3,242,022
Petty Cash	250	250
Due from State of NH	0	4,292
Uncollected Property Taxes	216,887	258,715
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	0	2,820
Uncollected Yield Taxes	5,174	873
Unredeemed Taxes	46,721	48,538
Allowance for Refunds and Abatements	(37,258)	(46,383)
Deeded Property Held for Resale	10,703	10,703
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,095,834</b>	<b>3,521,830</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Deposit Escrow	3,123	3,323
Due to School District	1,404,491	1,780,884
Due to Conservation Fund	2,250	5,592
Due to Town Forest	795	845
Due to Trinity Church SRF	2,558	3,204
Due to CREA Barn Fund	381	381
Unanticipated Revenue	14,082	78
Citizens Bank Mastercard	3,126	0
LFRF Program	169,283	162,713
Bridge Grant	105,014	132,897
Add'l Highway Block Grant	85,088	113,147
Health Insurance Withholding	9,510	3,489
Retirement Withholding	5,486	8,353
Deferred Tax Revenue	205	479
Reserve for Deeded Property	10,703	10,703
Fund Balance:		
Assigned: Reserved for Encumbrances	0	0
Unassigned:	1,279,738	1,295,741
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>3,095,834</b>	<b>3,521,830</b>



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<b>(a) TOWN OFFICE</b>						
Salaries	39,000	34,865	(4,135)	36,207	(2,793)	-7.2%
Salaries - Part Time	7,100	7,224	124	7,100	0	0.0%
Salary - Treasurer	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0	0.0%
Salary - Dep Treas	100	100	0	100	0	0.0%
FICA	3,112	2,864	(248)	2,939	(173)	-5.6%
Medicare	727	670	(57)	687	(40)	-5.4%
Medical Ins. - Town	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Advertising	250	122	(128)	250	0	0.0%
Memberships	1,500	1,458	(42)	1,500	0	0.0%
Postage	1,450	1,264	(186)	1,450	0	0.0%
Software Leases	2,880	3,696	816	5,950	3,070	106.6%
Copier Lease	1,100	1,002	(98)	1,100	0	0.0%
Mapping	1,340	1,340	0	500	(840)	-62.7%
Computer Expense	800	695	(105)	800	0	0.0%
Office Supplies	1,000	989	(11)	1,000	0	0.0%
Town Report	1,800	2,537	737	1,800	0	0.0%
Mileage	2,200	2,780	580	2,200	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	250	0	(250)	250	0	0.0%
Registry of Deeds	100	0	(100)	100	0	0.0%
Web Site	400	255	(145)	600	200	50.0%
Misc Expense	200	553	353	200	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69,309</b>	<b>66,412</b>	<b>(2,897)</b>	<b>68,734</b>	<b>(575)</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>
<b>(b) TAX COLLECTOR</b>						
Salary	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0	0.0%
Salary Dep Tax Coll.	600	600	0	600	0	0.0%
FICA	500	456	(44)	500	0	0.0%
Medicare	120	107	(13)	120	0	0.0%
Memberships	25	20	(5)	25	0	0.0%
Postage	1,650	1,378	(272)	1,650	0	0.0%
Software Leases	2,351	2,351	0	2,351	0	0.0%
Computer Expense	300	32	(269)	300	0	0.0%
Office supplies	425	428	3	425	0	0.0%
Mileage	260	360	100	260	0	0.0%
Training & Ed	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Fees & Liens	1,100	760	(340)	1,100	0	0.0%
Registry of Deeds	200	71	(129)	200	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	50	50	0	50	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,631</b>	<b>12,613</b>	<b>(1,018)</b>	<b>13,631</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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<b>(c) TOWN CLERK</b>						
Salary - Clerk	1,800	1,800	0	1800	0	0.0%
Salary - Dep Clerk	1,200	1,200	0	1200	0	0.0%
FICA	1,000	1,195	195	1000	0	0.0%
Medicare	250	279	29	250	0	0.0%
Memberships	40	95	55	40	0	0.0%
Postage	800	800	0	800	0	0.0%
Software Leases	3,125	3,318	193	3,125	0	0.0%
Computer Expense	250	32	(219)	250	0	0.0%
Office Supplies	800	516	(284)	800	0	0.0%
Dog Licenses	160	229	69	160	0	0.0%
Mileage	900	707	(193)	900	0	0.0%
Training & Ed	200	0	(200)	200	0	0.0%
State Fees - Marriage	10	0	(10)	10	0	0.0%
Veh Reg. Fees	7,550	7,430	(120)	7,550	0	0.0%
Marriage Lic. Fees	20	(7)	(27)	20	0	0.0%
Title Fees	20	(154)	(174)	20	0	0.0%
Wetland Fees	20	150	130	20	0	0.0%
Validation Fee	20	120	100	20	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	50	113	63	50	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,215</b>	<b>17,822</b>	<b>(393)</b>	<b>18,215</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>(d) ELECTIONS</b>						
Salaries	2,200	1,102	(1,098)	4,300	2,100	95.5%
FICA	100	45	(55)	267	167	167.0%
Medicare	40	10	(30)	65	25	62.5%
Advertising	120	16	(104)	200	80	66.7%
Postage	100	0	(100)	100	10	0.0%
Office Supplies	400	0	(400)	400	0	0.0%
Election Expense	50	0	(50)	100	50	100.0%
Mileage	75	0	(75)	100	25	33.3%
Misc Expense	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Vitals-State Fees	300	26	(274)	300	0	0.0%
Vitals-Clerk Fees	50	63	13	50	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,485</b>	<b>1,262</b>	<b>(2,223)</b>	<b>5,932</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>70.2%</b>
<b>(e) AUDIT</b>						
Town Audit	11,400	11,497	97	11,740	340	3.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,400</b>	<b>11,497</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>11,740</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>(f) REVALUATION</b>						
Appraisal Fees	18,895	17,902	(994)	18,895	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,895</b>	<b>17,902</b>	<b>(994)</b>	<b>18,895</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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<b>(g) LEGAL</b>						
Legal Expense	10,000	10,352	352	10,000	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,352</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>(h) PLANNING BOARD</b>						
Salaries	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0	0.0%
FICA	93	93	0	93	0	0.0%
Medicare	22	22	(0)	22	0	0.0%
Advertising	662	1,058	396	662	0	0.0%
Postage	600	392	(208)	600	0	0.0%
Mileage	50	25	(25)	50	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	150	0	(150)	150	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	300	0	(300)	300	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,377</b>	<b>3,089</b>	<b>(288)</b>	<b>3,377</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>(i) ZONING BOARD</b>						
Salaries	150	0	(150)	150	0	0.0%
FICA	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Medicare	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Advertising	125	162	37	125	0	0.0%
Postage	175	252	77	175	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>(j) BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>						
Salaries & Wages FT	5,750	699	(5,051)	5,786	36	0.6%
Salaries - Town Hall	750	0	(750)	0	(750)	-100.0%
Salaries - PT	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
FICA	400	43	(357)	359	(41)	-10.3%
Medicare	95	10	(85)	84	(11)	-11.7%
Phone - TO & TH	3,505	3,559	54	3,505	0	0.0%
Internet - TO & TH	3,046	2,009	(1,037)	3,046	0	0.0%
Electric - TO	2,000	2,276	276	2,000	0	0.0%
Electric - Town Hall	3,000	3,045	45	3,000	0	0.0%
Heat - Town Office	4,500	3,962	(538)	4,500	0	0.0%
Heat - Town Hall	2,250	2,679	429	2,250	0	0.0%
Trash	600	836	236	600	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	50	0	(50)	50	0	0.0%
Maint- Town Office	3,100	1,790	(1,310)	3,100	0	0.0%
Maint-Town Hall	2,500	1,271	(1,229)	2,500	0	0.0%
Cleaning Town Hall	1,000	2,290	1,290	1,000	0	0.0%
Maint Supplies	200	81	(119)	200	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,746</b>	<b>24,552</b>	<b>(8,194)</b>	<b>31,980</b>	<b>(766)</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>

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<b>(k) CEMETERIES</b>						
Salaries FT	15,500	4,149	(11,351)	13,675	(1,825)	-11.8%
Salaries PT	2,000	3,668	1,668	2,000	0	0.0%
FICA	1,085	426	(659)	972	(113)	-10.4%
Medicare	254	100	(154)	227	(27)	-10.5%
Tools	1,000	1,125	125	1,000	0	0.0%
Gasoline	600	490	(110)	600	0	0.0%
Diesel	600	651	51	600	0	0.0%
Hired Equipment	5,000	1,849	(3,151)	5,000	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	75	98	23	75	0	0.0%
Cemetery Vehicle	500	0	(500)	500	0	0.0%
Equipment Repair	425	1,721	1,296	425	0	0.0%
Maint Supplies	600	1,385	785	600	0	0.0%
Perpetual Care	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0	0.0%
Burial Expenses	200	0	(200)	200	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,839</b>	<b>15,660</b>	<b>(30,567)</b>	<b>27,874</b>	<b>(1,965)</b>	<b>-6.6%</b>
<b>(l) INSURANCE</b>						
All Non-medical	35,000	66,651	31,651	50,000	15,000	42.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>66,651</b>	<b>31,651</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
<b>(m) TOWN RECORDS</b>						
Records Preservation	800	0	(800)	800	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(800)</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>(n) SPIRIT COMMITTEE</b>						
Spirit Project	500	143	(357)	500	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>(357)</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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		2023 Final Approp	2023 Actual Expen	2023 Over (Under)	2024 Proposed Budget	2024 Inc (Dec)
<b>(o) POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>						
Salaries & Wages	71,938	71,447	(491)	74,367	2,429	3.4%
Salaries & Wages P.T.	36,706	28,029	(8,677)	33,000	(3,706)	-10.1%
Salaries & Wages OT	2,500	2,313	(187)	2,500	0	0.0%
Sal & Wages OT Grant	0	0	0	8,500	8,500	n/a
Salaries - Special	18,000	19,134	1,134	18,000	0	0.0%
FICA	2,861	2,765	(96)	3,162	301	10.5%
Medicare	1,735	1,791	56	1,977	242	14.0%
Retirement - Town	23,437	24,725	1,288	26,703	3,266	13.9%
Medical Ins - Town	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.0%
Postage	30	35	5	30	0	0.0%
Computer Expense	2,374	2,367	(7)	2,500	126	5.3%
Office Supplies	1,000	954	(46)	900	(100)	-10.0%
Training & Educ	1,400	844	(556)	1,000	(400)	-28.6%
Telephone	4,107	3,336	(771)	4,108	1	0.0%
Internet	1,079	1,257	178	1,079	0	0.0%
Heat	1,500	1,960	460	1,750	250	16.7%
Uniforms	1,500	798	(702)	1,250	(250)	-16.7%
Equipment	1,000	6,951	5,951	750	(250)	-25.0%
Dispatch	12,750	12,451	(299)	13,000	250	2.0%
Gasoline	5,280	4,879	(401)	5,280	0	0.0%
Contracted Services	12,747	8,585	(4,162)	12,747	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	50	15	(35)	50	0	0.0%
Equipment Repair	300	1,020	720	300	0	0.0%
Radios	350	1,156	806	350	0	0.0%
Building Maintenance	900	956	56	900	0	0.0%
Vehicle Maintenance	3,000	3,194	194	2,500	(500)	-16.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>207,544</b>	<b>201,963</b>	<b>(5,581)</b>	<b>217,702</b>	<b>10,158</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
<b>(p) AMBULANCE</b>						
Windsor	9,166	9,166	0	9,166	0	0.0%
Golden Cross	7,585	7,585	(0)	7,585	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,751</b>	<b>16,751</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>16,751</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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<b>(q) FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>						
Memberships	1,600	660	(940)	1,600	0	0.0%
Mileage	500	0	(500)	500	0	0.0%
Training & Educ	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0.0%
Telephone	2,000	2,456	456	2,000	0	0.0%
Internet	1,500	1,366	(134)	1,500	0	0.0%
Electricity-Route 120	1,400	1,114	(286)	1,400	0	0.0%
Electricity- TH Rd	2,000	2,145	145	2,000	0	0.0%
Heat-Route 120	3,500	2,327	(1,173)	3,500	0	0.0%
Heat-Town House	2,500	957	(1,543)	2,500	0	0.0%
Fire Equipment	3,000	10,490	7,490	3,000	0	0.0%
Pagers	600	1,674	1,074	600	0	0.0%
Hose	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0	0.0%
Forest Fire	1,000	40	(960)	1,000	0	0.0%
Dispatch	11,500	14,726	3,226	11,500	0	0.0%
Gasoline	600	211	(389)	600	0	0.0%
Diesel	2,500	2,387	(113)	2,500	0	0.0%
Misc Expense	200	0	(200)	200	0	0.0%
Equipment Repair	1,000	1,097	97	1,000	0	0.0%
Radios	7,500	358	(7,142)	7,500	0	0.0%
Maintenance-Sta 1	2,000	259	(1,741)	2,000	0	0.0%
Maintenance-Sta 2	2,000	705	(1,295)	2,000	0	0.0%
Engine 1	800	2,873	2,073	800	0	0.0%
Engine 2	2,000	6,499	4,499	2,000	0	0.0%
Tanker	1,200	2,728	1,528	1,200	0	0.0%
Engine 3	800	480	(320)	800	0	0.0%
Utility Truck	800	804	4	800	0	0.0%
SCBA	2,000	22	(1,978)	2,000	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>56,378</b>	<b>(122)</b>	<b>56,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>(r) EMERGENCY MGT.</b>						
	200	237	37	200	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

	2023 Final Approp	2023 Actual Expend	2023 Over (Under)	2024 Proposed Budget	2024 Inc (Dec)	
(zb) <b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>						
Salaries	253,413	199,365	(54,048)	260,362	6,949	2.7%
Salaries-Part Time	10,000	0	(10,000)	0	(10,000)	-100.0%
Salaries-Overtime	45,000	29,348	(15,652)	46,800	1,800	4.0%
FICA	19,125	14,180	(4,945)	19,044	(81)	-0.4%
Medicare	4,475	3,316	(1,159)	4,454	(21)	-0.5%
Retirement	41,181	31,717	(9,464)	41,559	378	0.9%
Medical Ins -Town	92,608	55,984	(36,625)	134,829	42,221	45.6%
CDL Random Serning	750	559	(191)	750	0	0.0%
Advertising	750	2,575	1,825	1,000	250	33.3%
Training & Educ	800	0	(800)	800	0	0.0%
Telephone	1,200	1,588	388	1,400	200	16.7%
Internet	1,200	1,646	446	1,400	200	16.7%
Electricity	4,900	4,938	38	4,900	0	0.0%
Heat	3,000	2,973	(27)	3,000	0	0.0%
Uniforms	2,300	4,317	2,017	4,053	1,753	76.2%
Permits/Engineering	1,000	12,074	11,074	1,000	0	0.0%
Gasoline	4,500	3,672	(828)	4,500	0	0.0%
Diesel	28,000	25,250	(2,750)	28,000	0	0.0%
Oil & Lubricants	3,500	2,605	(895)	3,500	0	0.0%
Cold Patch	5,000	3,408	(1,592)	5,000	0	0.0%
Gravel	75,000	62,068	(12,932)	75,000	0	0.0%
Sand	72,000	56,770	(15,230)	72,000	0	0.0%
Salt	10,000	8,293	(1,707)	10,000	0	0.0%
Culverts	4,000	21,057	17,057	6,000	2,000	50.0%
Guard Rails	500	850	350	500	0	0.0%
Road Supplies/Bridge	2,000	5,960	3,960	3,000	1,000	50.0%
Shop Supplies	5,000	7,705	2,705	5,000	0	0.0%
Hired Equipment	22,000	48,285	26,285	30,000	8,000	36.4%
Rubbish/Tire Removal	1,200	1,258	58	1,200	0	0.0%
Plows,Chains,Blades	10,000	11,711	1,711	10,000	0	0.0%
Sanders	2,000	1,424	(576)	2,000	0	0.0%
2002 Truck	3,500	8,432	4,932	3,500	0	0.0%
2002 Grader	3,000	4,121	1,121	3,000	0	0.0%
Sweeper	0	120	120	100	100	n/a
2009 Truck	3,500	13,355	9,855	0	(3,500)	-100.0%
2015 Ford F350	1,500	4,027	2,527	1,500	0	0.0%
2009 Kia Sorento	500	61	(439)	0	(500)	-100.0%
Kubota Tractor	3,000	338	(2,662)	3,000	0	0.0%
Backhoe	1,500	20,212	18,712	1,500	0	0.0%
Vibratory Roller	1,500	165	(1,335)	1,500	0	0.0%
Chipper	500	69	(431)	500	0	0.0%
2017 International	3,000	3,615	615	3,000	0	0.0%
2017 Case Loader	1,000	1,489	489	4,000	3,000	300.0%
2020 F550	1,000	5,447	4,447	3,000	2,000	200.0%
Radios	1,000	2,701	1,701	1,000	0	0.0%
Building Maintenance	7,500	10,605	3,105	7,500	0	0.0%
New Holland Tractor	500	434	(66)	500	0	0.0%
2014 Ford Explorer	0	529	529	1,000	1,000	n/a
New Dump Truck	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>758,902</b>	<b>700,613</b>	<b>(58,289)</b>	<b>816,651</b>	<b>57,749</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

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<b>SANITATION</b>						
(s) <b>Septage</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>2,460</b>	<b>(40)</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
(t) <b>Recycling</b>						
Salaries	17,700	19,641	1,941	20,427	2,727	15.4%
FICA	1,160	1,218	58	1,266	106	9.2%
Medicare	271	285	14	296	25	9.3%
Mileage	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Training & Education	100	669	569	500	400	400.0%
Trucking	12,000	6,137	(5,863)	8,000	(4,000)	-33.3%
Tipping Fees	3,500	10,520	7,020	8,500	5,000	142.9%
Property Maintenance	1,500	183	(1,317)	1,000	(500)	-33.3%
Porta Potty	1,500	2,380	880	1,500	0	0.0%
Recycling Expenses	500	719	219	500	0	0.0%
	<b>38,231</b>	<b>41,751</b>	<b>3,520</b>	<b>41,989</b>	<b>3,758</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
(u) <b>Hazardous Waste</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>2,111</b>	<b>(199)</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b>						
(v) Rescue Squad	8,000	7,900	(100)	7,900	(100)	-1.3%
Animal Control	500	401	(99)	500	0	0.0%
VNA & Hospice	1,750	0	(1,750)	1,750	0	0.0%
SW Comm Serv	693	693	0	802	109	15.7%
Volunteers in Action	400	400	0	500	100	25.0%
West Central Svcs	2,230	2,230	0	2,230	0	0.0%
Lake Sunapee Reg VNA	0	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	n/a
Sullivan Cty Nutrition	493	493	0	493	0	0.0%
General Assistance	7,500	3,675	(3,825)	7,500	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,566</b>	<b>17,542</b>	<b>(4,024)</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>8.6%</b>
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; RECREATION</b>						
(w) Parks & CREA Lands	6,000	5,925	(75)	6,000	0	0.0%
(x) Memorial Day	400	343	(57)	400	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>6,268</b>	<b>(132)</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
(y) Conservation Comm	750	750	0	750	0	0.0%
<b>INTEREST</b>						
(z) Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	0	(2,000)	2000	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,361,351</b>	<b>1,295,193</b>	<b>(82,546)</b>	<b>1,449,356</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>6.5%</b>



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	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024
	Final	Actual	Over	Proposed	Inc
	Approp	Expend	(Under)	Budget	(Dec)
<b>TOWN GOVERNMENT</b>					
Town Office	69,309	66,412	(2,897)	68,734	(575)
Tax Collector	13,631	12,613	(1,018)	13,631	0
Town Clerk	18,215	17,822	(393)	18,215	0
Elections	3,485	1,262	(2,223)	5,932	2,457
Audit	11,400	11,497	97	11,740	340
Appraisal Fees	18,895	17,902	(994)	18,895	0
Legal	10,000	10,352	352	10,000	0
Planning Board	3,377	3,089	(288)	3,377	0
Zoning Board	500	414	(86)	500	0
Buildings	32,746	24,552	(8,194)	31,980	(766)
Cemeteries	29,839	15,660	(30,567)	27,874	(1,965)
Insurance	35,000	66,651	31,651	50,000	15,000
Records Preservation	800	0	(800)	800	0
Spirit Comm	500	143	(357)	500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>247,697</b>	<b>248,369</b>	<b>(15,717)</b>	<b>262,177</b>	<b>14,490</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police Dept	207,544	201,963	(5,581)	217,702	10,158
Ambulance	16,751	16,751	(0)	16,751	0
Fire Dept	56,500	56,378	(122)	56,500	0
Emergency Mgmt	200	237	37	200	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>280,995</b>	<b>275,329</b>	<b>(5,666)</b>	<b>291,153</b>	<b>10,158</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPT</b>					
Class V Roads - Art.2zb	758,902	700,613	(58,289)	816,651	57,749
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>758,902</b>	<b>700,613</b>	<b>(58,289)</b>	<b>816,651</b>	<b>57,749</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Septage	2,500	2,460	(40)	2,500	0
Recycling	38,231	41,751	3,520	41,989	3,758
Hazardous Waste	2,310	2,111	(199)	2,310	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,041</b>	<b>46,322</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>46,799</b>	<b>3,758</b>

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	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024
	Final	Actual	Over	Proposed	Inc
	Approp	Expend	(Under)	Budget	(Dec)
<b>HEALTH and</b>					
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>	21,566	17,542	(4,024)	23,425	1,859
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,566</b>	<b>17,542</b>	<b>(4,024)</b>	<b>23,425</b>	<b>1,859</b>
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; RECREATION</b>					
Parks & CREA Land	6,000	5,925	(75)	6,000	0
Memorial Day	400	343	(57)	400	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>6,268</b>	<b>(132)</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
Conservation Comm	750	750	0	750	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INTEREST</b>					
Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS (Article numbering: 2023 Warrant/2024 Warrant)</b>					
Library Fund - Art. 5za/Art. 2za	40,155	40,155	0	42,717	2,562
Conservation - Art. 7/Art. 3	4,500	4,500	0	4,500	0
Highway Capital - Art. 8/ Art. 4	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	0
Fire Capital - Art.9/Art.5	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Police Capital - Art. 10/Art.6	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Appraisal Capital - Art. 11/Art. 7	9,000	9,000	0	9,000	0
Library Capital - Art. 12/Art. 8	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Bridge Capital - Art. 13/Art.9	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Capital Bldg Maint - Art. 4/Art.10	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0
Cemetery Cap - Art. 15/Art. 11	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Paving Capital - Art. 16/Art. 12	125,000	125,000	0	125,000	0
Municipal Bldg Non-Capital	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>354,655</b>	<b>354,655</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>357,217</b>	<b>2,562</b>
<b>TOTAL before ART.</b>	<b>1,716,006</b>	<b>1,649,848</b>	<b>(82,546)</b>	<b>1,806,573</b>	<b>90,577</b>
				<b>Total Operating Budget Increase</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

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	Final	Actual	Over	Proposed	Inc
	Approp	Expend	(Under)	Budget	(Dec)
<b>ARTICLES</b>					
Art. 15, 2022 non-lapsing Hwy	n/a	197,406	n/a	0	0
Art. 17, 2023 2023 Police Crsr	60,000	59,466	(534)	0	(60,000)
Art. 18, 2023 - SCBA	33,285	33,248	(37)	0	(33,285)
Art. 19, 2023 - Repair Town Hall	32,500	31,605	(895)	0	(32,500)
Art. 20, 2023 - Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	0	(1,500)
Art. 21, 2023 - Trinity Church	1,500	204	(1,296)	0	(1,500)
Art. 13, 2024 - Cruiser Cap Res	0	0	0	11,000	11,000
Art. 14, 2024 - Hwy Cap Res	0	0	0	825	825
Art. 15, 2024 - Revaluation	0	0	0	49,380	49,380
Art. 16, 2024 - Paving	0	0	0	150,000	150,000
Art. 17, 2024 - Bridge Repair	0	0	0	107,103	107,103
Art. 18, 2024 - FD Helmets	0	0	0	6,940	6,940
Art. 19, 2024 Estab FD Eq CRF	0	0	0	8,500	8,500
Art. 20, 2024 - Fire Station	0	0	0	16,718	16,718
Art. 21, 2024 - Generator	0	0	0	14,032	14,032
Art. 23, 2024 - Town Forest	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Art. 24, 2024 - Trinity Church	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Less 2022 non-lapsing	0	(197,406)	(197,406)	0	0
Less Special Rev	0	(204)	(204)	0	0
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>128,785</b>	<b>124,319</b>	<b>(4,466)</b>	<b>367,498</b>	<b>238,713</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,844,791</b>	<b>1,774,167</b>	<b>(87,012)</b>	<b>2,174,071</b>	<b>329,290</b>
			<b>Total Increase</b>		<b>17.8%</b>

**SALARIES AND WAGES 2023**

<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>	<b>2023 Wage</b>	
Gallagher, Dillon	2445.00	Selectman
Curtis, Mary	30,652.71	Administrative Asst
Hammond, John	2,582.50	Selectman
Parks, Franklin	770.00	Selectman
Bourne, Jason	1,426.30	Selectman
Harthan, Paula	14,495.00	Town Clerk
	600.00	Deputy Tax Collect
Bean, Angela	5,409.75	Deputy Town Clerk
Jaarsma, Heidi	4,000.00	Treasurer
	1,500.00	Planning Board
	4,212.50	Administrative Support
Caterino, William	100.00	Deputy Treasurer
Sweetser, Reigh	6,760.00	Tax Collector
<b>CEMETERIES</b>		
Monette, Michael	2,720.00	Sexton
<b>POLICE</b>		
Hackett, Doug	27,321.50	Police Chief
Stevens, Corey	4,516.01	Part-Time Police
Vivian, Justin	78,936.39	Full-Time Police
Yazinski, James	4,162.63	Part-Time Police
Casale, Anthony	2,000.00	Police Special Duty
Leva, Joseph	400.00	Police Special Duty
St.Amant, Glen	800.00	Police Special Duty
Swett, Anthony	2,200.00	Police Special Duty
Wade, Joshua	800.00	Police Special Duty
Wilmot Jr, William	1,200.00	Police Special Duty
Wilmot, Brent	1,200.00	Police Special Duty
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		
Branch, Ryan	14,440.89	Highway
Cousino, Justin	30,542.04	Highway
Erskine, Skip	19,155.61	Road Agent
Gray, Wayne	74,774.47	Highway
Sabins, Kodi	15,609.57	Highway
Templeton, Kyle	24,025.52	Highway
West, Michael	55,014.17	Highway
<b>LIBRARY</b>		
Fitch, Deanna	2,296.00	Aide
Gage, Virginia	742.00	Aide
Kaufman, Judith	378.00	Aide
Olivier, Patricia	910.00	Aide
Storrs, Caroline	462.00	Aide
Zoerheide, Martha	2,730.00	Aide
McAndrew, Stephanie	14,820.00	Librarian
<b>RECYCLING</b>		
Monette, Michael	5,197.06	Dept Head
Spaulding, Tom	4,221.06	Recycle Helper
Monette, Steven	5,559.24	Recycle Helper
Kuhre, Myron	4,743.50	Recycle Helper
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>476,831.42</b>	

**2023 MS-1 BUDGET SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION**

	2023 Acres	2023 Assessed Valuation	2022 Acres	2022 Assessed Valuation
<b>Value of Land Only</b>				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	22230.67	\$2,290,780	25056.09	\$2,622,963
Conservation Restriction	0	\$0	0	\$0
Discretionary Preservation	0	\$0	0.27	\$1,700
Residential	0.27	\$1,700	2800.49	\$61,641,250
Commercial/Industrial	8.42	\$643,800	8.42	\$643,800
<b>TOTAL OF TAX LAND</b>	<b>25132.08</b>	<b>\$64,968,030</b>	<b>25056.09</b>	<b>\$64,909,713</b>
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>				
Residential		\$124,940,301		\$123,165,201
Manufactured Housing		\$2,736,100		\$2,605,500
Commercial/Industrial		\$2,101,500		\$2,151,200
Discretionary Preservation	12	\$46,799	12	\$46,799
<b>TOTAL OF TAXABLE BLDGS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$129,824,700</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$127,968,700</b>
<b>Public Utilities - Electric</b>				
Granite State Electric		\$248,500		\$305,000
New England Power		\$1,944,000		\$1,746,100
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		\$1,550,900		\$1,648,300
Public Service of NH & VT		\$1,711,300		\$1,867,400
Central VT Public Service		\$360,500		\$356,100
TransCanada Hydro NorthEast		\$124,000		\$89,400
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$5,939,200</b>		<b>\$6,012,300</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				
<b>VALUATION</b>				
<b>BEFORE EXEMPTION</b>		<b>\$200,731,930</b>		<b>\$198,890,713</b>
<b>Less Exemptions:</b>				
Blind(1)		(\$15,000)		(\$15,000)
Elderly (6)		(\$375,000)		(\$375,000)
Disabled (0)		\$0		\$0
Solar (52)		(\$608,300)		(\$446,420)
<b>NET VALUATION ON</b>				
<b>WHICH</b>				
<b>TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b>		<b>\$199,733,630</b>		<b>\$198,054,293</b>
<b>ACRES IN CURRENT USE</b>				
Farm Land	2501.83	\$658,325	2509.46	\$759,868
Forest Land	19448.9	\$1,627,513	19457.71	\$1,857,400
Unproductive Land	104.05	\$1,857	104.05	\$2,138
Wetland	175.89	\$3,085	175.69	\$3,557
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>	<b>22230.67</b>	<b>\$2,290,780</b>	<b>22246.91</b>	<b>\$2,622,963</b>

**SCHEDULE OF TOWN OF CORNISH OWNED PROPERTY  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

<b>Map</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Usage</b>
1	45A	Platt Road	0.55	Chase Cemetery
2	15	732 Rte 12A	0.46	Cornish/Windsor Bridge pking
2	20B	Town House Road	11.10	
2	20C	Town House Road	11.00	
2	24	Town House Road	3.10	
3	42	833 Rte 12A	2.79	Trinity Church
3	42A	833 Rte 12A	0.90	Trinity Cemetery
3	52	51 Mill Village Road	0.25	
3	68	Root Hill Road	4.20	Comings Cemetery
5	6	Tandy Brook Road	270.0	Town Forest
6	56	488 Town House Road	1.70	Town Office
6	58	482 Town House Road	0.64	Unbuildable
6	67	255 Parsonage Road	4.90	Highway Garage
6	67A	294 Town House Road	0.52	Town Hall
6	69	Town House Road	0.66	Hodgdon Lot
6	70	Town House Road	1.02	Fire Pond
6	71	283 Town House Road	4.00	Fire Station/Police Station
6	73	Parsonage Road	76.00	CREA
6	89	Jackson Road	36.00	Town Forest
6	102	Town House Road	0.40	unbuildable
7	37	18 Jonesville Road	0.68	
7	86	Center Road	3.00	
8	32A	Whitten Road	0.20	Whitten Cemetery
9	7A	Huggin Cemetery Road	0.30	Huggins Cemetery
9	43B	Center Road	0.90	Center Road Cemetery
10	79	Rte 120	4.50	Childs Cemetery
11	7	Town House Road	0.08	Hearse House
11	37A	Edminster Road	1.25	Edminster Cemetery
12	39	Rte 120	7.00	Reed Lot
12	40	Claremont Town Line	18.00	
12	44	Claremont Town Line	63.00	Hart Lot
16	4C	Rte 120	6.30	Recycle Center
16	14	Rte 120	4.00	Behind Childs Cemetery
16	28	Leavitt Hill Road	2.00	Butman Lot
18	17	24 School Street	0.23	Library
18	17	26 School Street	0.00	Historical Society
18	29	Leavitt Hill Road	0.23	Fire Pond
18	34A	School Street	0.50	Flat Cemetery
18	43	187 Rte 120	0.75	Fire Station
18	51	Rte 120	1.20	Meeting House

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES**  
**2023 ACTUAL WITH 2024 PROPOSED**

	2023 Final Est.	2023 Actual	Estimate Over (Under)	2024 Proposed	Proposed Over (Under)
<b>TAXES</b>					
Land Use Change Taxes	2,600	3,728	1,128	0	(2,600)
Yield Taxes	15,000	9,383	(5,617)	15,000	0
Paymt in Lieu of Taxes	7,292	7,292	(0)	7,292	0
Int & Penalty on Taxes	20,000	19,977	(23)	20,000	0
Excavation Tax	0	0	0	0	0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	388,000	403,144	15,144	404,000	16,000
Building Permits	1,500	1,200	(300)	1,500	0
Dog Licenses and Fines	1,925	2,367	442	1,900	(25)
Other Permits and Fees	50	50	0	50	0
<b>STATE OF NH &amp; FEDERAL</b>					
Shared Revenues-Rooms	152,747	152,747	(0)	152,747	0
Highway Block Grant	108,938	108,926	(12)	108,926	(12)
Railroad Tax	1,240	13,032	11,792	1,240	0
State of NH Grants	0	0	0	30,750	30,750
State of NH Grants - Police	0	0	0	12,792	12,792
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
Zoning Board Fees	180	489	309	200	20
Planning Board Fees	900	922	22	900	0
Police Dept. Income	18,500	22,763	4,263	18,500	0
Fire Dept. Income	0	0	0	0	0
Recycling Income	6,500	7,814	1,314	7,500	1,000
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES</b>					
Sale of Town Property	0	825	825	0	0
Rental of Town Property	1,000	1,400	400	1,000	0
Interest on Investments	40,000	58,242	18,242	58,000	18,000
Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	1,500	0
Other Sources	130	385	255	100	(30)
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
Special Revenue Fund	1,500	204	(1,296)	1,500	0
Trust	2,000	241	(1,759)	2,000	0
Capital Reserve Funds	92,500	288,477	195,977	306,483	213,983
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Use of Fund Balance voted	33,825	33,825	0	27,265	(6,560)
Fund Bal. to reduce taxes	75,000	75,000	0	75,000	0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>972,827</b>	<b>1,212,432</b>	<b>239,605</b>	<b>1,256,145</b>	<b>283,318</b>

**TOWN OF CORNISH**  
**2024 TAX COMPUTATION – USING 2023 PROPERTY VALUES**

	2024E	2023	2022
Total Town Appropriations	2,174,071	1,844,791	1,871,332
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	15,000	9,614	12,613
War Service Credits:	56,500	56,500	39,600
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(1,256,145)	(972,287)	(1,070,240)
State Shared Revenues	0	0	0
<b>Town Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>989,426</b>	<b>938,618</b>	<b>853,305</b>
Local School Tax Assessment	4,948,251	4,579,225	4,117,745
Deduct: Education Grant	(797,978)	(797,980)	(844,402)
State Education Taxes	(309,059)	(342,942)	(245,756)
<b>Local School Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>3,841,214</b>	<b>3,438,303</b>	<b>3,027,587</b>
<b>State Education Tax</b>	<b>309,059</b>	<b>342,942</b>	<b>245,756</b>
County Tax Assessment	508,638	508,638	553,601
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	0	0	0
<b>County Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>508,638</b>	<b>508,638</b>	<b>553,601</b>
<b>TOTAL PROP TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>5,648,337</b>	<b>5,228,501</b>	<b>4,680,249</b>
Assessed Valuation	199,733,630	199,733,630	198,054,293
Assessed Valuation without Utilities	193,794,430	193,794,430	192,041,993
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>			
<b>PER \$1000 OF VALUATION</b>	<b>28.33</b>	<b>26.23</b>	<b>23.67</b>
<b>TAX RATE BREAKDOWN</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	4.95	4.70	4.31
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	19.23	17.21	15.29
State School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	1.59	1.77	1.28
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.55	2.55	2.80
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>28.33</b>	<b>26.23</b>	<b>23.67</b>



**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2023  
SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS**

LIENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

	2022	2021	2020
UNREDEEMED		\$28,242.49	\$18,478.55
LIENS EXECUTED	\$42,486.11		
INTEREST COLLECTED	\$801.80	\$1,726.27	\$4,667.20
TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	\$43,287.91	\$29,968.76	\$23,145.75

COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

REDEMPTIONS	\$15,353.25	\$6,837.48	\$18,478.55
INTEREST COLLECTED	\$801.80	\$1,726.27	\$4,667.20
ABATEMENTS			
LIENS DEEDED TO TOWN			
BALANCE AT YEAR END	\$27,132.86	\$21,405.01	
TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	\$43,287.91	\$29,968.76	\$23,145.75

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNTING IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

REIGH H. SWEETSER  
TAX COLLECTOR

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023	2022
UNCOLLECTED TAXES – START OF YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES		\$216,886.53
LAND USE CHANGE TAX		
TIMBER YIELD TAX		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$5,183,949.00	
LAND USE CHANGE	\$9,320.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$9,382.61	\$5,174.05
OVERPAYMENTS		
FROM PRIOR YEAR		
CREDIT REFUNDED	-\$204.98	
THIS YEAR'S CREDITS		
INTEREST COLLECTED – ALL TAXES	\$2,270.08	\$10,511.50
TOTAL DEBITS	\$5,204,716.71	\$232,572.08
COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$4,925,018.00	\$177,406.78
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	\$6,500.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$8,509.59	\$5,174.05
CONVERTED TO LIENS		\$39,479.75
INTEREST PENALTIES	\$2,270.08	\$9,370.50
PENALTIES		\$1,141.00
ABATEMENTS		
PROPERTY TAX	\$489.00	
LAND USE CHANGE TAX		
TIMBER YIELD TAX		
DEEDED PROPERTY		
PREPAYMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	-\$478.69	
UNCOLLECTED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAX	\$258,715.71	
LAND USE CHANGE TAX	\$2,820.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$873.02	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$5,204,716.71	\$232,572.08

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
REIGH H. SWEETSER  
TAX COLLECTOR

**TREASURER'S REPORT  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Reconciliation-Cash and Short Term Investments		
Balance 12/31/2022		2,853,356.63
	Add Receipts:	
	Tax Collector	5,222,734.30
	Selectmen	779,226.33
	Town Clerk	415,854.30
	Total Available	9,271,171.56
	Less Payments	
	During Year:	
	School	3,404,852.00
	County	508,638.00
	Town	2,115,660.05
	Total Payments	6,029,150.05
Balance 12/31/2023		<u>3,242,021.51</u>
Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2023		444,463.74
	Add Short Term Investments	2,868,465.89
	Add Uncollected Chargebacks	0.00
	Add Deposits in Transit	42,860.11
	Less Outstanding Checks	-113,768.23
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2023		<u>3,242,021.51</u>

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer-

Invested in NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	End Of Year
<i>Conservation</i>				
Conservation Fund	182,157.54	16,389.91	36,586.00	161,961.45
CREA Dev Fund	7,468.78	390.86	0.00	7,859.64
Rodney Palmer Fund	14,261.89	1,840.51	305.44	15,796.96
B Barker Mem Fund	2,119.63	111.00	0.00	2,230.63
CREA Barn Fund	381.22	0.00	0.00	381.22
Total	206,389.06		Total	188,229.90
<i>Special Revenue</i>				
Trinity Church Fund	2,558.45	850.00	203.98	3,204.47

Respectfully submitted,  
Heidi M. Jaarsma  
Town Treasurer

## Town of Cornish, NH Capital Reserve Funds 2023

Created	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Gain/Loss	Net Income	Expended	Total Tax Cost Basis	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value
1985	Appraisal	\$ 37,151.22	\$ 9,000	\$ 19.41	\$ 1,072.61		\$ 47,243.24	\$ (639.90)	\$ 46,603.34
1995	Bridges	\$ 199,505.78	\$ 10,000	\$ 97.68	\$ 5,387.73		\$ 214,991.19	\$ (2,912.02)	\$ 212,079.17
1970	Fire Truck	\$ 427,966.63	\$ 35,000	\$ 211.87	\$ 11,688.98		\$ 474,867.48	\$ (6,432.02)	\$ 468,435.46
1967	Highway Equipment	\$ 398,588.58	\$ 100,000	\$ 208.88	\$ 11,541.31	\$ 197,406.00	\$ 312,932.77	\$ (4,238.63)	\$ 308,694.14
2000	Library	\$ 75,362.87	\$ 5,000	\$ 37.12	\$ 2,047.07		\$ 82,447.06	\$ (1,116.73)	\$ 81,330.33
1982	Police Cruiser	\$ 54,715.15	\$ 10,000	\$ 28.03	\$ 1,548.11	\$ 59,466.14	\$ 6,825.15	\$ (92.44)	\$ 6,732.71
2013	Cemetery Equipment	\$ 33,695.24	\$ 4,000	\$ 16.90	\$ 932.39		\$ 38,644.53	\$ (523.44)	\$ 38,121.09
2014	Paving	\$ 280,349.64	\$ 125,000	\$ 156.27	\$ 8,648.64		\$ 414,154.55	\$ (5,609.66)	\$ 408,544.89
2014	Building Maint & Improvement	\$ 52,621.97	\$ 12,000	\$ 21.98	\$ 1,205.01	\$ 31,605.00	\$ 34,243.96	\$ (463.83)	\$ 33,780.13
2011	Municipal Bldg Non-Cap Maint.	\$ 12,979.35	\$ -	\$ 6.25	\$ 344.17		\$ 13,329.77	\$ (180.55)	\$ 13,149.22
2018	School Facilities Expendable Trust	\$ 103,439.11	\$ -	\$ 45.18	\$ 2,484.22	\$ 18,089.00	\$ 87,879.51	\$ (1,190.32)	\$ 86,689.19
2007	Spec Ed/HS Tuition	\$ 187,370.30	\$ 50,000	\$ 102.78	\$ 5,684.23		\$ 243,157.31	\$ (3,293.53)	\$ 239,863.78
<b>Total Capital Reserves</b>		\$ 1,863,745.83	\$ 360,000	\$ 952.35	\$ 52,584.47	\$ 306,566.14	\$ 1,970,716.51	\$ (26,693.07)	\$ 1,944,023.44

Total Return	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Consolidated
	2.15%	5.76%	5.85%	-1.17%	-4.03%	4.75%	2.12%

All capital reserves were invested with Bar Harbor Wealth Management (formerly Charter Trust Company), in obligations with principal and interest fully guaranteed by the US Government. The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge.  
 Prepared by Heather Meeks, Stephen Robin and Jeffrey Proehl, Trustees of the Trust Funds.

## Town of Cornish, NH Trust Funds 2023

Created	Fund Name	Purpose	Principal				Income				Total Tax Cost Basis	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Total Market Value
			Beginning Balance	New Funds	Gain/(Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Net Income	Expended	Available Balance			
1987	Cornish Wellere	Charitable, Needy	\$ 4,344.42		\$ 65.87	\$ 4,410.29	\$ 6,662.03	\$ 239.24		\$ 6,901.27	\$ 11,311.56	\$ 765.25	\$ 12,076.81
1889	Foss & Kimball	Charitable, Needy	\$ 6,928.85		\$ 157.01	\$ 7,085.86	\$ 19,296.74	\$ 570.17		\$ 19,866.91	\$ 26,952.77	\$ 1,823.41	\$ 28,776.18
1971	M.J. Kenney	Charitable, Elderly	\$ 5,088.25		\$ 89.40	\$ 5,177.65	\$ 9,845.36	\$ 324.64		\$ 10,170.00	\$ 15,347.65	\$ 1,038.30	\$ 16,385.95
1917	Stowell Library	Library	\$ 11,790.38		\$ 87.70	\$ 11,878.08	\$ 914.62	\$ 270.98	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 185.60	\$ 12,063.68	\$ 816.14	\$ 12,879.82
1902	Mercer/Aid to Ed.	Scholarship/College	\$ 19,906.65		\$ 587.59	\$ 20,494.24	\$ 76,238.71	\$ 2,073.29	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 77,312.00	\$ 97,806.24	\$ 6,616.79	\$ 104,423.03
1898	Public School	School	\$ 557.94		\$ 11.96	\$ 569.90	\$ 1,442.35	\$ 43.40		\$ 1,485.75	\$ 2,055.65	\$ 139.07	\$ 2,194.72
1999	Queneau Scholarship	Scholarship/8th Grade	\$ 35,724.77		\$ 232.51	\$ 35,957.28	\$ 1,816.79	\$ 803.56	\$ 1,051.37	\$ 1,568.98	\$ 37,526.26	\$ 2,538.73	\$ 40,064.99
2016	James C. Kibbey	Scholarship/Music	\$ 68,084.04		\$ 442.34	\$ 68,526.38	\$ 5,790.72	\$ 1,606.31		\$ 7,397.03	\$ 75,923.41	\$ 5,136.37	\$ 81,059.78
2019	Before & After School Care	Educational Purposes	\$ 63,555.02		\$ 402.12	\$ 63,957.14	\$ 3,626.41	\$ 1,460.79		\$ 5,087.20	\$ 69,044.34	\$ 4,670.98	\$ 73,715.32
2017	Burling Cornish Elementary	School/Educ Extras	\$ 30,772.29		\$ 195.32	\$ 30,967.61	\$ 1,850.01	\$ 709.27		\$ 2,559.28	\$ 33,526.89	\$ 2,268.16	\$ 35,795.05
2017	Burling Trinity Church	Town, Upkeep	\$ 2,208.51		\$ 15.80	\$ 2,224.31	\$ 437.24	\$ 57.44		\$ 494.68	\$ 2,718.99	\$ 183.95	\$ 2,902.94
2018	Trinity Church Maintenance	Town, Upkeep	\$ 14,857.29		\$ 95.48	\$ 14,952.77	\$ 1,095.89	\$ 346.78		\$ 1,442.67	\$ 16,395.44	\$ 1,109.17	\$ 17,504.61
1909	J. Foss/Flags	Town, Upkeep	\$ 2,227.59		\$ 41.01	\$ 2,268.60	\$ 4,630.10	\$ 149.00		\$ 4,779.10	\$ 7,047.70	\$ 476.78	\$ 7,524.48
1902	Beaman Guide Boards	Town, Upkeep	\$ 1,287.45		\$ 9.75	\$ 1,297.20	\$ 350.96	\$ 35.53		\$ 386.49	\$ 1,683.69	\$ 113.90	\$ 1,797.59
1985	Veterans Memorial	Town, Upkeep	\$ 11,591.73		\$ 82.31	\$ 11,674.04	\$ 1,950.90	\$ 292.99	\$ 241.00	\$ 2,002.89	\$ 13,676.93	\$ 925.26	\$ 14,602.19
Various	Perpetual Care	Cemetery	\$ 116,429.12	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 983.57	\$ 119,612.69	\$ 49,770.52	\$ 3,627.59	\$ -	\$ 53,398.11	\$ 173,010.80	\$ 11,704.56	\$ 184,715.36
Perpetual Care, New													
2023	Dryfoot, John	Chase		\$ 200.00									
2023	Barraby, Carol & Andy	Edminster		\$ 200.00									
2023	Fansworth, Ross & Cora	Edminster		\$ 400.00									
2023	Fletcher, Marjorie & Bellevue	Edminster		\$ 400.00									
2023	Gray, Wayne	Edminster		\$ 1,000.00									
<b>Total Return</b>			2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	<b>Consolidated</b>			
			19.70%	-8.06%	17.85%	12.14%	12.39%	-13.81%	11.96%	7.67%			

Trust Funds Total \$ 596,091.99 \$ 40,326.82 \$ 636,418.81

All funds were invested with Bar Harbor Wealth Management (formerly Charter Trust Company). The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge.  
Prepared by: Heather Meeks, Stephen Bobin and Jeffrey Proehl, Trustees of the Trust Funds.

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT  
01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023  
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name</b>
MORIN, ROWAN PATRICK	01/03/2023	LEBANON, NH	MORIN, RYAN PATRICK	MORIN, RACHEL ANN
ACKERMAN, ELIJAH NICHOLAS	01/03/2023	HANOVER, NH	ACKERMAN, KYLE NICHOLAS	ACKERMAN, HILLARY MONICA
KEISER, ANDERS VALLENS	01/14/2023	LEBANON, NH	KEISER, KRSTOFER JAMES	VALLENS, ASTRID KERSTIN
TRENHOLM, JAMES WILLIAM	02/19/2023	LEBANON, NH	TRENHOLM, SEAN MICHAEL	ALDRICH, ASHLEY ELIZABETH
HENRY, ADA LIN	02/21/2023	LEBANON, NH	HENRY, THAYNE RICHARD	KERSHAW, COLLEEN MARIE
SHEPHERD, JACE NICHOLAS	02/27/2023	LEBANON, NH	SHEPHERD, NICHOLAS RONALD	SHEPHERD, SHELBI MAE
MONETTE, ALLISON VIVIANNE	04/23/2023	LEBANON, NH	MONETTE, DANIEL LOUIS	MONETTE, SARAH LYNN
HAAS, JOSEPHINE PATRICIA	07/08/2023	LEBANON, NH	HAAS, MATTHEW KEATING	HAAS, NICHOLE LYNN
BARR, MALACHI ATTICUS	07/10/2023	LEBANON, NH	BARR, LUKE ALBERT	BARR, APRIL NICOLE
WOOD, WYATT MARX	10/29/2023	LEBANON, NH	WOOD, WYLIE DEVIN	DOWNING, ERIN KATHLEEN
DANIELS, BECKETT ASHER	12/22/2023	CORNISH, NH	DANIELS, KEITH ALLEN	DANIELS, KRISTIAN MARIE

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
RESIDENT DEATH REPORT  
01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023  
CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Death Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union</b>	<b>Military</b>
JONES, FRED A LOIS	01/25/2023	CLAREMONT	LECLAIR, GEORGE	HARTEN, BARBARA	N
BALCH, WILLIAM STEELE	02/26/2023	CLAREMONT	BALCH, WEST	HATCH, AMALIA	Y
FOSTER, CLAUDIE M	03/05/2023	LEBANON	HARAN, GEORGES	LAMBERT, MARGUERITE	N
SURPRENANT, CHRISTINE ANNE	05/15/2023	LEBANON	SURPRENANT, VICTOR	STRONSKI, HELENE	N
WATERMAN, ROBIN K	06/04/2023	UNITY	WATERMAN, STANLEY	RICHARDSON, MARION	N
BARBER, PATRICIA ANNE	06/18/2023	LEBANON	LARO, LEONARD	TOWNSEND, DOROTHY	N
MILLER, ELAINE MAE	07/14/2023	CORNISH	MILLER SR, LEROY	FARNHAM, MARY	N
KEELER, MARY BRANDON	08/01/2023	LEBANON	KEELER, WESLEY	O'CONNELL, ELINOR	N
ROLLINS, RUTH NAOMI	10/18/2023	UNITY	GREEN, JOHN	NOY, INA	N
WALKER, LEE FREDERICK	10/23/2023	CORNISH	WALKER, FRED	PENNOCK, RUTH	N

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION  
 RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT  
 01/01/2023 – 12/31/2023  
 CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<b>Person A's Name and Residence</b>	<b>Person B's Name and Residence</b>	<b>Town of Issuance</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Date of Marriage</b>
MCSWAIN, JOHN C CORNISH, NH	OROGI, FATIMA GRACE CORNISH, NH	CORNISH	CORNISH	05/04/2023
KUHRE, BRANDON LOUIS CORNISH FLAT, NH	GISSLER, JENNA MARIE NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	JACKSON	06/10/2023



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Cornish  
Cornish, New Hampshire 03745

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying Report of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk of the Town of Cornish as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.

In our opinion, the report referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the account balances and activity of the Town of Cornish as of December 31, 2022, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Report of the Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk. We are required to be independent of the Town of Cornish, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the report that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the report, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Cornish's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the report.


In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the report, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the report.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Cornish's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the report.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Cornish's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The report has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.



Rowley & Associates, P.C.  
Concord, New Hampshire  
July 18, 2023

## **REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN 2023**

First, the Board thanks Frank Parks for his service. He will be missed. Jason Bourne was elected to fill the seat that Frank vacated. Jason is a great addition to the Board.

2024 presented many challenges and some unexpected positives to the Town of Cornish.

We have all felt the pinch of inflation and the difficulties of the supply chain disruptions from Covid 19. The department heads worked hard to stay within their budgets during the heavy inflation period. Many supplies were difficult to find.

Most, if not all of us, were heavily affected by the July storms which created dramatic erosion and washouts throughout the town. The Selectmen wish to thank the residents for their patience and co-operation. The Highway Department worked hard to find culverts and to get the roads open.

Arrangements have been made to re-locate the Fire Department communications repeater from Green Mountain to the tower on Burr Road. It will be moved after mud season and will give our dedicated department vastly improved in-town communication. Thanks to all that have helped make this happen, especially the Rice family.

The Highway Department recently took possession of the new dump truck voted on at the 2022 Town Meeting. Again, it was a struggle to staff the department. The Board of Selectmen hired Wayne Gray as Road Agent after a long search and two rounds of interviews. We thank Wayne and the entire crew for their dedication and service.

The Board has worked with the Road Agent to prepare for the 2024 summer season. Quotes have been received for paving Jackson Road and some trouble spots on Jackson, East, and Center Roads. A plan is being put together to do improvements on gravel roads. The Town has a report from an engineer and will move forward with replacing the red-listed bridge deck on Leavitt Hill Road.

The Town was fortunate to receive unexpected Municipal Bridge Aid and Additional Highway Block Grant money from the State. These grants will help fund the bridge repair.

The Fire Department also received grant money to replace the aging portable radios. The Police Department also received grant money.

The Board thanks everyone who helped organize and who participated in the annual Memorial Day gathering and parade. We were blessed with great weather and turnout.

The Town of Cornish is very fortunate to have dedicated volunteers that serve on the Town Boards and Committees. The Selectmen thank them for their continued service.

We all look forward to a great 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cornish Board of Selectmen  
Dillon Gallagher, Chair  
John Hammond  
Jason Bourne

## **BROADBAND COMMITTEE 2023**

The Broadband Committee met regularly during the year. Midyear, we invited Plainfield to join our effort. Peter Martin joined us, representing Plainfield.

Our work focused on: 1. Monitoring the several broadband funding initiatives, federally funded, and managed by the State Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA); 2. Meeting with Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to determine their interest in working with the town to bring high speed broadband to Cornish.

The committee met with Matthew Conserva, Broadband Program Manager, for BEA. He reviewed the state broadband grants that have been awarded to date and the two pending broadband grant programs. The 2 programs are: 1. The Broadband Matching Grant Initiative (BMGI) designed to fund broadband infrastructure projects delivering high-speed internet (>100/100 Mbps) to unserved (<25/3 Mbps) and underserved (<100/20 Mbps) locations. BMGI is a 75% federal grant and a 25% match by ISPs and/or municipalities. Although not required, ISPs in NH are willing to pick up the additional 25% without contribution by municipalities. This program initially brings \$25,000,000.00 to NH and initial applications for funding were required to be filed in October 2023. Unlike previous grant programs the municipalities are integral parties to the application process and must be signatories to any application with the ISP; and 2. The Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program (BEAD). This program is designed to fund the hard to reach, "last mile" addresses. This program is not yet operational.

The committee met with representatives of Consolidated Communications and HUB66. There were also communications with Comcast, regarding the BMGI grant application process.

After reviewing options and other due diligence the Committee recommended that we jointly apply for a BMGI grant with HUB66. The Selectmen agreed. Additionally, the Town of Plainfield agreed to join in the application.

HUB66 has worked successfully with several municipalities in NH, including Enfield and Bristol and most recently is working on an agreement with Grantham. The grant is pending review with the BEA. If approved, it will provide high speed broadband access to substantially all the unserved and underserved addresses in Cornish and Plainfield. There are 575 address locations in Cornish, of which 181 (22.1%) are underserved and 64 (7.8%) are unserved. Plainfield has 155 addresses that are unserved or underserved, 14.4 % of the town.

By comparison, the statewide average is 2.6% for underserved and 2.0% for unserved address locations. The grant would cover 75% of the cost; HUB 66 will be picking up the 25% match required by the grant and intends to provide fiber coverage to the entire towns' underserved and unserved addresses, running approximately 98 miles of fiber. NH Electric Coop will be providing fiber coverage to approximately 61 addresses in Cornish.

The University of New Hampshire has established an interactive map of broadband coverage around the State, which will be updated regularly. The map is available to the public. The Broadband Dashboard and Web Map and other resources can be accessed through this website: <https://broadbandnh.sr.unh.edu/portal/apps/sites/#/new-hampshire-broadband-mapping>. The Broadband Web Map provides tabs that allow anyone to easily enter a location challenge or to conduct a speed test. We encourage Cornish and Plainfield residents to use the speed test.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuerst  
Jason Bourne  
Shelley Brookings  
Jessica Butel

Steve Jameson  
Kevin Noble  
Corey Stevens

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**  
**2023**

The road crew did the mowing and trimming again this year. We sold nine lots and had eight burials. Finding help with brush cutting and stone straightening has been challenging. We continue to repair the fences, which is very costly. We hope to find a better solution to this.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Monette, Sexton

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**2023**

The Commission continued updating the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) throughout the year for its publication in 2024. The Commission contributed \$11,500 to the Upper Valley Land Trust to help cover a portion of the project costs of two conservation easements that were generously donated by Mark Hooper on Hildreth Land off Route 12A. Earlier in 2023, Mark had donated another conservation easement. All three easements total about 62 acres.

In February, 20 people attended a Wildlife Tracking walk with Martha Mitchell, MS, held in the Fitch East Woods, which is conserved through the Upper Valley Land Trust. In April, 22 people (including six Boy Scouts) attended a wetlands field trip at CREA with Laura Deming from Moosewood Ecological. Later in April, approximately 50 people attended a presentation with representatives from Granite State Rural Water Association, NHDES, and Endyne Labs to learn about healthy drinking water. In June, the Cornish Elementary School and the Commission welcomed speakers Jack Dalton (age 13) and Susie Spikol to an all-school presentation. Jack, the “Kid Conservationist,” and Susie Spikol, an environmental education specialist, shared stories of their love for the natural world. In October, Jerri and Wally Cole and the Cornish Conservation Commission (CCC) celebrated their recently established 203-acre conservation easement. In November, the Commission held a presentation with the Connecticut River Conservancy and Great River Hydro to discuss the status of the relicensing of the Wilder, Bellows Falls, and Vernon hydro facilities – a process which will

determine how they are operated and impact the river (and Cornish) for the next 40+ years.

Ginny Prince received the Annual Conservation Award for her exceptional conservation practices. She has volunteered countless hours of leadership, forest management planning, and the tough work of trail maintenance. The Commission's Land Monitoring subcommittee completed monitoring walks on all seven conserved properties of which the Town of Cornish is the primary easement holder. All properties were found to be in compliance with their easement terms. Two Commission members volunteered in the Four Winds education program at the Elementary School.

We were pleased to welcome two new members: Julie Foote who has a background in soil biogeochemistry, ecology, conservation biology, and restoration ecology; and Robin Kilfeather-Mackey who holds a Master's of Science in conservation biology, worked for Upper Valley Land Trust, and currently works for the Center on Rural Innovation.

If you want to learn about conserving your land feel free to reach out to the Commission, [conservationcommission@cornishnh.net](mailto:conservationcommission@cornishnh.net).

Respectfully submitted,  
Corey Fitch, Chair

### **2023 Membership**

Corey Fitch, Chairperson  
Jody Schubert, Vice-Chairperson  
Linda Leone, Secretary  
Glenn Griffin  
Cindy Heath  
Reyer Jaarsma

Robin Kilfeather-Mackey, Alt. &  
Treasurer  
Julie Foote, Alt.  
Rickey Poor, Alt  
Bob Taylor, Alt.  
John Hammond, Select Board Rep.



**CORNISH RECREATION AND EDUCATION AREA (CREA)  
2023**

The CREA Committee, with some changes in membership, had a quiet year. We are looking ahead to renewed energy in 2024, as well as some projects that will need to be completed.

1. Bridge - Diverting of water back underneath the bridge which will stop the erosion at the abutment. New decking (see thank you below)
2. Alex's Loop Trail - New decking on a portion of the boardwalk.
3. Kiosk - Stabilization to keep it from leaning.

We hope to complete these projects late spring/early summer when the water recedes. We will advertise when these projects are scheduled with the hope that we can get additional volunteers to assist.



*CREA July 2023*

Thank you to:

- Jim Fitch for milling and donating boards for the bridge
- Nate Cass (North Country Door) for the new trail signs located at each entrance
- Larry Dingee for assisting with various projects
- Members of the CREA Committee for their volunteerism

If you are interested in joining the CREA Committee, please contact the Selectmen at (603) 675-5611.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Lawrence and Members of the CREA Committee

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2023

2022 was the year to update the Town’s Hazard Mitigation Plan. With the work of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and members of the town organizations and staff, the update was completed. Unfortunately, the town was notified that FEMA did not approve the updated version. This is an issue that many towns and cities are having as FEMA changed the requirements that are needed to be included in the plan. UVLSRPC continues to work on this update on our behalf. Once the plan is updated and approved, we will place a message on the town’s website with the link for viewing. This plan, which needs to be updated every 5 years is described by NH Homeland Security/Emergency Management as

*“Hazard Mitigation Planning affords communities, the opportunity to lay the foundation for mitigation within a plan that identifies long term strategies to reduce, or eliminate future risk from natural hazards. The planning process is as important as the plan itself. It creates a framework for risk-based decision making to reduce damages to lives, property, and the economy from future disasters. Hazard mitigation planning forms the basis for a community’s long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.”*

The current plan is available for viewing on the Town of Cornish website.

With several storms passing through NH during the early summer, the storm on July 21<sup>st</sup> impacted Cornish in a major way. Several roads received moderate to severe washouts. Tewksbury Drive was closed for several days due to a culvert washout. The NH DES required an engineering study to determine what size culvert was needed to replace the one that washed away. It would then need the approval of the NH DES engineers before work could begin.

We have applied for a FEMA grant for a generator and mini split for the Fire Station



*Jackson Road, July 22, 2023*

from FEMA and in kind hours of both the Fire Department and Emergency Management personnel. We are currently awaiting approval. We also applied, and were approved, for a laptop computer. This will allow all EM records to be in one place and accessible by myself and the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

State of NH Emergency Management's website:

<https://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/hsem/>

Sincerely,

Dale Lawrence

Emergency Management Director

[dalehlawrence@yahoo.com](mailto:dalehlawrence@yahoo.com)

home (603) 675-2002/ cell (603) 558-2254

## ENERGY COMMITTEE 2023

### *Mission Statement: The Town of Cornish takes local steps to save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.*

The Cornish Energy Committee had another busy year.

We launched a Weatherize Campaign jointly with the Plainfield Energy Committee on January 19, 2023. 6 NHSaves contractors participated in the program. 9 Cornish residents received energy audits and 8 residents completed weatherization work on their homes.

We held our 4<sup>th</sup> annual E-bike lending program from August 16 to 30. Six residents borrowed an e-bike for 2-day loans. On Saturday August 26, we organized a “Battery-Powered Yard Equipment Showcase” and also loaned out e-bikes on an hourly basis. Twenty-four people came to see a variety of battery powered lawn mowers, trimmers, chainsaws and other yard equipment, and 8 of those people also borrowed e-bikes on that day.

With the permission of the Selectboard, we commissioned a free energy audit of the Town Offices, which was financed by the utility company, Eversource. Margaret Dillon, the energy auditor, completed her report in October. The report identified significant loss of heat through the un-insulated brick wall structure, and recommended several energy saving measures, including air sealing the building, adding attic insulation, installing custom window inserts, and major outside wall insulation and siding replacement. We are in discussions with the Selectboard about what measures can be implemented. Structural issues with the brick walls need to be dealt with before wall insulation can be installed.

As part of our ongoing efforts to learn about innovative renewable energy projects, we had two people speak about their work to the Energy Committee. Steve Ettelson of Hillsboro Area Renewable Energy Initiative (HAREI) attended our May meeting and talked about their community cooperative “solar raisings” which bring volunteers together to help install solar panels for local residents. Rob Adams of Solaflect attended our September 18 meeting and talked about their solar-powered EV chargers, which can be easily installed in employers’ parking lots and which are an excellent, low cost way for businesses to provide EV charging for their employees.

We continued to encourage the Selectboard to consider Community Power. A significant number of NH towns now enjoy the benefits of low cost electricity with the option to choose renewably powered electricity. Community Power also provides participating towns with an ever-increasing reserve of funds that serves to

protect against unexpected price “shocks,” and can be used for discretionary renewable energy or energy efficiency projects.

In cooperation with the Plainfield Energy Committee, we held a virtual educational forum on November 8, 2023 entitled: “Home Battery Systems: An In-Depth Discussion of Backup Battery Power for Your Home.” Tom Hobbs of Revision Energy discussed battery sizing, Chris Sparadeo of Catamount explained the pros & cons of different inverter & battery interactions, Brian Callnan of Community Power Coalition of NH spoke about electric vehicles as a way to power the grid, and Tony Newton, Cornish resident, gave an overview of battery manufacturers and the cost and features of their products. Publicity for the event reached a wide audience: 202 registered from around the state, of which 88 were from Plainfield & Cornish. 95 people actually attended the Zoom event.

One of our most significant projects in 2023 was the building of a small off-grid solar system at the Cornish Recycling Center. In May, we were awarded a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation’s Tasker Covered Bridges Fund for \$3,275. The system is comprised of two 480 watt solar panels, a 3000 watt 24 volt inverter/charger and two 12 volt Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO4) batteries. This system can generate about 15 amps of power at 120 volts, and runs a small refrigerator, a few lights, and there are several outlets available to power electric



*Solar at Cornish Recycling*

tools, charge phones and tool batteries, or run a coffee pot. The great thing about LiFePO4 batteries is that they have a much more stable, less volatile chemistry than Lithium Ion batteries, so they are much safer with regard to any kind of fire hazard. Volunteers donated time and completed the project in September 2023. We gave a guided tour to the Recycling Center staff in September, 2 tours to the public in October, a tour for the Fire Dept. in November, and a tour for the Selectboard in December. In addition to providing convenience power for Recycling Center Staff, the project will continue to function into the future as an educational tool. Many thanks to Tony Newton,

Richard Thompson and Bill Cable for their hard work on this project. And a big thank you to the Tasker Covered Bridges Fund for the grant that made this possible.

Joanna Sharf  
Everett Cass  
Richard Thompson

Nancy Wightman  
Bill Cable, Alt.  
Dan Poor, Alt.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT 2023**

2023 was a busy year for the Cornish Fire Department. We answered just over 100 calls for service. We held a celebration for all of the countless years the Atwood family has donated to the people of Cornish and the Fire Department.

We had 2 calls for high water situations and would like to remind people to please never drive over a flooded road.

We welcomed several new members to the department and they have become valued members as are all of our members.

We were able to get all new hand-held radios through a grant thanks to Heidi Jaarsma and her hard work.



*Forestry Live Burn*

We also had some great training opportunities with surrounding agencies. The picture included is a forestry live burn training with the Plainfield FD and the KUA Fire Brigade. We had a great turnout and members got to do some hands on work with some very experienced trainers.

Once there is no snow cover, you will need a permit for any burning. Please contact either the Town Fire Warden or a Deputy Warden to get a burn permit.

I would like to thank the residents of the Town of Cornish for their continued support for the Fire Department and to thank the Board of Selectmen for all their help throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Boutilier  
Fire Chief

## **GENERAL ASSISTANCE 2023**

Thank you to the Cornish voters for approving an increase in the General Assistance budget at the 2023 Town Meeting. As rising taxes and inflation raise the cost of living but income stays the same, the average family can have difficulties making ends meet. With decreasing affordable housing options, the help of the voters in raising the budget carries much weight.

Thank you again to Leo Maslan and the Boy Scouts for providing sides to the Thanksgiving turkeys supplied by Stephanie Schell.

The Giving Tree was a huge success this year. Every item was spoken for and all the families were grateful for the help. We had many new additions regarding requests as with the Thanksgiving meals. These were not new families in town but families new to financial issues during these difficult times.

So many in our Town have reached out in various ways to help behind the scenes. I would like to thank them all individually, yet those who have participated prefer to stay anonymous. You know who you are and thank you, thank you for everything you do. These private donations and outside assistance go a long way and are appreciated. Everyone is a pleasure to work with.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Mary Curtis, and Heidi Jaarsma. The Board of Selectmen are easy to work with, can be wise in helping make decisions, and are a wonderful sounding board when needed. Mary Curtis is key in much of what happens with General Assistance, and Heidi Jaarsma is an irreplaceable resource. To them all, I am deeply thankful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marie De Rusha  
Town of Cornish  
Welfare Director

## GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY 2023

It was another successful year at the George H. Stowell Free Library. In 2023 we continued to see increases in library usage, circulation of materials, and program participation. Collaborating with community organizations, facilitated by grants, and the crucial funding support from the Friends group contributed to the creation of new opportunities. Our engagement with local organizations also sparked innovative programming.

The success of our programming was made possible by the active participation and support of the community. We began the year with a new monthly adult craft program and partnered with the Plainfield Public Library for a joint cookbook club. Events like Hannah Darling's Valentine's Day cookie decorating, Cindy Heath's environmental book discussion, Angela Bean's dot painting class, Sandy Guest's Halloween children's book giveaway, and Chuck and Stephanie McAndrew's class on artificial intelligence provided a diverse range of activities for our community. Local organic farmer Jonathan Hayden captivated a full house with stories about life in research stations in Antarctica. Additionally, David Kruidenier presented a thoroughly researched program on the histories of libraries in Cornish. Nearly fifty members of the community contributed their artwork for the Tiny Art Reception held over the summer. Throughout the year, Leigh Callahan facilitated excellent book discussions, Ilsa Pinkson-Burke continued fun crafts for kids on Saturday mornings, and the library introduced a weekly toddler storytime on Thursday mornings. Besides programming, we expanded our collection offerings by purchasing a Billings Farm pass due to the popularity of the VINS museum pass and added a board game collection for lending.

Partnerships enabled by grants played a pivotal role in enabling collaborative programming. The Tasker Covered Bridges Fund provided funds for Summer Reading programs, where we partnered with the Cornish Elementary School library. Local businesses generously donated prizes for adults. Monadnock United Way grant was utilized for parenting materials and a parenting class held at the school. An additional \$500 Monadnock United Way grant was awarded specifically for the new toddler storytime, covering materials, training, and books.

During the course of the year, 4,728 people visited the library and we loaned out 6,604 books, 90 DVDs, 129 audiobooks, and items from the Library of Things were loaned out 65 times. Circulation also increased dramatically in Overdrive with 2,243 checkouts, up from 1,782 the year previous. Overall, it was a successful year with continued growth in library usage and expanded offerings for the community.

Stephanie McAndrew  
Librarian



## GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT 2023

2023 was a busy year for the library. The trustees:

- developed the 2023 operating budget that included a line item for library programming and increased costs for electricity and heat;
- supported the petitioned warrant article asking the Town to accept the donation of the renovated and furnished former Cornish General Store property as a new home for the Town's library;
- attended house meetings to educate Cornish citizens about their choices for library renovations in preparation for the 2023 Town Meeting;
- held open houses at the Stowell building and the former general store in anticipation of the Town vote to accept Colleen O'Neill's generous donation;
- developed an Accident Procedure policy, a Food and Beverage policy, refined the Security and Safety policy, and added them to the By-Laws and Policies manual;
- said goodbye to library trustee, Richard Scheuer, who had served for 12 years;
- welcomed Marie De Rusha, the newly-elected library trustee;
- considered what planning would be necessary for making the move to the new library;
- considered what planning would be necessary for the care and conveyance of the Stowell building through the *Cy Pres* process after the new library is completed;
- approved a Right-to-Know statement to be included with trustee emails to the public;
- began the strategic planning process with the approval of the name, "A Library for All: Transitioning to Future Spaces for the New Cornish Library and Community Center" and the development of subcommittees;

- attended the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association spring conference;
- met with Heidi Jaarsma who explained that Andrew Cushing of the N. H. Preservation Alliance would be helping her complete the paperwork for adding the Stowell building to the N. H. Register of Historic Buildings;

Respectfully submitted by the Library Trustees,  
 Laura Cousineau  
 Marie De Rusha  
 Kathryn Patterson

ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING (XX149)	\$40.95	\$42,397.41	\$41,052.35	\$1,386.01
BUILDING FUND (XX251)	\$14,722.60	\$4.42	\$0.00	\$14,727.02
DONATIONS (XX357)	\$5,708.06	\$175.68	\$4572.24	\$1,311.50
NON-LAPSING (XX520)	\$2,859.60	\$1,197.75	\$1,264.08	\$2,618.24
GRANTS	\$0.00	\$1,197.00	\$1,021.97	\$175.03
PALMER-NORELL (XX100)	\$1,006.58	\$0.30	\$0.00	\$1,006.88
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$24,337.79</b>	<b>\$43,775.56</b>	<b>\$46,888.67</b>	<b>\$21,224.68</b>

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<b>BEGINNING ACCT BALANCES:</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
CHECKING	\$40.95	\$533.58	(\$492.63)
BUILDING FUND SAVINGS	\$14,722.60	\$33,266.88	(\$18,544.28)
COPIER	\$0.00	\$220.95	(\$220.95)
DONATIONS SAVINGS	\$5,708.06	\$0.00	\$5,708.06
GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NON-LAPSING SAVINGS	\$2,859.60	\$14,103.29	(\$11,243.69)
PALMER-NORELL	\$1,006.58	\$1,006.27	\$0.31
<b>TOTAL BEGINNING ACCT BAL:</b>	<b>\$24,337.79</b>	<b>\$49,130.97</b>	<b>(\$24,793.18)</b>
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$40,155.00	\$34,160.00	\$5,995.00
UNEXPENDED PAYROLL	\$1,224.69	\$2,350.95	(\$1,126.26)
DONATIONS	\$175.00	\$12,209.66	(\$12,034.66)
BOOK SALES, ETC.	\$15.00	\$53.65	(\$38.65)
GRANTS	\$1,197.00	\$697.00	\$500.00
NON-LAPSING FUNDS	\$0.00	\$252.29	(\$252.29)
TRUST FUNDS	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS	\$8.87	\$11.17	(\$2.30)
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$43,775.56</b>	<b>\$50,234.72</b>	<b>(\$6,459.16)</b>
<b>TOTALS (BEGINNING+RECEIPTS)</b>	<b>\$68,113.35</b>	<b>\$99,365.69</b>	<b>(\$31,252.34)</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>			
ADVERTISING	\$0.00	\$38.53	(\$38.53)
ELECTRICITY	\$1,231.34	\$1,163.35	\$67.99
HEAT	\$2,948.66	\$3,132.31	(\$183.65)
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$5,180.41	\$4,030.70	\$1,149.71
LIBRARY TRAINING	\$275.00	\$84.38	\$190.62
MAINTENANCE	\$207.92	\$425.00	(\$217.08)
POSTAGE	\$224.40	\$205.20	\$19.20
PROGRAMMING	\$1,105.33	\$0.00	\$1,105.33
SALARIES	\$25,358.00	\$23,357.00	\$2,001.00
SUPPLIES	\$325.39	\$424.95	(\$99.56)
TECHNOLOGY	\$3,512.99	\$3,291.00	\$221.99
TELEPHONE	\$592.91	\$567.48	\$25.43
TRUSTEE EXPENSES	\$90.00	\$840.00	(\$750.00)
BUILDING FUND	\$0.00	\$18,558.03	(\$18,558.03)
DONATIONS FUND	\$4,572.24	\$5,878.01	(\$1,305.77)
GRANTS	\$1,021.97	\$697.00	\$324.97
NON-LAPSING FUND	\$242.11	\$12,334.96	(\$12,092.85)
PALMER-NORELL FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	<b>\$46,888.67</b>	<b>\$75,027.90</b>	<b>(\$28,139.23)</b>

*George H. Stowell Library Trustees' Financial Reports*

**ENDING ACCT BALANCES:**

CHECKING	\$1,386.01	\$40.95	\$1,345.06
BUILDING FUND SAVINGS	\$14,727.02	\$14,722.60	\$4.42
DONATIONS SAVINGS	\$1,311.50	\$5,708.06	(\$4,396.56)
GRANTS	\$175.03	\$0.00	\$175.03
NON-LAPSING SAVINGS	\$2,618.24	\$2,859.60	(\$241.36)
PALMER-NORELL	\$1,006.88	\$1,006.58	\$0.30
<b>TOTAL ENDING ACCT BAL:</b>	<b>\$21,224.68</b>	<b>\$24,337.79</b>	<b>(\$3,113.11)</b>

	2023	2023	2024	
OPERATING COSTS	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	CHANGE
ADVERTISING	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
ELECTRICITY	\$1,800.00	\$1,231.34	\$1,500.00	(\$300.00)
HEAT	\$3,500.00	\$2,948.66	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$4,200.00	\$5,180.41	\$5,000.00	\$800.00
LIBRARY TRAINING	\$500.00	\$275.00	\$400.00	(\$100.00)
MAINTENANCE	\$500.00	\$207.92	\$500.00	\$0.00
POSTAGE	\$225.00	\$224.40	\$230.00	\$5.00
PROGRAMMING	\$1,000.00	\$1,105.33	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
SALARIES	\$25,358.00	\$25,358.00	\$27,947.00	\$2,589.00
SUPPLIES	\$600.00	\$325.39	\$600.00	\$0.00
TECHNOLOGY	\$4,000.00	\$3,512.99	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
TELEPHONE	\$600.00	\$592.91	\$600.00	\$0.00
TRUSTEE EXPENSES	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$42,423.00</b>	<b>\$41,052.35</b>	<b>\$45,417.00</b>	\$2,994.00

OPERATING INCOME (ESTIMATED)	2024	2023	CHANGE
BEGINNING BALANCE (CHECKING)	\$1,386.01	\$40.95	\$1,345.06
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$42,717.15	\$40,155.00	\$2,562.15
UNEXPENDED PAYROLL	\$1,311.14	\$1,224.69	\$86.45
INTEREST	\$2.70	\$2.36	\$0.34
TRUST FUND	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$45,417.00</b>	<b>\$42,423.00</b>	<b>\$2,994.00</b>
<b>BUDGETED EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$45,417.00</b>	<b>\$42,423.00</b>	<b>\$2,994.00</b>

SALARY FIGURES:	2023	2024	2024
Librarian:	15 hrs @\$19.00	15 hrs @\$19.75	\$15,405.00
Aides:	11 hrs @\$14.00	13 hrs @\$14.50	\$9,802.00
Janitor:	1 hr @\$14.00	1 hr @\$14.50	\$754.00
Social security is figured at 6.2%.			\$1,609.58
Medicare is figured at 1.45%.			\$376.43
<b>REQUESTED TOWN APPROPRIATION :</b>	<b>\$42,717.15</b>		\$27,947.02

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2023**

This year we had some major changes within the department with help.

Most of the year we ran the Highway and Cemetery Department with 3 people doing the best we could to keeping things running smoothly.

In July, we had major washouts that we worked on roads washing and culverts washing out. Tewksbury Road was impassible when the big culvert washed downstream. We put in a temporary culvert until we could get the one we needed. There were other washouts that we worked on to get roads passable. We would like to thank the contractors that worked with us to get things back together. And, special thanks go to our Fire and Police Departments that were out there all night with us closing things off and barricading areas.

Our new 2023 dump truck will be delivered in February 2024 complete and ready to go.

We would like to thank everyone for working with us as we are trying to get back to a full crew and get projects done as needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Gray  
Road Agent

## **HISTORIC BUILDING COMMITTEE 2023**

Established in 2016, the Historic Building Committee was charged by the Selectboard to inspect historic town buildings and create a capital maintenance and improvement plan to be funded primarily by the Municipal Building Capital and Improvement Reserve Fund. The committee functions in an advisory capacity to the Selectboard. The following buildings were part of the committee's review: Trinity Church (Rt12A), Town Office Building (488 Townhouse Rd), Town Hall (294 Townhouse Rd), Little Town Hall (294 Townhouse Rd), CREA Barn (Parsonage Rd), Childs Cemetery Storage Shed (Rt120), Hearse House (Townhouse Rd), Historical Society (School St), and Meetinghouse (Meetinghouse Dr).

During the summer of 2023, repairs were made to the Town Hall. Exterior clapboards and trim, rotted doors were replaced, and a new water table was installed. The newly completed exterior carpentry work was then painted in its entirety.

The Meetinghouse was due for painting in 2024, but the committee decided to postpone the recommendation to the Selectboard while the Meetinghouse trustees deal with some issues of moisture in the crawlspace.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Storrs  
Josh Cloud  
Larry Dingee  
Dillon Gallagher  
Rich Thompson

## MEETINGHOUSE 2023

The Meetinghouse had a quiet year and hosted the traditional Memorial Day Celebration on May 30th. Luckily, the morning was rain free and was able to take place outside on the Common.

The first project addressed this year for the maintenance of the Meetinghouse was the painting of the rail fence in the Common. Patrick McGlone, for his Eagle Badge, years ago, replaced the fence with new granite posts and new railings. It was in need of painting and a group of about ten volunteers primed and painted the railings so it is back to its former glory!

The front porch deck was given its yearly maintenance coat of sealer.

The Meetinghouse was due for exterior painting this year under the schedule of the Building Capital Reserve Fund, but has been delayed until 2025 so that several issues can be addressed. The paint on the east, north, and west side of the building is in need of painting, but much less so than the south side. It was decided that the problem adversely affecting the paint on the south side was not only due to the sun (UV) and the weather, but also to moisture in the crawl space. Therefore, our focus has been on medicating the moisture issue. It was also noted that several joists in the crawlspace had fungus on them and would need to be addressed for the future integrity of the building. A volunteer work crew under John McSwain's direction, installed a rubber membrane under the west facing eaves so as to direct the water run-off away from the building. The trustees also hired a local contractor to vent the warm air from the furnace into the crawlspace and remove the insulation that had been installed in the mid-seventies. The insulation was actually creating a barrier and trapping moisture against the first floor boards. The old insulation was bagged and removed. Rich Thompson is helping to monitor the humidity level with a humidity sensor.

You may have noticed that our historic Stephen Hasham clock has not been working for a while. Do not fear! The problem was analyzed by George Edson and Rich Thompson. A new part is being handcrafted to replace a broken one. Because it is being made by hand, it is taking some time. Our goal is to see the correct time as we look at the beautiful steeple and hear the clock chiming/tolling the time once again.

The trustees are indebted to the many volunteers who help to maintain this iconic centerpiece of Cornish Flat. We also thank Susan Schad as Keeper of the Key and Rich Thompson for his help and



*The Meetinghouse Clock*

advice. The building is available for weddings, funerals, and meetings. Please contact Sue Chandler at [morraless@comcast.net](mailto:morraless@comcast.net) or Caroline Storrs at [pcstorrs@gmail.com](mailto:pcstorrs@gmail.com) for more information.

Caroline Storrs, Chairperson  
Sue Chandler, Secretary  
George Edson, Treasurer

### Cornish Meetinghouse Financial Report 2023

	Balance on Hand 1/1/2023	\$	10,544.18
Income:	Interest Income		5.00
	Donations		100.00
	Grants		0.00
	Total Income		105.00
Expenses	Electricity		250.77
	Rehabilitation Repairs		3,053.76
	Total Expenses		<u>3,304.53</u>
	Balance on Hand 12/31/2023		7,344.65



**PLANNING BOARD  
2023**

Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month, the Cornish Planning Board held hearings on two applications in 2023. Both applications were approved. In the coming year, the Board will continue its review and update of the Cornish Master Plan.

The Board would like to thank Linda Leone for her three years of service as an alternate. Currently, the Board has two open seats for alternates. Please contact the Select Board if you are interested in serving.

2023 ACTIONS

Major Subdivision

Jerry G. and Karen J. Eastman    Cook Road & NH Route 120    approved  
Rev. Trust

Site Plan Review

Ian Ochman and Elana Overland                      Center Road                      approved

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2023 MEMBERSHIP

Bill Lipfert, Chair  
Everett Cass, Vice-Chair  
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary  
Jonathan Glass, MD, FACP

Gail McKenzie  
Kellie Patterson Parry  
Linda Rice, Alternate  
Dillon Gallagher, Select Board Rep.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT 2023

The Cornish Police Department handled 1,386 calls for service during the year 2023, an increase of 389 calls, or 39%. We were happy to see our Driving While Intoxicated arrests drop to two, over a 50% decrease. Our burglaries remained at ZERO again this year, a statistic we are proud of, while our thefts increased from 11 to 12. Our domestic disturbance numbers remained at 4 for the second year. Our accidents dropped from 53 to 45. I would like to think this can be attributed to our increased motor vehicle enforcement activities. Our stops rose from 124 to 222. We made motor vehicle enforcement a priority this year. We sought and were granted two NH Highway Safety Grants, valued at \$ 12,350 that fully cover the cost of putting an officer out on our roads doing motor vehicle enforcement. Additionally, we received \$1,875.00 in NH Highway Safety Grant money to replace the aged radar in Car 2.

Speaking of Car 2, in July we were excited to take delivery of our 2023 Ford F150 Police Responder to replace our 10-year-old Explorer. Through the money

allocated at town meeting, a generous donation from Whelen Emergency Lighting, another generous donation from the Byrne Foundation, and the above-mentioned radar grant, Car 2 is completely new with only the radio being reused. The truck has already proven to be an asset to our department.



*2023 Ford F150 Police Responder*

Our department also completed the two grants we were awarded at the end of last year. Both cruisers are now equipped with an AXON in car video system, and all officers are

assigned an AXON body camera. Both of our cruisers also received a thermal imaging camera through a 100% grant from the NH Department of Justice.

Lastly, both Chief Hackett and Officer Vivian completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy of training classes. These classes are supervisory level classes that prepare your department to be led into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In closing, we ask everyone to remain alert and vigilant to unusual situations in your neighborhood and call 911 for all urgent or in process calls. For non-emergency situations, call our dispatch at (603) 543-0535. We assure you this is the best way to get immediate service from our department. Texting or emailing an officer may result in a delay, as the officer may be off duty or out of town. For administrative purposes, you can email the department at

Cornish.Police@Comcast.net, but this is not a monitored email account, and it may be several days before you get a response. Our department thanks you for your continued support.

Proudly Serving,  
 Chief E. Douglas Hackett  
 Sgt. Corey Stevens  
 Officer Justin Vivian  
 Officer Ethan J. Yazinski

**Cornish Police Department 2023 Statistics**

911 Hang Up Call	1	Kidnapping	0
Abandoned Vehicle	6	Lockout of Vehicle	2
Accident	41	Lost Property	1
Accident - Fatal	0	Medical Emergency	12
Accident with Injuries	4	Mental Health Issue	4
Administrative Relay	10	Message Delivery	1
Alcohol Arrests	1	Miscellaneous	1
Animal Complaint (Non Dog)	33	Missing Person - Adult	4
Arrest on a Warrant	6	Missing Person - Juvenile	0
Assault	3	Missing Person Returned	1
Assist Other Agency	23	Motor Vehicle Complaint	44
Attempted Paper Service	2	Motor Vehicle Stop	222
Be on Lookout	8	Motorist Assisted	12
Bomb Scare	0	Neighborhood Complaints	1
Burglar Alarm	81	Noise Complaints	2
Burglary	0	OHRV Complaint	3
Check Well Being	19	Open Door / Window	3

*Police Department 2023 Statistics, cont.*

Civil Matters	4	Out with Subject	1
Community Service	19	Out with Vehicle	17
Court Ordered Check in	0	Parking Issues	6
Criminal Mischief	7	Pistol Permits	6
Criminal Threatening	2	Police Info	18
Criminal Trespass	12	Probation Parole Issues	1
DCYF Requests	6	Property Returned to Owner	4
Department Training	4	Public Hazards	14
Directed Patrols	186	Receiving Stolen Property	0
Disabled Motor Vehicle	20	Recovered Stolen Property	1
Disorderly Conduct	11	Remove Subject	0
Dog Complaints	35	Repossession	0
Domestic Disturbance	4	Request Officer	34
Drug Violations	4	Request Transport	1
DWI Arrests	2	Restraining Order Violation	1
Escort	6	School Request Assistance	1
Extra Patrol	111	Serve Paperwork	17
Fights	0	Sex Offender Registration	24
Fingerprints	48	Sexual Assault	1
Fire Call	12	Shots Fired	4
Fish and Game Violations	4	Stalking	1
Found Property	7	Suicidal Subject	1
Fraud	11	Suicide	0
Gun Sale Denial	1	Suspicious Activity	46
Harassment All Types	2	Temporary Restraining Orders	1
Highway Matters	18	Theft	13
House Checks	42	Traffic Problems	14
Illegal Dumping / Littering	1	Untimely Death	2
Juvenile Offenses	9	Vin Checks	17
Keep the Peace	1		
		<b>Total Number of Calls</b>	<b>1386</b>

## **RECYCLING**

**2023**

The Recycle Center got electricity this year! Thanks to the Energy Committee for securing a grant to fund the solar array system. A special thanks to Joanna Sharf, Tony Newton, Bill Cable, and Richard Thompson for their countless volunteer hours installing and getting the solar system running.

The Recycle Center continues to grow with an average of 200 customers each week. We now accept Styrofoam and plastic shopping bags.

We shipped out 18 tons of crushed glass, 36 tons of cardboard, 12 tons of plastic, 25 tons of mixed paper, 38 tons of scrap metal, 120 tons of trash, 25 tons of Styrofoam.

Revenue from recyclables \$7,814.49

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Monette, supervisor

## **SPIRIT COMMITTEE 2023**

As 2023 brought more rain than usual, the flower beds needed less maintenance than the previous year. Early summer, the flower beds at the Fire Station in the Flat appreciated a thick layer of mulch. We hope this will keep down weeds and hold in moisture. Annuals from ‘In The Garden Greenhouses’ supplied color all season long. Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped beautify the garden space at the Fire Station in the Flat: Ginny Gage, Caroline Storrs, Karl Brewer, Susan Schad, Linda Leone, Char Delabar, Angela Bean, Jenny Schad, Audrey Jacquier, Cricket Downey, Judy Taylor, and Dale Lawrence.

The Cornish Spirit Committee also maintained the high raised bed at the Town Office this summer with minimal effort.

In 2024, the plan is to continue with the Flat flower beds and the one at the Town Office as well as assisting with filling Welcome Baskets for new residents in town.

If you have project ideas for The Cornish Spirit Committee, would like to become a member, or volunteer in any way, please let me know.



*Town Office Flower Bed*

With gratitude,  
Liz Gage  
Cornish Spirit Committee Chair  
[lizgagenh@gmail.com](mailto:lizgagenh@gmail.com)

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST 2023**

We continue to keep the official check list of registered voters for Cornish up to date. It is important to keep voter registration information as current as possible, so if you have a change of name or address, please let us know. If you are new in town, we encourage you to register to vote. All registered voters are registered as Democrat, Republican, or Undeclared based on their registration form.

You can register to vote or make changes when we meet or with the Town Clerk during their office hours. New voters can also register at the polls during polling hours on Election Day at the Supervisors of the Checklist table.

The State of NH requires that we meet on specific dates and times throughout the year. All our meetings are publicized in advance in Connect Cornish and on the official Town of Cornish website. There are also notices posted at the Post Office, the Library and 12% Solution Store.

We remind Voters who register as Undeclared that they must visit us at our table at the Polls after they vote to officially sign up to be returned to Undeclared status. When it is done at the Polls, it is quick and easy; if you don't do it that day, you are required to fill out a new registration form before you can change your party affiliation back to Undeclared.

Your party affiliation status is especially relevant when there is a Presidential Primary. The deadline for changing your official party affiliation for the Primary is always several months ahead of the primary so last-minute changes are not possible. We experienced many people this year arriving to vote at the Primary to find out they were registered in a party affiliation that didn't match the party affiliation they wanted to vote but were unable to change their party status because the deadline for changing had passed well before Primary Election Day.

Absentee ballots must be requested from the Town Clerk. If you have any questions about registering to vote, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Cara Decato

Jan Lord

Robin Monette

**TOWN CLERK  
2023**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped the Town of Cornish run successfully. The 2023 elections were held in the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium. In 2024, the second Tuesday of March will be the election of Town officers at the school from 10am-7pm. The following Saturday there will be a Town meeting at the school to vote on articles and petitions.

Renewals are currently available in person and through the mail.

Dog renewal notices were mailed out in early February to residents. If you are new to town please stop by the office with your dog's rabies vaccination record to obtain a license.

The State of NH requires dogs to be licensed by the end of April. If dogs are not licensed they are subject to a civil forfeiture fee.

During 2023, the following fees were collected and submitted to the Treasurer.

Motor Vehicles	\$410,275.00
Dogs, Fees and Fines	\$3,421.00
Town Clerk Services	\$2,158.30
TOTAL	\$415,854.30

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Harthan  
Town Clerk



## TOWN FOREST 2023

The forest continues to be very popular for hunting, mountain biking, hiking, trail running, snowshoeing and skiing. The Eagles Ledge lean-to is available for anyone to use. Visit the Town Forest Facebook page and [cornishnh.net](http://cornishnh.net) for info about the forest, maps, and updated management plan.

Many visitors now access easier trails in the forest via the road in from Paddy Hollow in Claremont due to past improvements. Others take advantage of year round parking with trail access via the Lipfert property on Rt 12A.

In keeping with the goal of inventorying the assets of the forest, this year Leo Maslan completed a timber cruise and accepted payment of half the normal rate, funded by an anonymous donation. Additional surveys of mammals, fungi and geological features are planned as well as ongoing additions to the varied list of flora found in the forest.

The spring meeting on April 16 featured the installation of the Tree Farm sign at the Tandy Brook trail head. The Sweet family, Eleanor and Garrison Parks, Jason and Christine Bourne, Doug Miller, Bill Palmer, Ed Woodbury, Doug Freeland, Jim Fitch, Reyer Jaarsma, and Ginny Prince completed roadside trash pickup in short order.

Ed Woodbury, Bill Palmer, Jack Williams, and Ginny Prince met on Sept. 23 to maintain the view from the lookout.

Jim and Hudson Fitch, Reyer Jaarsma, Ed Woodbury and Ginny Prince met on Oct 22 and trimmed trees encroaching on the loop road. Topics discussed included piggybacking a limited tree harvest with Bill Lipfert's upcoming work (postponed due to weather conditions), trail markers, ways to



*View of Mt. Ascutney from the Town Forest*

foster community involvement in ongoing inventory of plants in the forest, and thinning of hemlocks to encourage lady slippers which have been declining. Due

to the continued wetness, the committee decided to keep the loop road gates closed and skip mowing of the loop road and power line right of way for the year.



As in past years, the Town Forest budget includes no tax money. State law requires that spending any funds, such as this year's donations for road work, must be authorized in the warrant, so the committee is requesting permission to spend up to \$1500 for trail marking materials, gravel and other miscellaneous items for repair and construction of signs, bridges, gates etc.

Look for a link to the annual forest slide show on the Cornish website. For more information, if you're interested in youth or community projects, or to share thoughts about the Town Forest contact any committee member.

Ginny Prince, Chair: (602) 675-2129 [virginiatprince@gmail.com](mailto:virginiatprince@gmail.com)

Jim Fitch [fitchfarm@gmail.com](mailto:fitchfarm@gmail.com)

Ed Woodbury [edwoodbury@hotmail.com](mailto:edwoodbury@hotmail.com)

Reyer Jaarsma [Reyer@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Reyer@myfairpoint.net), Conservation Commission Representative

Jason Bourne, Select Board Representative

**ZONING BOARD  
2023**

There were two matters that came before the ZBA in 2023.

1. Case 23-01 Michael and Un Hui Belanger applied for an amendment to an existing special exception for a country inn/residence under Article IV, Country Inn. The applicant requested a reduction in the permitted number of guest rooms from eight to five. Also, the applicant requested a special exception under Article IV, section 17 and/or 12 of the Cornish Zoning Ordinance for a multi-use conversion/ auxiliary apartment to build a separate single level log cabin home, (1760 sq. ft.) on a portion of the existing property currently used as a country inn/residence. After hearing the Petition both special exceptions were approved.
  
2. Case # 23-02 James & Diane Liggett filed an Application for a Special Exception, under Article IV Section C (19)a, Expanded Cottage Industry, of the Cornish Zoning Ordinance. The special exception was granted.

Michael A. Fuerst, Chair  
Kate Freeland, Vice-Chair  
Merilynn Bourne, Clerk  
Kerry Osgood

Troy Simino  
Karim Chichakly, Alt.  
Lyle Parry, Alt.  
David Haseman, Alt.

## **CORNISH AGING IN PLACE (CAIP) 2023**

CAIP is a committee of Cornish volunteers who provide information and resource options to Cornish Seniors that support their wishes to age in place at home. We have an active working committee of 10 Cornish residents.

In 2023 CAIP welcomed the opportunity to meet in person once again as a committee, and to begin planning for in-person senior gatherings as well!

Early in the year the Committee updated its webpage in conjunction with the Town Website upgrade, making it easier for seniors and family members to access the Resource List, find contact information and to learn about all the services offered by CAIP.

A successful grant application to the Millar Fund provided CAIP with the means to begin coffee hours for seniors. Three discussion groups were held to identify the venues, frequency, and purpose of future senior gatherings. Our seniors made clear their need for social gatherings and gatherings to discuss together subjects of their choosing. Based on specific recommendations, CAIP now offers 2 coffee hours for seniors each month, one for social conversation and one with a themed topic based on expressed senior interests. Currently held in the former Cornish general store, these events continue in 2024. All seniors, as well as their caretakers and family members, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Two additional groups have formed based on needs identified by attendees, a monthly grief and loss support group and a weekly walking group at the Cornish school gymnasium; all meeting dates and topics are noted in regular postings in ConnectCornish.

CAIP continues to offer its original support services, including:

- Resource List
- Local Business List
- Useful Tools Course
- Outreach Services
- Medical Equipment
- Assistance with State Refunds and Senior Tax Abatements
- Emergency Contact Information Cards
- Coordination with Other Supportive Town Committees

See our regular CAIP postings on ConnectCornish, a summary of CAIP services on the last 4 pages of the Cornish phone book or visit [www.cornishnh.net](http://www.cornishnh.net) to view our webpage or visit us on Facebook. Please call any member if you have suggestions, comments, or questions.

It is our honor and privilege to assist Cornish Seniors and their families. Our current members include the following Cornish residents:

- Jan Lord, Co-Chair, (603) 675-6417
- Jody Schubert, Co-Chair, (603) 675-6081
- Leigh Callahan, (603) 543-0365
- Laura Cousineau, (603) 675-2575
- Liz Gage, (603) 675-5722
- Audrey Jacquier (603) 469-3245
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- Martha Zoerheide, (603) 675-2295

**CORNISH COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (CCI)**  
**2023**

The CCI is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Our mission is to support projects and programs that help maintain and enhance the quality of life in Cornish. Our activities include programs at the former Cornish General Store offered in collaboration with the Stowell Library, Cornish Aging in Place, and other organizations.

After the passage of Article 6 at last year's Town Meeting, the Board of the Cornish Community Initiative created three committees to begin the process of converting the former Cornish General Store to a new Cornish Library and Community Center.

The Building Committee has worked with the architect and several engineering firms to assess the existing building and finalize plans for the renovation. The plans have been submitted to a general contractor to obtain an estimated cost for the renovations. We expect to receive that cost estimate around Town Meeting.

The Fundraising Committee has been working on a strategy to raise the funds needed to implement the plans. They are contacting some potential major donors and researching potential grants. Once the cost estimate is available, the fundraising goal will be announced and ways to make contributions will be posted on the CCI website. ([www.cornishci.org](http://www.cornishci.org)) Our mail address is PO Box 123, Cornish Flat, NH 03746.

The Finance Committee manages the funds received, prepares reports for the CCI Board and the IRS. It is also in the process of developing a CCI Accounting Manual. As noted in the discussion of Article 6, Laird Klingler had pledged \$375,000 to this project; his estate honored that pledge. Additional donations, pledges and grants bring the total raised to date to more than \$500,000.

Respectfully submitted,  
CCI Board of Directors  
Yadin Flammer  
Cindy Heath  
Keith Mullane  
Colleen O'Neill  
Daniel Poor

## **CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION 2023**

This was our 73<sup>rd</sup> year in bringing the best little fair and largest 4-H dairy show in the State of New Hampshire. We did have another great year. Our attendance numbers were still about average for a typical year. The weather for this year almost seemed like the complete four seasons. We started off with Spring as it rained on Friday morning making things a little muddy. Then into Fall on Saturday as things were much cooler than normal. And ending with Summer on Sunday as we had a nice warm sunny day. We also were able to bring back the Woodsman Competition and we had a great turnout. This new group provided us with lots to enjoy. They provided some great education and safety information, but they also had some great game competitions which were so fun to watch. Make sure you come out and see them next year. We made a change to our Friday schedule so that we could have great entertainment on Friday night. This turned out to be a great change for everyone.

### Weather:

Friday (18<sup>th</sup>) – Cloudy skies with Heavy Rain in AM. High around 78.

Saturday (19<sup>th</sup>) – Cloudy skies. High around 66.

Sunday (20<sup>th</sup>) – Partly sunny. High around 82.

Theme for 2023: Sunflowers

### New Entertainment and Attraction changes for 2023:

- Dylan Tenney Magic Show (Magic Show)
- Catfish Holy Zydeco Band (Blues, Rock, and Country)
- Second Wind (Soft Rock)
- NJ Snake Man (Snake Education)
- Back in Black (AC/DC Tribute Band)
- The Little Mermen (Disney Tribute Band)
- Rust & Ruin (70's Retro Band)
- Bill Brink Music (Acoustic Folk)
- Clint Pecor (Classic Rock)
- ZBTB – Zac Brown Tribute Band (Country)
- Fleetwood Macked (Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band)
- Nick's Other Band (Southern Rock, R&B, Pop, and Soul)

### Improvements for 2023:

With our long-time Stone House resident leaving us, we took an opportunity to get in there and do a much-deserved overhaul of the upstairs area. We removed

all the carpet and put down vinyl flooring making it much easier to maintain as carpets have a limited lifespan. We also totally gutted and rebuilt the bathroom (floor, shower, vanity, etc.). Repainted the entire downstairs area.

We added 3 new sets of bleachers. Two were put over on the hill by the Whelen Pavilion and 1 was put by the Horse Ring. Upgraded the fair office phone and added internet. This change allowed us to make it easier to provide an online conference call during our monthly director's meetings, but also to provide cell phone coverage using Wi-Fi.

We implemented the ability to purchase tickets using a credit card at our Town Hall gate. This was a huge lifesaver for some, and the process went very smoothly. We'll continue to review and see if we can add this feature to other gates in the future.

We added a new permanent building to the fairgrounds, the Cornish Fair History Museum. Although we did not have enough time to get it 100% ready by fair time, it will be ready for 2024. There is still lots to do, but we know you'll find some great stuff to see and reminisce about.

We updated the drainage pipe from the 4-H Ice Cream and Milking Parlor building. In the Speaker's Booth, they added a few new things this year: Rain ponchos, hooded sweatshirts, Cornish Fair shopping bags/totes.

### Community Service

Our Community Service Program allows anyone (especially High School students) to earn community service time by helping the fair. For High School students, most require a specified amount of volunteer time as part of their graduation requirements. We will be looking to increase our participation with the local schools this year. If anyone needs community service time, please contact us.

### Scholarships

Each year we provide scholarships to Cornish High School Seniors as they get ready to attend a college (whether it be for a Community College degree program, a two-year college degree program, a four-year college degree program or even an online college degree program). If you would like to submit for a scholarship, please contact us through the information found on our website ([www.cornishfair.org](http://www.cornishfair.org)).

### Donations

We would sincerely like to thank those individuals and organizations that donated to the Cornish Fair during the year. Your thoughtful gift of support allows us to make improvements in many different areas. Most of our donations are requests to improve many venues throughout the fairgrounds and we certainly cannot do it alone.



## Feedback

The Directors would like to hear any feedback (positive or negative) at any time. We are looking for community input and feedback during our annual September meetings, which is the first directors' meeting after the fair. But we would like to have your thoughts and ideas as soon as you think of them. And we'd appreciate it if you'd just take a quick moment and reach out and let us know so you don't forget it. Our contact information is on our website ([www.cornishfair.org](http://www.cornishfair.org)).

As always, we would like to thank all the Fair Directors, the wonderful volunteers and of course our sponsors that help make the fair happen each year. Please check out our Facebook page as well as our website ([www.cornishfair.org](http://www.cornishfair.org)) for information, updates, and schedules. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's fair on August 16, 17 and 18, 2024.

Theme for 2024: Mills

Little Fair, Big Fun!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Glenn Thornton  
Cornish Fair Association Secretary

**CONNECTICUT RIVER – MOUNT ASCUTNEY LOCAL RIVER  
SUBCOMMITTEE  
Annual Report 2023**

The Mount Ascutney Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) meets every two months and consists of up to two volunteers nominated by riverfront municipalities, with allowance for alternates. Throughout 2023, the Subcommittee has maintained a hybrid meeting format where a quorum of participating municipalities is required to be present in person. Current members of Vermont are Judy Howland and Dan Nelson from Hartland, William Manner and Kelly Stettner from Springfield, Howard Beach from Weathersfield, and Michael Metivier and Jim Bennett from Windsor, and openings in Rockingham. Current members of New Hampshire are John Streeter from Charlestown, Jeffrey Plant from Cornish, David Taylor from Plainfield, and David Bailey in Claremont. Those with only one representative have an opening for a second volunteer. During 2023, David Taylor from Plainfield served as chair. Meetings and events are open to the public.

Mount Ascutney is one of the five subcommittees a part of the CRJC since 1989. The Subcommittees provide a local voice to help steward the resources on or affecting the Connecticut River, particularly on topics related to the maintenance of good water quality, wildlife habitat, and appropriate development. Specific responsibilities include providing feedback on proposed permits and plans to NH Department of Environmental Services, VT Agency of Natural Resources, and municipalities. In addition, CRJC is responsible for maintaining a bi-state watershed plan.

During 2023, Mount Ascutney engaged on several issues. Permits that were reviewed include herbicide or pesticide use in proximity to the River, boat landing management, a farm store development in Hartland, and industrial park buildout in Windsor. Mount Ascutney continues to monitor the Bellows Falls Dam relicensing process, as well as a potential bicycle corridor along VT Route 5.

CRJC supported outreach efforts in service of the Connecticut River, including the Making Room series: Planning for those who are here and those on their way; as well as the Connecticut River Watershed Partnership meeting in coordination with Friends of Conte. Further, Mount Ascutney supported water quality monitoring efforts along the Connecticut River.

In 2024, Mount Ascutney will continue their activities in management, outreach, and learning for the Connecticut River. Mount Ascutney welcomes local participation in permit reviews, educational events, watershed planning, and water quality monitoring. If you are interested to learn more, please contact us at [info@crjc.org](mailto:info@crjc.org).

## **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 2023**

The Friends of the Cornish Library first met in April 2022 and elected the following officers: David Kruidenier, Chair; Judith Kaufman, Vice Chair; Mary O'Connor, Treasurer; Carla Boyington, Secretary.

Our mission statement is: To maintain a membership of persons and businesses supportive of the Stowell Free Library of Cornish, NH, to support and cooperate with the Library in developing, maintaining, and enhancing facilities, resources, and services for the public, to stimulate the use of the Library's facilities, resources and services, to encourage gifts, endowments and bequests for the benefit of the Library, to encourage our members' intellectual growth by increasing Library use and enjoyment, supporting special projects for continued education and learning for all Cornish residents, and to support the freedom to read as expressed in the American Library Association's Bill of Rights.

Funding and publicity efforts have included Special Exhibitions at the Cornish Fair, bake sales at the town-wide Yard Sale, monthly or bi-monthly bake sales at the former Cornish Store, and a White Elephant Sale. A special event such as David Kruidenier's talk on the History of Cornish Libraries was popular and well-attended.

Monies raised have provided free passes to the Billings Farm and Museum and to VINS and have supported many popular library events. We successfully raised new funds in our current fiscal year for a total of \$3,531 to be used for Library needs and to comply with our mission.

The Friends of the Cornish Library welcomes all members of the community and appreciates the many excellent bakers who have contributed to the bake sales.

Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 pm at the former Cornish Store.

We welcome new Friends.

David Kruidenier

Judith Kaufman

Mary O'Connor

Carla Boyington

## **GARDEN CLUB 2023**

The Cornish Garden Club, now in its 70th year, has enjoyed beautifying the town through flowers. Thanks to our many dedicated members who continue to plant flowers in Bernie's Garden, which is in front of the Meetinghouse, in front of the Stowell Library, the Cornish Town Office, the Cornish Town Hall and in the small welcoming garden located across from the NH entrance to the Cornish/Windsor Covered Bridge.

We have had several very interesting and enjoyable speakers in 2023. In April, Carolyn Dugas gave a presentation entitled: Eat Your Weeds: Nutritious and Delicious Weed Control! In June we traditionally co-host a program with the Cornish Historical Society. This year the presentation was given by the Kearsarge Indian Museum which included artifacts of the Native Culture of the Northeastern Woodlands tribes. The presentation featured birch bark containers, moose hair embroidery and split ash basketry. Our September program was given by Martha Mitchell. She held a plant and animal walk around CREA which was followed by a wonderful talk. Our final program of the year was presented by two talented garden club members. Linda Hallock presented her work with Winter Seed Sowing and Kathy Wall presented her work on Designing with Dried Flowers.

In addition to our programs that are open to the public which feature speakers, the Cornish Garden Club holds annual club gatherings for 'members only' such as the delicious Pot Luck Dinner and exciting Plant and Garden Related Items Silent Auction held in May, the July club picnic and the December Yankee Swap/Food Drive for the Cornish/Windsor/Plainfield Food Pantries. It's a fun Club!

The club runs the Flower Show at the Cornish Fair in August. This year was especially beautiful and the raffle was a huge success, thanks to the many local businesses who donate fabulous items and gift certificates! Thanks also to the many hard working members who put in a lot of time, effort and spirit in bringing the raffle and the flower show to life for the fair weekend!

The club donates to very important causes each year and this year the club made a donation to the Cornish Community Assistance Program and the Cornish Boy Scouts.

The club is always open to new members. If you are interested, please email our President, Peggy Heath [Ogilvypogilvy@comcast.net](mailto:Ogilvypogilvy@comcast.net)

Elected officers for the upcoming year: 2024

President - Peggy Ogilvy

Vice President - Martha Zoerheide

Treasurer - Audrey Jacquier

Secretary - Robin Robicheau

Poem Master - Ros Seidel

Fair Committee - Jody Schubert

Raffle - Robin Robicheau

Speaker Committee - Sue Fitch

## CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023

The Cornish Historical Society continued its mission to collect, preserve and make accessible the artifacts and documents chronicling our town's rich history. We organized four well-attended programs that included:

Alan Hoffman's talk on Lafayette and Human Rights; a presentation by representatives from the Kearsarge Indian Museum on the Native Culture of the Northeastern Woodlands tribes (co-sponsored with the Garden Club); a walking tour of Charlie Shurcliff's historic home and property - the Hildreth/Pike/Nichols barn and fields; and John Dryfhout's talk on Robert and Katharine Barrett and their house, Tanager House (aka, the Glass House). We also co-sponsored with the Plainfield Historical Society a presentation by Bev and Bob Widger on Cornish Colony houses that took place at the Plainfield town hall in November.

For half the year, the history center on School St. was open on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month for researchers, genealogists, and townspeople to explore and utilize our collections. We also hosted a visit by the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class from Cornish Elementary School who were inquisitive and interested in many of our artifacts.

A photograph from our collection of Ernest Harold Baynes material appeared in the new Ken Burns documentary, *The American Buffalo*. See if you can spot it!



*Another buffalo photograph from our collection.*

We renewed our agreement with Saint-Gaudens for the long-term loan of works of art, books, and photographs by Cornish colony members that remain on display at the history center.

Past CHS president Stu Hodgeman facilitated the donation of a number of valuable items from the estate of Anne Tracy, daughter of Stephen Tracy, one of the founding members of the Cornish Historical Society. The items included two David Hilliard rifles, maps, papers, and three Elmer Bartlett paintings on glass. We

also received donations from Frank Ackerman and from a local historical society. Please get in touch with the CHS if you have material to donate.

Expenditures by the society are made in alignment with our mission and our duty of care to the collection. In 2023, the society spent \$2,015 making capital improvements to the history center building, which is owned by the Town. Grants totaling \$1,400 were made in support of the Cornish Elementary School 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C., trip, the Saint-Gaudens summer concert series, and in support of the preservation and care of works of art owned by the Town of Cornish.

CHS officers remain: President - David Kruidenier; Vice Presidents - Daisy Yatsevitch and Bill Caterino; Secretary - Caroline Storrs; and Treasurer - Heidi Jaarsma.

Respectfully submitted, David Kruidenier

## **LAKE SUNAPEE VNA AND HOSPICE 2023**

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the entire team at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice, personal care, clinics, support groups and more in 2023. We remain proud of our organization's culture of respect and our ability to respond to community need in a complex world. Medicare regulations related to how we care for patients and, in turn, are reimbursed changed in consequential ways last year. Responding to these new guidelines, which impact care plans and many processes, is a core focus of our updated strategic plan. While competition for staff, especially nurses, remains fierce, we successfully recruited a significant number of RN Case Managers in 2023. Retention of employees also remained a priority, and we saw an average retention rate last year of 90%, well above industry averages. We continued to offer a variety of meaningful employee benefits such as resources to help defray the cost of health care premiums and the establishment of a well-received car care fund to help staff maintain their vehicles and remain safe on the roads (staff drive 500,000 +/- miles annually delivering care in 25+ area towns!). The past year also welcomed the return of the beloved Women Who Make A Difference Luncheon and the much-needed Good Day Respite Program. Also in 2023, we created a unique partnership with New London Barn Playhouse to offer innovative workshops to address needs of caregivers. I am proud to report that for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2023, we served residents of Cornish in the following ways:

- Provided skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and supportive care to 21 residents;
- Provided free/reduced cost nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents; visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 65% of cost);
- Provided 14 months of bereavement programming to hospice families after the death of their loved one at no cost to the family, as well as several support groups to help people through the grieving process;

- With the expertise of both a palliative nurse practitioner and a palliative care registered nurse (LSRVNA is the only local home care agency with these dedicated positions), patients and their families continued to benefit from our Palliative Care Program, helping them understand and navigate advanced illness;
- Foot Care Clinics were offered in six communities, in response to a general lack of access to this important care.

With so many challenges, our gratitude for those who help sustain LSRVNA as an enduring presence is enormous. Our dedicated team of frontline caregivers and behind the scenes employees, as well as generous community partners like you, keep us strong in service to our community. We understand that your funds, like ours, are limited. This makes us even more grateful for your ongoing confidence and your consideration of funding this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or if there are other ways we may be of service to you and your Town's residents.

With respect,

Jim Culhane, President & CEO  
603-526-4077  
[jculhane@lakesunapeevna.org](mailto:jculhane@lakesunapeevna.org)



**CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD**  
**1974-2024**

We are proud to say this year marks 50 years of service for the Cornish Rescue Squad. We are one of very few in New England who are operated by volunteers and run by donations.

Over the last 10 years we have seen an increase in emergencies for our small Squad, from an average of 200 calls per year to a record number of 264 calls in 2023. These calls were a mix between lift assists, car accidents, CPR, injured hikers, dog bites, welfare checks, sick persons, car accidents, and mutual aid to structure fires.

Thank you to the residents of Cornish and Plainfield for your generous donations.

Cornish Rescue Squad is a volunteer, privately run nonprofit, that runs solely by your donations. Without these donations we would not be able to operate.

If you are interested in becoming an EMT, or already have your license, and would like to join the Rescue Squad, please contact Chris Chilton or Jon Hackett.

Have a happy and healthy 2024! As always, don't hesitate to call us for help. Our members are ready and willing to help when needed.

Thank you again for your support,  
Chris Chilton, President  
Jon Hackett, Vice President

## SAINT-GAUDENS MEMORIAL 2023

The Saint-Gaudens Memorial is the nonprofit partner of the Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park in Cornish, NH. Our mission is to create initiatives for public benefit that connect past with present and celebrate the life and art of the great American sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907).

We are enormously proud of our 105-year history and our strong collaborative relationship with the only National Park Service property in New Hampshire.

We had a very successful season in 2023, including a series of eight Sunday concerts in the Little Studio, two art exhibitions in the Picture Gallery and, in collaboration with the park, sculptor-in-residence workshops, popup activities with student artists-in-residence, and STEAM camp, with hands-on learning about science and the arts for 7th-9th graders. Behind the scenes we provided a scholarship to an Upper Valley student going to study art in college, funded the conservation of several objects in the park's museum collection, and presented the Saint-Gaudens Fellowship - a significant financial prize to an emerging artist who demonstrates exceptional talent. Programs for 2024 are well into the planning stages.

New this year will be another collaborative effort with the park at Blow-Me-Down Farm. With funds from the late SGM Trustee Mary Kaplan and the J.M. Kaplan Fund, we have created a small endowment, the earnings from which will be used to fund park-recommended improvements at BMDF. This year the approved work includes replacement of specimen trees, a new entrance gate, and rehabilitation of the entrance roadway. We look forward to being able to support enhancement and enjoyment of this property into the future.

We are grateful for the excellent staff at the park, including Superintendent Rick Kendall; Deputy Superintendent Christina Marts; Supervisory Curator Luisa Dispenzirie; Visitor and Resource Program Manager Rainey McKenna; and SGNHP Curator Kathryn Blackwell. We also want to thank our Community Liaisons Dillon Gallagher, Heidi Jaarsma, and Cheston Newbold, who help keep lines of communication open between the residents of the Cornish, the park and the SGM, and all in the local community who support the SGM, the park and our shared goals.

## SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK 2023

The 2023 season at Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park (the park) continued normal operations. All gallery buildings, Aspet, and the Visitor Center were open for the public's enjoyment. In total, the park welcomed approximately 30,000 visitors. We were pleased to welcome back Sean Hunter Williams as the Sculptor-in-Residence. He enhanced the workshops and reinvigorated Sculptural Visions. We also piloted a Student Artist-in-Residence program – the students crafted a legacy project and provided family-friendly Art in the Park activities multiple days per week.

The Sunday Concert Series, sponsored by the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, continued its in-person format at the Little Studio with supplemental live-streaming. The series included eight diverse offerings including Garifuna



*Sunday Concert Series*

Collective, a multi-generational world group from Belize, and Layake Chaker, whose compositions intersect Arabic music with classical contemporary and jazz.

The rotating exhibitions, sponsored by the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, in the Picture Gallery were also well-received. Eto Otitigbe, an artist of Uhrobo cultural heritage,

presented *Ughegbe (mirror)* in the gallery's first slot. Otitigbe's polymedia art interweaves Afrofuturism, architecture, organic materials, science fiction, and technology to create drawings and sculptures that speculate on our present relationship with the natural environment. The second exhibition, *The Nature of Memory*, featured artwork by Nancy Winship Milliken who finds inspiration in our age-old relationship with nature to consider ecological questions in the present. Her sculpture addresses complex issues involved in sustainable living, as well as collaboration with artisans and farmers using natural materials.

The partnership with Opera North continues to prove successful. They again held their "Summerfest" music and theatre festival at Blow-Me-Down Farm,

where they offered multiple performances of their three-show seasonal run. They continued to incorporate a circus performance into a family-friendly show. Opera North continues their renovation efforts on the Blow-Me-Down Farm Casino house.

The park completed a variety of maintenance projects last year, including entrance trail rehabilitation (due to storm damage) and Visitor Center roof replacement. The Historic Preservation Training Center removed eight columns from the Little Studio's Pergola; the repaired columns will return in the spring.

The park accepted several donated works of art this year, including a plaster relief depicting the Gilder Family and two marble busts sculpted by Saint-Gaudens early in his career while in Rome. Skylight Studios toned Amor Caritas in the Atrium in August. American Alliance of Museum's Accreditation Commission granted reaccreditation to the park in July. The park is also a co-organizer in partnership with



*Plaster relief depicting the Gilder Family (Richard W., Helena DeKay, and Rodman)*

the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, Chesterwood, and the American Federation of Arts for Monuments and Myths: The America of Sculptors Augustus Saint-Gaudens and Daniel Chester French, a traveling exhibition that examines the intersecting significance of the two foremost American sculptors of the Gilded Age. The exhibition made its first stop this year in Auburn, Alabama, in May 2023.

The park would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Cornish Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Police Department for their support of events held at the park and responding to emergencies as needed. We remain deeply appreciative for your partnership.

Please do not hesitate to stop by or call the park if there is some way we can be of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Kendall, Superintendent

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following is a list of scholarships available in the Town of Cornish. Because each has a different criteria, it is best to contact the person listed. All students, including homeschoolers, are encouraged to apply.

- CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION – \$500 Contact a Fair Director
- CORNISH FIRE ASSOCIATION – 2/\$500 Contact Joel Kinne
- CORNISH OLD HOME DAY – Debbie Stone
- JAMES BREWSTER FITCH – Contact SAU 100
- MASONIC LODGE – Contact Larry Sprague
- MERCER FUND – Contact Cornish Board of Selectmen
- ROGER & JAMES NAPSEY - \$500 Contact Stevens or Windsor High School.

## **SENIOR LUNCH 2023**

2023 was the 24<sup>th</sup> year of preparing a monthly luncheon for the "over 60" people of Cornish. We do welcome Plainfield residents, who occasionally join us.

Our summer outing with Plainfield in August was a luncheon cruise on Lake Sunapee. Many thanks to the Millar Fund for helping sponsor this annual gathering. Thanks also to Butler Transportation for donating a bus and driver for those who didn't care to drive to Sunapee.

Claremont Savings Bank sponsored our annual Christmas dinner in December. VP Carol Vivian introduced several staff ladies who then served a delicious turkey dinner catered by Leo's Market. Simply Sharon donated favors which we filled with candy for each attendee.

Many thanks to the many anonymous donors who sponsored meals throughout the year.

We are still dealing with the water problem at the Town Hall and have to bring water in for cooking food and making coffee. We no longer have to take dirty pans home to wash!

We are looking forward to the Cornish School 8<sup>th</sup> graders helping serve in 2024.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or would like to volunteer, please contact me.

Audrey Jacquier, Coordinator  
(603) 469-3245

## **SULLIVAN COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION 2023**

The Sullivan County Cooperative Extension Advisory Council is reaching out to the town of Cornish to let the community know we are here to assist them.

The Community and Economic Development Specialist has been working to make the Sugar River Region more recognized as a distinct area of New Hampshire. Monthly events are being held around the county to make people aware of the many interesting sights and places in the Sugar River Area.

The Food and Agriculture staff work with landowners and farmers with information on federal programs and hands-on training with production, soil testing, and networking. Sugaring is an important source of income for many of our small landowners. Forestry and natural resources assist landowners free of charge to help you achieve your woodlot objectives including forestry, recreation, wildlife habitat, water resources, scenic beauty and income.

The 4-H Program Manager's connections include 16 community/county partnerships connecting youth to community needs and existing community supports. Youth participate in 4H clubs, after-school programs, teen leadership, and community service.

The Health and Well-Being Specialist has reached over 80 residents through mental health and resiliency training. Expanded programming includes an online Wellness Wheel personal assessments and Boost Your Brain and Memory program for older adults.

UNH works in all counties throughout the state at county Extension offices. They also provide programs to highlight local farm stands and farmers markets. A recent publication, a newsletter in the format of a small newspaper, is formatted to highlight a wide range of things to see and do.

The advisory council volunteers serve for a limited time. This means we are always looking for new members from the communities to provide fresh insight into the needs in Sullivan County.

You can find more information through Extension's Sullivan County webpage and the Sullivan County's Facebook page.

### Advisory Council Members

Russ Edwards, Chair, Croydon  
Tanya McIntire, Secretary, Grantham  
Hope Damon, State Council Rep.,  
Sunapee  
Paul Etkind, Grantham  
Commissioner George Hebert, Goshen

Stephanie Schell, Meriden  
Jeff Snitkin, Newbury  
Donna Stamper, Grantham  
William Weeks, Grantham  
Michele Kroll, Sullivan County Office  
Admin.

## **WILLING HANDS**

### **2023**

Cornish Willing Hands is held each Wednesday at the Cornish Town Hall starting at 11:30 AM. This resource is available to anyone, regardless of what community people reside in. The majority of people coming are residents of Cornish, Plainfield, and Meriden. With the cost of foods continuing to increase, the number of patrons accessing Cornish Willing Hands averages in the mid-twenties or higher weekly.

We take pride in having a location that welcomes people whose only goal is to stretch their budget, eat healthy, and maintain their independence. The order in which people select their food is decided on randomly each week using different colored tokens.

On a weekly basis, we provide a variety of healthy snacks and breakfast items for Cornish Elementary students. This program is coordinated with the school nurse.

Along with our usual donations, we receive donations of produce from local gardens, and also of eggs. We greatly appreciate these. Donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the Town Hall any time after 10:30 AM on any Wednesday. Any surplus of foods is shared with the Claremont Soup Kitchen.

Much thanks goes out to the group of volunteers who donate their time every Wednesday. Thanks also go out to Mike Monette who picks up our recycling each week.

For further information contact Pam Annis at (603) 361-7312

**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2023**



Freya Morin  
3rd  
Marker & Watercolor



**ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

**OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MODERATOR**

Daniel Poor

**DISTRICT CLERK**

Shelly Foston

**TREASURER**

Kaya Meenaugh

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**

Hillary Ackerman  
(Term expires 2025)

Alexys Wilbur  
(Term expires 2026)

Melissa Drye  
(Term expires 2026)

Justin Ranney, Board Chair  
(Term expires 2024)

Jason Tetu  
(Term expires 2024)

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**CORNISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Karin Denholm

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**CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Sydney Leggett

**DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES**

Amy Dressler

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR**

Beth Bierwirth

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Sullivan, ss:                   School District of Cornish**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary School in Cornish, New Hampshire, on Saturday the Ninth of March, 2024, at 1 p.m. to act on the following subjects.

- Article I.                   To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, each for one-year terms, and 2 School Board member(s), (each) for a three (3) year term.
  
- Article II.                 To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
  
- Article III.                To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the recommended amount of FIVE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$5,434,466) for the support of schools, for the payment salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for the payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$5,218,347 for the general fund, \$128,019 for the school lunch fund, and \$88,100 for the federal projects fund. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority Vote Required) (The Cornish School Board Recommends this Action)
  
- Article IV.                To see if the Cornish School District will vote to establish a Cornish Elementary School Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the Cornish Elementary School building and grounds and to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund from the June 30, 2024 unassigned fund balance, no amount to be raised through taxation. Further, to name the Cornish School Board as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required) (The Cornish School Board Recommends this Action)

- Article V. To see if the Cornish School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be added to the Cornish School Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) if Article V passes. (Majority vote required) (The Cornish School Board Recommends this Action)
- Article VI. To see if the Cornish School District will vote to create a Cooperative School District Planning Committee pursuant to RSA 195:18, I (a) which will collaborate with the Plainfield School District on a Cooperative School Board Planning Committee to study the feasibility and advisability of a Cooperative District. There is no appropriation required by this Article. (Majority vote required). (The Cornish School Board Recommends this Action)
- Article VII To see if the Cornish School District will vote to create a Middle School Consolidation Study Committee to study the feasibility and advisability of jointly serving the needs of the Districts' students with the students of the Plainfield School District in grades 6-8, including the possibility of consolidating students into one school, and further to submit a report or reports of its findings and recommendations to the Cornish School Board. (Majority vote required) (The Cornish School Board Recommends this Action)
- Article VIII To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Cornish this 29th day of January 2024.

**A True Copy Attest:**

*Justin Ranney, School Board Chair*  
*Alexys Wilbur, School Board Vice Chair*  
*Melissa Dye, School Board Member*  
*Jason Fetu, School Board Member*  
*Hillary Ackerman, School Board Member*  
 Cornish School Board



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**CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WARRANT  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

To the inhabitants of the School District of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary School in Cornish, New Hampshire on Saturday the Ninth of March 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to act on the following subjects:

Article I: To choose by ballot a Moderator, a School District Clerk and a Treasurer each for a one-year term; Two School Board Members for a three-year term. (Polls will open at 10 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.)

Given unto our hands at said Cornish this 29th day of January 2024.

**A True Copy Attest:**

*Justin Ranney, Chair*  
*Alexys Wilbur, Vice Chair*  
*Melissa Drey*  
*Jason Tetu*  
*Hillary Ackerman*  
Cornish School Board



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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 11, 2023**

The Annual Meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H. was held March 11, 2023 at the Cornish Elementary School. Six Articles were considered:

Article 01: Election of District Officers

Article 02: Hearing of Reports

Article 03: Main Operating Budget

Article 04: Tuition Agreements for Grades 9-12

Article 05: Funding for Structural Roof Study

Article 06: Other Business

Details about the presentation, discussion, and result of each Article are included below. These minutes from the meeting were recorded by the School District Clerk, Shelly Foston.

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**Article 01 Election of District Officers**

To elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, each for one (1) year terms, and two (2) School Board members, each for a three (3) year term.

School District Moderator Daniel Poor swore in the Ballot Clerks and opened the polls at 10:00 am for voting on Article 1. Throughout the day, poll workers included Judith Bonneau, Lois Fitts, Keith Foston, Audrey Jacquier, and Peter Lynch. Supervisors of the Checklist were in attendance while the polls were open. Moderator Poor closed the polls at 7:00 pm.

**Results:** 125 Ballots were cast (10 of which were absentee)

Daniel Poor re-elected Moderator (1-yr) with 120 votes

Shelly Foston elected School District Clerk (1-yr) with 118 votes

Carleah “Kaya” Meenagh re-elected Treasurer (1-yr) with 122 votes

Melissa Drye re-elected to the School Board (3-yrs) with 99 votes

Alexys Wilbur re-elected to the School Board (3-yrs) with 101 votes

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The business portion of the School District Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. School Board Chair, Justin Ranney, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ranney then introduced the members of the School Board and the administrative staff of SAU 100. School Board members in attendance were Hillary Ackerman, Justin Ranney, Jason Tetu, and Alexys Wilbur. SAU 100 staff in attendance were Facilities Director Aaron Newman, Principal Karin Denholm, Superintendent Sydney Leggett, and Business Administrator Beth Bierwirth.

### **Article 02 Hearing of Reports**

To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

The School Board recommends this action.

Moved: Justin Ranney Second: Jason Tetu

**Discussion:** The Facilities Committee offered a report on the well project and funding. They noted that all possible contingencies have been included in the federal grant application to the PFAS Remediation Grant and Loan Fund, Part of the American Rescue Plan Act. This is because there is only one opportunity to apply for this funding. The Committee shared that the grant has been approved and work is currently underway to finalize the site survey. Bill Wall expressed strong concern about having a well at our school, regardless of whether it tests clean, without a filtration system. Jason Tetu provided additional information about the nature of the grant application, saying that to qualify for the funds the steps must be taken in order.

**Results:** The voice vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

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### **Article 03 Main Operating Budget**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five million and eighty thousand three hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$5,080,388) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for the payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New

Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$4,824,638 for the general fund, \$111,750 for the school lunch fund, and \$144,000 for the federal projects fund.

The School Board recommends this action. Majority vote required.

Moved: Justin Ranney    Seconded: Alexys Wilbur

**Discussion:** Alexys Wilbur presented an overview of school history, facility, testing and performance. She noted that student testing performance is currently in the top 5%<sup>1</sup> of NH schools in reading/language arts proficiency and top 10% overall rank. After reviewing the recent past student population, test scores, and cost trajectory of Cornish and nearby schools, Ms. Wilbur noted that Cornish seems to be at a good place to look to the future. Cornish School has developed a “portrait of a graduate” which recognizes that success includes the ability to engage with the world, work well with peers, be successful in life, and give back to the community. Ms. Wilbur noted that the student population is currently trending upward. She went on to say that despite what appears to be an overall upward trend, student test scores showed a decline during Covid. She shared that the school is pursuing Covid recovery funds and has applied for grant funding to help with this. Ms. Wilbur referred to working with Plainfield and Grantham to capture best practices.

The budget covers discretionary and non-discretionary categories of education, staffing, and facility. Ms. Wilbur walked through the main budget items, including teacher salaries and benefits, which were approved as part of the collective bargaining agreement, an addition of a .5 technology staff person because the current contract is ending, the roof study, and project to replace the well (which is funded via a federal grant).

She highlighted three projects in the facilities category:

- 1) roof: requesting a full engineering analysis of the roof (with the note that that new state and federal funds are available for school infrastructure projects);
- 2) well: grant has been approved, the final report is to be submitted to the state and the well drilled; and

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<sup>1</sup> *After the meeting, the Clerk was asked by the presenter to reflect in the minutes the following correction: NH is currently in the top 30% (not 5%) of NH schools in reading/language arts proficiency.*

3) outdoor education: outdoor classroom has been built with volunteer labor and materials, the school is looking to revive the area around it.

Namone Pike asked for clarification about the performance data and requested more information to understand how the data presented appeared so different from the school's I-Ready results. Sandy Guest, noting that literacy results are done, encouraged everyone to use the library. Jody Shubert asked to what the School Board attributes the performance improvements. Ms. Wilbur responded by referring back to the corresponding time of becoming our own school District and the autonomy that choice provided with regard to selecting the most appropriate testing and curriculum materials. Tricia Kruidenier asked if the cost trajectory and other overview numbers presented were per capita or total; the response being that the numbers presented are total figures. Linda Furst mentioned that the outdoor classroom and related work is an excellent example of the community coming together to do something that benefits the school without adding to the tax burden. She highlighted that among others, Richard Thompson and Tony Newton volunteered and LaValleys contributed lumber

Members of the school board then presented the details of the budget and each section was followed by time for questions and comments.

*Regular Instruction:* presented by Alexys Wilbur. She noted in particular that the increase brings teacher salaries closer to the state average and that it adds .6 music instruction and .4 PE/health. Laura Pringano (the school nurse) clarified that in addition to the new position, Ms. Pringano is a health certified educator, this was acknowledged.

*Special Education* presented by Alexys Wilbur. She explained the difference between 504 and IEP and noted that these budget items are federally mandated. No questions.

*Co-Curricular* presented by Jason Tetu. No questions.

*Guidance* presented by Hillary Ackerman. No questions.

*Health* presented by Hillary Ackerman. No questions.

*Staff and Curriculum Development* presented by Alexys Wilbur. She explained that the increase is from the collective bargaining agreement. No questions.

*Library* presented by Jason Tetu. No questions.

*Information Services* presented by Jason Tetu. The SAU is working toward hiring a full time technology director to be shared with Plainfield because the current contract with Windsor is ending. No questions.



*School Board* presented by Justin Ranney. No Questions.

*SAU office* presented by Justin Ranny. The budget covers a partially grant-funded curriculum coordinator position to be shared with Grantham and Plainfield. No questions.

*School Administration* presented by Justin Ranney. No questions.

*Benefits* In response to a summary of employee benefits from across the budget, Lois Fitts asked what portion of benefits employees pay, particularly related to individual vs. family plans. Beth Bierwirth provided the percentage paid for individual, two person, and family health insurance plans and the percentage paid for mandatory retirement savings. Nancy Whiteman asked if the State of New Hampshire is stepping back from investment in retirement funds. Ms. Bierwirth responded that the State has not paid a portion of retirement costs since 2013.

*Federal Grants* presented by Hillary Ackerman. No questions.

*Operation of Building* presented by Jason Tetu. No questions.

*Transportation* presented by Justin Ranney. Relatively large increase due to the need for additional bussing services. Beth Bierwirth is working on finalizing bussing agreements. Dan Poor asked if 5% would be enough to cover the higher cost of fuel.

*Food Services* presented by Alexys Wilbur. Noted that there is a request for proposals for food service and that the budget recognizes increased food prices. No questions.

*Debt Service* presented by Justin Ranney. There is no debt service. No questions.

*Budget Bottom Line:* The proposed 2023-24 revenue and expense budgets are \$5,080,388. This includes an increase in the tax amount to be raised of \$492,315 and an increase in the expense budget of \$364,836 (7.74%). The budget proposed in Warrant article 3 equates to an estimated tax impact of \$17.77 per \$1,000.

**Results:** The voice vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

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## **Article 04 Tuition Agreements for Grades 9-12**

Shall the School District approve the long-term tuition agreements between the Cornish School District and the Hartford, Windsor, and Claremont school districts on file with the School District Clerk, as negotiated by the Cornish School Board, which provide for an initial 10-year term beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2033 (Hartford and Windsor) or 5-year term beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2028

(Claremont), with the option of extending the term by an additional five years with written notification provided by April 1st of the year prior to expiration, and further to authorize the School Board to submit the agreement with the Claremont School District to the State of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and to authorize the School Board to take any other and further acts necessary to give effect to this authorization, including adopting minor amendments to the agreements from time to time, without further action of the School District.

The School Board recommends this action. Majority vote required.

Moved: Justin Ranney      Seconded: Alexys Wilbur

**Discussion:** Emily Lewis asked for clarification about the nature of the contracts. Dr. Sydney Legette stated that these contracts are agreement to accept up to all of the Cornish eighth grade graduates and noted that other area high schools (such as Lebanon and Hanover) are not listed because whereas they do take students from Cornish, they do not commit to taking all of the graduates.

**Results:** The voice vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

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### **Article 05 Funding for Structural Roof Study**

To see if the school district shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of {25,000} TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, for the purpose of funding a structural roof study on the Cornish Elementary School. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V.

The School Board recommends this action. Majority vote required.

Moved: Jason Tetu      Second: Hillary Ackerman

**Discussion:** Jason Tetu explained that the Board is requesting this warrant article be approved so more information and a concrete plan can be brought to the 2024 meeting. Jay Young asked if an engineering study had been done on the original building; Jason explained that there may have been for the older parts of the building, but if so it was long enough ago that such studies are not available and also they would be inadequate for modern standards and requirements. Sandra Redlands commented that the school building was inadequate in 1980 and has not been improved much since. She commented that something must be done and that information and decision-making about the roof project should be part of a much bigger plan. Jason then noted that, directly related to this topic, the School Board is hosting two open forums to hear from the community in an

effort to ensure that the town is planning appropriately about the building over time. These forums will be held at the Cornish School Library on Monday, April 3 and Monday, May 1 to make sure we are planning appropriately about the building over time. Further discussion will continue in facilities meetings

**Results:** The voice vote was in the affirmative and unanimous.

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### Article 06 Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Discussion:** Susan Chandler thanked SAU 100 staff for preparing packets of information that were at the meeting for use by meeting attendants. She asked that money be allocated for a better sound system to ensure that people “past the third row can hear.” This was met with agreement from meeting attendees. Dan Poor thanked the Scouts who worked the microphones.

**Results:** Moderator Poor declared the meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm

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Meeting minutes (this document), presentation materials, and a voting record from this meeting will be maintained, as required by New Hampshire law, by the School District Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,



Shelly Foston  
School District Clerk



Ryleigh Conaway  
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## **Superintendent Report**

To the Cornish Community,

It is with great honor that I share this annual report with all of you concerning the Cornish School District. This past year has seen a lot of hard work and careful thought as the District works diligently to foster improvement in achievement and plan for the future. Several critical committees have been formed in order to provide the opportunity for multiple voices from the school community to participate in these positive changes.

### **Learning:**

This year's focus has been on early literacy, data analysis, and early intervention. Almost all staff members participated in statewide professional development for early literacy, and we have aligned our programming to ensure that critical reading skills are the focus of instruction and intervention scheduling. Our teachers and paraeducators have worked diligently to ensure that we analyze data regularly and target interventions for whole classes, small groups, and individual students so everyone receives the personalized instruction they need. Our internal assessments thus far have shown that these measures are resulting in improvement.

One of the most significant sources for these systemic changes has been our shared Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (CIA). The addition of this position has afforded us multiple opportunities to develop consistency, alignment, coordination and collaboration among staff, grade levels, inter- and intra-district resources, and truly set the stage for our long-term improvement. This has included not only data review structures, but also the foundations of coordinated curriculum articulation and common assessments for our student competencies. As small districts usually cannot afford this position, we're fortunate to have Plainfield and Grantham collaborate with us and share this resource, which is truly what makes it possible.

A specific focus this year at CES is on reporting home to families. The educators and administration at CES have developed clear and consistent grading scales, which is a critical first step towards alignment among all grades and content areas. The addition of full-time positions in PE/Health and Music have had a wonderful, positive impact on our ability to offer this meaningful programming to students and to develop a schedule that affords us the flexibility to have students receive intervention without sacrificing these essential arts. These efforts reflect our community values for a well rounded education, as was clearly seen by the packed house at our winter concert this year.

### **Middle School Study:**

A warrant article this year will ask the community to approve an official Middle School Study Committee to continue researching the possibility of combining middle school

students in grades 6-8 between Cornish and Plainfield. Approval of this warrant article does not indicate that it will happen – simply that the community is interested in investigating this possibility in greater detail. The reason for this work is rooted in finding ways to provide the best programming – both academic and developmental – for our students that might not be possible with such small class sizes. These changes would also have an impact on the future work of the school facilities as we consider space needs and renovations/repairs, so this work is essential to helping Cornish refine its future directions from multiple avenues.

Our recent community survey received strong feedback from the Cornish community about this possibility, giving an initial indication that this is something the district should investigate in more detail. This could be a benefit to both communities and provide greater opportunities for students in a shared and well designed middle school model.

**Finance:**

While the operating expenses proposed this year are 6.45% the revenues are not in step with some of the rising costs. This results with the impact on local taxpayers of 9.68%. We acknowledge that school funding is a concern, especially in small towns who are likely to be the most impacted . I can assure you the administration and Board does everything possible to ameliorate these impacts, though not at the expense of providing the basic needs of our students. The main drivers for the FY ‘25 budget increases are: (non-discretionary) special education costs; increases in employee benefits; high school tuition; and (discretionary) investments in both curriculum and instructional technology.

One critical step the Board is taking is to ask taxpayers to approve a Study Committee for the potential of a Cooperative School District with Plainfield. It’s important to note that approval of this Study Committee does not necessarily mean that the Districts will become a cooperative, but legally voters need to approve the study for such a change. While there are potential benefits to students and certainly areas for more efficiency in operations, there would likely also be financial benefits to both communities. Given the current financial impact on small districts, this is, in my opinion, worth investigating.

**Committee Work:**

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

The Cornish Board appointed a wonderful cross-section of school personnel, parents/guardians, and community members to be on the Strategic Planning Committee. This combination of voices has helped to define key concerns and to foster fruitful dialogue about a five-year plan for the District.

As you may have already read, the results of the Strategic Planning survey given out to the community conveyed meaningful responses and feedback about what the District

should prioritize. To follow up, the Committee held a forum in January to refine its goals and strategies, allowing the public another avenue for input. The draft will be available by the Annual Meeting and then proceed to the Board for approval and finalization; and most importantly, this plan will guide the Board in its upcoming work. We are extremely grateful to all these committee members who volunteered their time to be a part of the plan's development, and we're equally grateful to all those in the community who took the time to complete this survey so we can assess the community's needs. Thank you for your time, your voice, and your commitment to the children of Cornish!

#### Facilities Committee:

The Facilities Committee continues to work on both short and long term issues with the Cornish Elementary School. There are multiple needs in the building, and therefore planning for these major needs must be done thoughtfully, balancing students' educational needs with the impact on the community.

The District was fortunate to receive a grant from the NH Department of Environmental Services for the well project to ameliorate our issues with PFAS. As I write this letter, the Request for Proposals has been reviewed and approved by NHDES and is out publicly. We hope to have this completed this spring. Other factors continue to impact the PFAS issue. Specifically, NHDES has required us to complete a site-specific survey to determine source and/or flow direction of PFAS; we continue to bring in bottled water; and the time all this work takes on our facilities team and business office is significant. The goal with all of this is frontloading this work and finding the long-term solution, ideally moving forward without future issues.

The next major issue concerns the roof and our recent roof study. The study reported on each individual section of the roof, which will help to guide decision making for future renovations and repairs. One specific section, over the cafeteria, will require a short-term fix to allow for school safety while the long-term solution is developed.

Several other concerns with the building need to be addressed in this future work, such as energy efficiency, flooring (to prevent further PFAS issues), space needs, and HVAC. While complex work, creating a holistic, clear path forward for these comprehensive needs will be the best way for the community to move forward with improvements while carefully calculating any financial impacts.

#### Non-Discrimination Committee:

This committee was created for the specific task of developing a non-discrimination plan for the Cornish School District. The focus for this work has been on ensuring that the plan developed targets the concept of belonging, so that every student feels comfortable and included in all aspects of their educational experience. This is resulting in a Cornish "Blueprint for Belonging" that will take a comprehensive look at both proactive measures

for belonging, steps to take when issues arise, and resources for staff, families, and students as we all move forward with this work.

A critical piece of understanding our community's perceptions of inclusion is the Quaglia survey, which is completed by students, staff, and parents/guardians to target student belonging and to focus on student voice in all aspects of their education. We know that the key to success in academics most often lies with a strong foundation of social-emotional security, and the information we get from this survey will inform our staff and Board to ensure we're doing all we can and allocating resources where they're most needed.

**Looking Ahead to 24-25:**

First, I would like to thank the incredible educators at the Cornish Elementary School. Each day, they arrive with a commitment and dedication to the children of this community and do whatever is needed to lay a path for student success.

I'd like to thank our administrative team, including the SAU leadership and Mrs. Denholm. Their knowledge of and commitment to the school and community continually inform critical decisions this year, and we wouldn't be able to move forward without them. As a reminder, all SAU staff are shared with Plainfield, so this group of administrators does an incredible job of going above and beyond for both districts, creating efficiency wherever possible.

Last and certainly not least, I'd like to thank the Cornish School Board, whose tireless efforts at processing past and present information – and then combining that with future goals – has led to the development of the current budget proposal and several other committees and initiatives as described above. The work that's being done now is complex and at the same time inspiring as we can look at defining the most sustainable and successful operational models in our district.

Thank you to all in the Cornish community for giving me the opportunity to work with all of you for another year. You are a community dedicated to kids, learning, well-being, and the future. Your thoughts and input into all we do here at the school helps us all move forward.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sydney Leggett, Superintendent

Alexandra Pike  
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Painted Paper Collage



## **2024 Annual Report of the Cornish School Board**

<i>Justin Ranney, Board Chair</i>	<i>Term 2021-2024</i>
<i>Alexys Wilbur, Board Vice Chair</i>	<i>Term 2023-2026</i>
<i>Melissa Drye, Board Member</i>	<i>Term 2023-2026</i>
<i>Jason Tetu, Board Member</i>	<i>Term 2021-2024</i>
<i>Hillary Ackerman, Board Member</i>	<i>Term 2022-2025</i>

### **Cornish School Board's 2023-2024 Goals are:**

- 1. Improve student achievement.**
- 2. Build a more respectful, cooperative, and safe learning environment.**
- 3. Increase academic rigor.**

### **Leadership**

The 2023-2024 school year has been very busy for the school board. The year started with the election of Melissa Drye and Alexys Wilbur to an additional term on the board. We were, and continue to be, very thankful for them to continue their roles. The board also began the year working with Plainfield to continue the search for a new superintendent. The search committee consisted of both Cornish and Plainfield staff, community, parents, school board members, and administration. As has been the case in previous hires, this was a very thoughtful and successful process. In the end we were fortunate enough to hire Dr. Sydney Leggett, who had been serving as our interim superintendent last year, to the permanent position of full-time superintendent for both the Cornish and Plainfield School Districts. Dr. Leggett has continued to show tremendous leadership and knowledge in both districts in her first year of this position.

### **Facility**

We have moved forward with several facility projects this year, including the installation of a new walk-in cooler. This project was overseen by our Facilities Manager, Aaron Newman, and we are very pleased with the results. Other projects have continued to move forward. The well project received final approval and full funding from the state, allowing us to release a request for



proposals. We anticipate that drilling will be done by Spring 2024. There was also a structural evaluation completed of the entire roof system to better prepare us to move forward with a systematic roofing replacement plan in the future. This report was an important piece of information to give us insight into roofing materials and requirements for each roof section.

## **Student Achievement**

We are currently in the first year of our Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment position shared with both the Plainfield and Grantham School Districts. We are very fortunate to have Christine Downing fill this role. Christine is an experienced coordinator, leader, and motivator, and has already implemented positive changes. Our students, staff, administration, and board have all benefitted from her knowledge, positivity, and tremendous skill set.

## **Technology**

This year has also marked a change in our technology services model. In previous years we have contracted the Windsor School District to provide technology services. This was a wonderful partnership and Windsor did a tremendous job getting our new district, SAU 100, up and running. We are very thankful for that partnership. Due to changing needs of our district, as well as the opportunity created by changing needs in the Plainfield School District, we have shifted our model to using a new internal technology director shared with the Plainfield School District. For this position we welcomed Corey Canfield. Corey has done an excellent job in year one learning our systems and needs and planning for upcoming years.

## **District**

The student population in Cornish continues to grow. During the 2023-2024 school year, the number of students in CES has grown to 134 students, from Pre-K to Grade 8. There are currently 17 certified staff in the building, and 16 support staff, including SAU staff under the Cornish umbrella. We have welcomed new staff members for our Music, Library, and PE/Health positions.

The school board also began the year with the goal of creating a new strategic plan. The process started with laying out what a committee would look like and then filling the committee with staff, community, parent, administrative, and school board volunteers. Our facilitator, Mark Dolan, has led planning in many

NH school districts, and has really helped drive the process forward. In hopes of getting even wider input, we sent out a survey to the whole community and held a public forum in hopes of bringing the process full circle. After a long process, the committee is very close to a complete plan and is excited to bring this to the board very soon.

This year has also moved forward the discussion of middle school needs for Cornish, as well as a furthered partnership with the Plainfield School District. Some of this conversation was incorporated into the strategic planning process as well as the community survey and public forum. Both the Cornish and Plainfield School Boards have had a joint meeting to discuss this possibility and process, and the Plainfield School District has had a very similar process with public input from their community. From the feedback received from both communities and through board discussions with administration, the school board is in favor of moving forward with a two formal studies. One study would look at a combined middle school with Plainfield. The second study would investigate a cooperative school district model with the Plainfield School District. Both studies will be on a warrant at the district meeting in March. Should these warrant articles be approved, they would only initiate studies, and nothing would be decided without a future vote of the town.

The 2024-2025 school year budget to be presented at the district meeting will be \$5,434,466, with an increase of right around 6% over last year's budget. The largest increases include the previously approved Collective Bargaining Agreement (year 3 of a 3 year contract), and the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment position which was grant-funded for the 2023-2024 school year, but is included in the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

*Respectfully,*

*Justin Ranney  
Chair, Cornish School Board*



Isabella Prignano  
8th  
Glazed Earthenware

## **Principal Report**

Each year the principal of the Cornish Elementary School gives a report on the last twelve months. This is my fourth year here in Cornish, and I am extremely excited about the work that we are doing here this year. From our work on our strategic plan, to the work the school faculty are doing around multi-tiered systems of support, there are a lot of things to be proud of here in Cornish.

From a personnel perspective we started the year looking at adding to several positions here in Cornish. The nurse was made a full-time nurse with no teaching duties as we had enough data to support having a full-time nurse. We then moved the health classes that the nurse had been supporting to the PE teacher, making that a full-time position as well. Finally, we also added time to the music teacher position in order to be able to support a full music program here at CES. These additions have been wonderful for the 23-24 school year thus far. We have seen the addition of music lessons, concerts, and more general music. Students have been able to take chorus and band. The nurse has been able to tend to the various student concerns without taking time away from health courses. It has been nice to see these changes to our program.

In the spring, we said goodbye to several of our staff members including Beth Tilton, Dave Holloway, Shannon Aridgedes, Liza Draper, and Sarah Thorpe. Several of these staff members retired, while others moved into different positions in different fields. We also hired Ivy Condon, Avery Whitney, Kaya Meenagh, and Monica Matthews to fill our open positions. Rosa Sousa, who had been teaching Spanish to the whole school, was moved into the 5/6 ELA & SS position and was also able to continue to teach Spanish in the upper wing. We have been advertising for a .6 Spanish teacher since the beginning of the school year in order to fill the need for the rest of the school.

A few days prior to the beginning of the school year, our library media specialist, Kaitlyn Jones, resigned to take another position. This left us with an open position and a choice to make. We looked at the potential of making this position either a library aide position with oversight by the library media specialist at the Plainfield Elementary School, or to hire another library media specialist. As there were no library media specialists who applied to our position, we decided to go with the library aide position and hired Jordan Hutchinson who has background in the children's library in several different towns. We continue to look for a Title I Learning Coach.

In terms of student growth, at the end of 2023, our director of curriculum instruction and assessment addressed the board with a very thorough data report. This report can be found in full on the Cornish School website at <https://www.cornishschool.org/home/achievement>. The report provided a look back at the 2022-23 school year iReady scores, our SAS (State wide assessment) scores, and at the

growth that we have made as a school. I would encourage everyone to look at the full report, but here are the highlights.

Each year we use a benchmarking test three times during the year to measure our student growth. This test is also an indicator as to how well our students should do on the state wide assessment given in the spring. Last year, our benchmarking tool was the iReady test. When we look at the results of the testing, what we want to see is that our students move from Tiers II and III into Tier I. Below you will see two tables indicating the movement of students between the tiers in both reading and math.

<b>Tier Level</b>	<b>Fall 2022 Reading (Percentage)</b>	<b>Spring 2023 Reading (Percentage)</b>	<b>Change in Percentage</b>
<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>+26%</b>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>-19%</b>
<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>-7%</b>

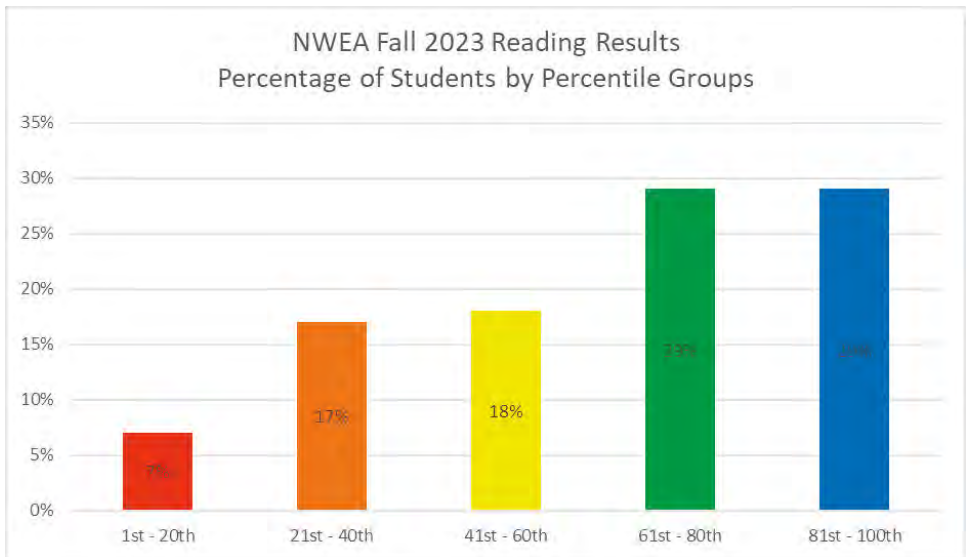
<b>Tier Level</b>	<b>Fall 2022 Math (Percentage)</b>	<b>Spring 2023 Math (Percentage)</b>	<b>Change in Percentage</b>
<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>+49%</b>
<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>-36%</b>
<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>-14%</b>

As you can see, the students are making growth based upon the movement from Tiers II and III and into Tier I. We continue to work toward getting more students into Tier I.

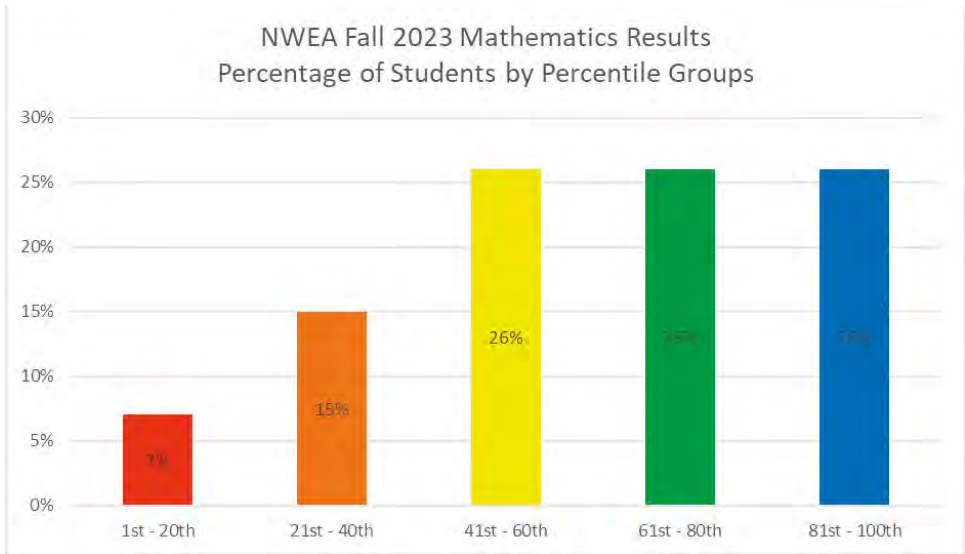
In the spring, students took the SAS test. This is our state wide assessment. In the ELA category which includes reading, language, and writing scores CES students in grades 3-8 scored 47% proficient, while in math, our students scored 56% proficient, and in science our students scored 41% proficient. The state also looks at growth as an indicator of

performance, and in this category our students mean growth percentile in ELA was 49% and in math 58%. Cornish Elementary School is in good academic standing with the state, and scored a 3 in the area of growth.

This year, we have changed our benchmark test to the NWEA MAP test, or North West Education Association Measures of Academic Progress. The decision to move to the NWEA was based on the knowledge that NWEA is more closely aligned with the state wide assessment, which means that we should be able to more accurately use this benchmark to see how students will score on the state wide assessment in the spring. This allows us to more closely monitor individual students and to hopefully close any achievement gaps that we are seeing. We were able to run the first test this fall. The results are in the table below.



Sadie Sartwell  
8th  
Tempera & Watercolor Painting



In these tables, you will see that we measure by percentage of students in percentile groups. This means that students are scored against their peers nationwide who have also taken this test. Students who score from the 41-100<sup>th</sup> percentile are considered to be equivalent to the students in Tier I from the iReady scores previously shown. Students in the 21-40<sup>th</sup> percentile are equivalent to the students in Tier II in the iReady scores, and the students in the 1<sup>st</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> percentile are equivalent to the students in Tier III in the iReady scores. In both math and reading, our mean percentile is 64%. This is above the national norm in both categories. Again, I encourage everyone to take a look at the full report on our achievement page on the school website at <https://www.cornishschool.org/home/achievement>.

This year Cornish students have been able to start to reconnect with the community following COVID restrictions. Our Ski/LIFE program continues with the support of the CCPTO and Cathy Parks, Trey Whalen, and Kyle Ackerman. With costs rising, we made the decision to move from Mt. Sunapee to Dartmouth Skiway. The students had a great time! Thank you to Cathy, Trey, and Kyle, and to all who volunteered to make this program a success!

Back at the school, students participated in our Life program where they worked on STEM projects, and had visits from both the Upper Valley Circus Camp and the Montshire Museum. Thank you to Jessica Morin for taking on this program. The students had a great time!

In April, students in grades PreK-8 were able to participate in a local Green Up day. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the PreK students spent some time walking the school grounds picking up any trash that they may have found, while students in grades K-8 went out to designated areas around Route 12 A, with Police support, to pick up trash along the sides of the road. It

was an incredible day of service, and we thank Lauren Edward, Caroline Storrs, and the leadership team here at the school for the work in planning and making this day come to life. Any students who did not go out to help us with roadside clean up were able to participate in an activity here at the school to support the large fish sculpture that was in the Flat for Earth Day. The sculpture was meant to serve as a reminder that our plastic ends up in our waterways and affects the lives of the fish that live there. In order to drive the point home, our students created some Fish Facts posters to put up around the sculpture.

In May, our second annual screen free week was hosted by the Wellness Committee. It was again incredibly successful. We hosted a variety of activities including a craft night, game night with pot-luck dinner, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade vs. staff and parents basketball game, and our new favorite, the color run. The Wellness Committee and The George H. Stowell Library also worked together to host a Parent Night and Take and Make activity based around the power of visual cues at home. The night included snacks, free childcare services, and educational speakers. The activity was to create a powerful visual board that parents were able to take home with them to practice what they had learned. This activity was sponsored by the Monadnock United Way.

Our Girls on the Run program also ended in May with an amazing day in Concord, NH where our girls, their running buddies, and their coaches all ran a 5k around the State Building Complex. In a heat that included over 1700 runners, one of our very own Wildcats finished in the top three, but all of them learned a lot over the season and all of them finished in style! A great big thank you to Paige MacLeay, Liza Draper, and Skye Tetu who all worked together to make this program happen.

In June, CES hosted its first Kindergarten Screening day. This screening included moving our PreK students through a variety of stations with several screeners to determine Kindergarten readiness. This allowed us to then send home information to families to help them prepare their children for Kindergarten in the fall, and allowed us to know which students may need some interventions right away in the fall.

The school was also able to partner with the Cornish Conservation Commission to bring Susie Spikol and Jack Dalton to CES to talk about student conservation. It was a wonderful day for all of our students, and we were grateful to begin a partnership with the CCC.

June also saw the return of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC trip. Students fundraised enough for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders to go on the trip without anyone having to pay out of pocket. The trip was a success and the kids had a great time. This trip is always a culminating activity for the students, and this year was no different. They were able to band together one last time before their graduation.

The beginning of the school year brought us time to plan for exploratories here at CES. The leadership team brought the idea to the staff and created a plan for a trial run at the

end of the calendar year. The staff was excited about this plan, and the CCPTO helped to sponsor the supplies needed to support the activities that the staff wanted to bring to the students. Staff provided activities from cooking to creating bead pets and diamond art.

In October, CES held its first annual Fall Campus Clean up run by Monica Matthews. Monica organized the event which matched the upper wing students with PreK and first graders and had them pruning, transplanting, raking, and getting the campus ready for the winter. It was a great success and the students had a lot of fun. We also held our annual Fire Prevention Information and Touch a Truck day at the school. Students all gathered outside with their classes and learned about fire prevention, how to douse a fire with a fire extinguisher, and more.

In November the school was lucky enough to have a group of students from UNH who were enrolled in the OT Masters program come and create a sensory wall in the hallway. These students were diligent and carefully planned and executed the wall along with a guide for teachers. We call our sensory wall The Wildcat Walk and invite you to come and see it.

The year ended with our first concert held in over 5 years. This concert was incredibly well attended, and we know to make sure that we advertise our events in Connect Cornish for even more participation in the future. Thank you to those community members who checked in to make sure that we would do this in the future! We also held our annual Holiday Shop sponsored by the CCPTO. This event allows students to “shop” for gifts for their immediate family. All gifts were priced at \$2.00, and no student was turned away. It was an exciting day for all. A big thank you to the members of the CCPTO who are dedicated to serving the students here at the school, and a special thank you to those of you who came to volunteer your time to help students shop, wrap gifts, and to make sure our students had fun!

It was a great year here at Cornish Elementary School. Our students participated in many different learning activities from classroom lessons to field trips. We are showing growth in our iReady, and SAS data, and we have a solid baseline in our new NWEA testing. We have begun this school year with a new focus on making sure to connect everything we do back to the Portrait of the Graduate. As always, it is a pleasure to serve the Cornish School community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karin Denholm, Principal  
Cornish Elementary School



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5th  
Tempera Paint Dot Day Design



## **Facilities Director Report**

Greetings,

We have had a very busy year in the Facilities Department. Work has included a number of projects for the school and community. I would like to take this opportunity to speak to some of the great work that has been accomplished.

The well water project has been a top priority. Over the past year, a Consolidation Study was completed, a requirement for the Cornish school to be eligible for the PFAS Grant Program. The detailed report was submitted to NHDES which resulted in the District receiving approval for the installation of a new well. Once approval was received from NHDES, our attention turned to finding a suitable well location. Our engineering firm for this project identified a location. Working with a local surveyor, we created a detailed map that was submitted to the state for site approval. Just recently, \$200,000 dollars has been awarded to the Cornish School from the PFAS Grant Program to pay for this work. We are now in the construction and installation phase of this project.

We have completed the installation of a new, much larger and more energy efficient walk-in cooler/freezer for our kitchen. This project was funded through the ESSER grant. Upcoming work summer 2024, the old cooler will be renovated, providing additional storage space and an office work area for the kitchen staff. The new cooler will provide the campus with increased reliability, energy efficiency, improved indoor air quality, and have the ability to store larger amounts of product.

This past year, the campus received \$10,000 in grant funding for safety and security. These funds were used for access control on exterior doors. Recently, a second round of funding was offered to schools across New Hampshire. In collaboration with the Technology Director, evaluation of current security systems informed the development of a plan for surveillance. This plan was submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Education and Cornish tentatively will receive an additional \$30,000 for security improvements. To maximize this investment, the Facilities Director and the Technology Director tested new hardware which will eliminate the need to contract with vendors for installation and service. This will have two major benefits. The first, we will be

able to stretch out the funding to install more hardware. The second, will reduce future budget costs for service and repairs from vendors.

The roof has been an area of concern for some time. A structural roofing study was recently completed at the request of the school board. A structural engineer was hired to perform an analysis of the existing roofing structure. Working with Administration and the School Board, steps are being developed to make repairs for the identified issues and to create a plan for a roof replacement.

Just before the Cornish Fair this past summer, The Facilities department repurposed the shed behind the back of the building. We installed a new roof and moved the shed to its new home by the outdoor classroom. The shed is a great addition to this space

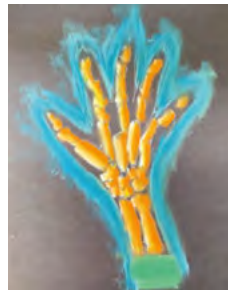
As we make it through heating season, heating and building efficiencies are always at the top priority. We have been working on repairing the HVAC equipment on campus. We will continue keeping our focus on maintenance and repairs as we move forward, reaching our goal of a well-balanced heating and ventilation system.

I believe we have had a successful year at the Cornish School. Fiscal responsibility has been and will continue to be a major focus for us. I appreciate the opportunity to serve your community and have been grateful for the community volunteers that have assisted me in specific projects. I look forward to making positive changes with you to the campus in the future.

Sincerely  
Aaron Newman



Gracen Martz  
5th  
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Nellie Powell  
5th  
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## CCPTO Report

CCPTO stands for Cornish Community Parent Teacher Organization. It is named “Cornish Community” because our mission is to enhance educational and social opportunities while strengthening school and community ties.

The following list represents programs and activities with which the CCPTO has participated in over the last year:

- CES Holiday Shop – restocked shop inventory, set up, coordinated volunteers, provided financial support
- CES Ski Program – provided financial support for ski program scholarships
- Cornish Phonebook – provided financial support
- School District and Town Meetings – provided snacks for the babysitting room and sponsored 8th graders in the form of a donation to their DC trip fundraiser
- CES Screen-Free Week – provided financial support for activities
- CES Magnet Calendars – coordinated and funded order
- CES Staff Appreciation Week – provided staff gifts and pot-luck items
- “Take and Make Workshop: The Power of Visual Cues at Home” open to public, hosted at CES – provided financial support for refreshments for attendees
- CES Graduation Awards – funded numerous awards
- Cornish Fair – purchased liability insurance for the fair weekend, purchased a credit card machine for the Cornish Fair Association to use at the Town Hall gate, solicited and organized volunteers from both school and greater Cornish community to work fair admission gates
- CES Staff Welcome Back to School Day – provided snacks to stock the staff room
- CES Open House – provided refreshments and welcomed families
- CES 8th grade involvement in Cornish Community Wear and Share event – provided financial support to bus the students and made a donation to their DC trip fundraiser
- CES Exploratory Series – provided financial support to purchase supplies
- Four Winds Science Program at CES – provided financial support
- CES Spirit Wear – coordinated order forms, and sponsored in both spring and fall

### 2023 Fundraisers

- The Cornish Fair – we were excited to again coordinate the staffing of the ticket booths at the Cornish Fair. We had a lot of new CES staff, parents and community volunteers. We received well over \$8000 for our efforts at the fair. We are looking forward to working with everyone and more new volunteers at the 2024 Cornish Fair.
- Box Tops for Education – this has become an online only fundraiser via an app, though support is small, the few hundred dollars we raise every year makes a difference.

Our January 2023 Election of Officers resulted in some changes:

Kaya Meenagh – President  
Angela Bean – Vice President  
Emily Lewis – Treasurer  
Skye Tetu - Secretary

We always welcome new members. Please consider joining us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. We are still meeting virtually because it seems to fit better for everyone's busy schedules. Please email [Cornishccpto@gmail.com](mailto:Cornishccpto@gmail.com) for more information and to request virtual meeting code.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaya Meenagh  
CCPTO President



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Dot Day Collaborative

## School Nurse Report

### School Health Goals:

### Status:

- |                                                                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| ● Certify all staff in CPR/AED                                                                       | Ongoing  |
| ● Use the principles of Continuous Quality Improvement to decrease student injuries                  | Ongoing  |
| ● Use illness data to evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on prevention                  | Ongoing  |
| ● Use the quality improvement process to evaluate BMI of students                                    | Ongoing  |
| ● Continue to provide education & communications for staff & parents regarding health-related issues | Ongoing  |
| ● Attain 100% compliance with NH State Immunization requirements                                     | Complete |
| ● Continue nutrition/wellness activities                                                             | Ongoing  |
| ● Provide Health Education to grades PreK through 8th                                                | Ongoing  |

### Quality Improvement (QI) Program: School Health

#### Illness & Injury Data:

In a continued effort to assist parents in keeping their student(s) healthy and to decrease respiratory illnesses, CES partnered with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to offer a free Flu Clinic in school for students. Additionally, we were also able to offer a free Covid Vaccine Clinic to the whole community.

There were a total of 4,019 visits to the nurse for the school year, which averages to about 23 visits/day. This increase is due to the continued need to screen symptomatic students (added over 500 extra visits) as well as an increase in the number of students in the school. As information from the CDC was revised, the mitigation layers were removed and all respiratory illnesses spread

more easily. Even so, there were only 34 positive Covid cases identified at school.

**Nutrition/Wellness Goals for Staff & Students:**

**Status:**

- Wellness Activities Ongoing
- Stress fitness for life and educate students and staff regarding healthy diet Ongoing
- Influenza Vaccination clinics for staff and students Complete

**Nutrition/Wellness Progress:**

Maintaining a healthy food intake vs. exercise balance is important in maintaining good health over the course of a lifetime. A BMI and percent were calculated and graphed for each student. These data were reviewed with the PE teacher.

Regarding the goal of improving fitness, the school and community continue to invest in this goal for students via an extra day for PE and continued involvement in the SKI/LIFE Program.

The Eighth grade students were offered the opportunity to become certified in CPR and First Aid.

The Wellness Committee hosted a Children’s Health Fair with many local groups and community members sharing their knowledge of different outdoor and indoor activities. Hiking, yoga, running, knitting and puzzles were a few of the activities promoted.

Screen-Free week - The Wellness Committee organized a variety of activities as part of a nationally coordinated effort to decrease screen-time for children. Activities included: taking a pledge to reduce screen time, hiking, craft night, game night, staff vs 8th grade basketball game and a color run.

The Wellness Committee helped promote three Red Cross blood drives in Claremont, which collected over 100 pints of blood.

With the assistance of Rite Aid Pharmacy, we continue to offer an Influenza vaccination clinic for all employees.

With the Covid restrictions lifted, yoga classes were offered to all past and present staff.

Willing Hands continues to provide snacks to the school on a weekly basis, for students of families that are experiencing food insecurity.

Next Steps: Continue to collect BMI's and analyze results, and continue to stress healthy eating, limiting screen time, getting exercise an hour of every day and getting enough rest.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laura Prignano RN, B.S.N. School Nurse/Health Educator

**Healthy habits can protect you and your children. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses:**

- Clean your hands often, either with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.
- Masks may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.

This message is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the NH Department of Health and Human Services, and your school nurse. To learn more, please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.covid19.nh.gov](http://www.covid19.nh.gov)



Liam Rich, Logan Cantara, Caleb Morway  
8th  
Glazed Earthenware Pinch Pot Creatures

## Technology Report

### **Introduction**

I'm Corey Canfield, your Technology Director for the Cornish school district, with 23 years of experience across various industries. My role is to enhance technology resources for students and staff while ensuring cost-effective solutions. I'm committed to promoting innovation and efficient management, recognizing the significance of both digital platforms and traditional learning opportunities in our continuous efforts to provide a well-rounded education within our district.

### **Initiatives**

The first few months on the job was understanding existing systems and doing a full audit of implemented technology. During the summer we had to move fast as the school had a dire need for new copiers. We signed an agreement with a local company that fixed our costs for 5 years and provided consistent printing and copying solutions.

Cornish school continues to be a 1:1 implementation with Chromebooks and K-2 are using iPads. During the summer we refresh these devices, evaluate damage, repair and replace equipment as needed to keep our fleet healthy and running.

### **Looking Forward**

Cornish school has several immediate needs the school board and I are working through. We have an outdated firewall; our wireless infrastructure needs to be overhauled and classroom technology tools need to be addressed. I've put forth a plan where we can address these in an incremental way over the next several years.

### **Cornish School Domain .GOV**

Over the next 6 months we'll be changing the cornishschool.org domain to a NH.GOV domain. Cornish School will still maintain the existing domain ([www.cornishschool.org](http://www.cornishschool.org)). Largely this change is for security purposes. The state is offering a security grant, providing staff, and funds for this initiative. If you'd like to read more about this program, please see the following resource:

<https://www.doit.nh.gov/news-and-media/blog/why-should-i-switch-org-or-com-domain-gov-domain>

### **Google Workspace**

In conjunction with the domain change. We'll be moving Cornish school to their own Google Workspace. Currently Cornish school's email and google app services are provided through Windsor Southeast. Google provides these services at no cost to the district.

### **IT Services**

Cornish is winding down the help desk relationship with Windsor Southeast. Windsor Southeast will continue to offer secondary support through the 2024 – 2025 school year.

**No. of Tickets Closed (7/1/23-1/1/24): 157**

It is of great pleasure to serve our communities, students and teachers.

Teo Orion  
8th  
Marker Drawing





## **Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Report**

It is with great honor that I write this first Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment report for the residents of the Town of Cornish. The 2023-2024 school year marks the first year of a shared Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment position for the Cornish, Grantham, and Plainfield School Districts. The cost share for this position is 40% each for Grantham and Plainfield and 20% for Cornish. This equates to approximately 2 days of service for Grantham, 2 days of service for Plainfield, and 1 day for Cornish.

I began the position on July 1, 2023. My background includes 30 years of educational experience ranging from middle level mathematics and science teacher, school principal, SAU leadership in curriculum, instruction, and assessment, and state department of education experience in mathematics curriculum, grants management, and large-scale assessment development. Essential duties of the position include:

- Leadership support for various school committees, including professional learning and multi-tiered systems of support that provide interventions to students.
- Management and development of grant activities related to Title I, II and IV state programs.
- Facilitation of professional learning opportunities for staff in collaboration with school principals and committees.
- Assistance with development of budget items related to curriculum, instruction, assessment, and professional learning.
- Preparation of special board reports related to school data and state assessments.
- Assistance with educator site-based licensing plans and growth plans, as requested.
- Development of curriculum cycles, including review of instructional resources and assessment tools.
- Negotiations with commercial vendors for shared resources across multiple districts at discounted costs.
- Monitoring of state and national best practices that can be integrated into local curriculum, instruction, and assessment across all content areas.

The school year began with introductory sessions with educators related to a broad overview of curriculum design models and the role of this position in supporting curriculum articulation and implementation in schools. I also attended various staff, intervention, and resource meetings to develop a sense of shared needs across all schools and unique needs of each location. Support was provided for new assessment platforms in some of the schools, including training opportunities.

The impact of this position was evident during two days of professional learning across the three districts on October 23 and 24, 2023. In a feedback survey available to all staff, 88% of respondents indicated overall quality of the professional learning for the two days met the goal of enhancing collegiality and collaboration among the three schools. All staff were given choice in selecting opportunities related to topics such as Science of Reading, understanding new state laws related to Dyslexia screening requirements, sharing mathematics instructional practices, building grit into classrooms, providing movement opportunities in lessons, training related to assessment systems, competency-based education efforts related to planning instructional units and reporting student growth, and collaboration time among grade level teams from all three schools to share resources and strategies. We have our next collaborative professional learning day planned for March 25, 2024.

On behalf of administrators and staff across all three schools, I extend our gratitude to the communities of Cornish, Grantham, and Plainfield for your support in making this position a reality for the 2023-2024 school year and supporting all three schools to achieve their greatest potential in providing high quality educational experiences for all students.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Downing  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
Grantham, Cornish, and Plainfield School Districts

**Cornish School District**  
**2023-2024 Teachers/Professional Staff**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Budd	Gary	Grades 5-8 Math Teacher
Condon	Ivy	PE/Health Teacher
Dangelo-Worth	Kelsey	Grades 7&8 Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher
Denholm	Karin	Principal
Dyke	Wendy	Special Education Case Manager
Eaton	Jennifer	3rd Grade Teacher
Edward	Lauren	1st Grade Teacher
Hayward	Melissa	Grades 5-8 Science Teacher
MacLeay	Paige	School Counselor
Neily	Chantelle	4th Grade Teacher
Prignano	Laura	School Nurse/ Health Educator
Prince	Rebekah	2nd Grade Teacher
Sinclair	Mitzi	Reading and Math Interventionist
Sousa	Rosa	Grades 5-6 Social Studies
Stuart	Kellie	Teacher-Early Childhood
Whitney	Avery	Music Teacher
Wolfinger	Giuseppina	Art Teacher



Pre K  
 Chameleon Puck  
 Tempera Paint

**Cornish School District  
2023-2024 Support Staff**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Role</b>
Cogan	Lee	Preschool Teacher/Preschool Aftercare
Formichelli	Megan	Paraprofessional
Harper	Anna	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
Hutchinson	Jordan	Library Aide
Lawrence	Dale	Administrative Assistant
Martin	Alexander	Paraprofessional
Matthews	Monica	District Substitute
Meenagh	Carleah	Paraprofessional
Morin	Jessica	Paraprofessional
*Reed	Drew	Paraprofessional (*Partial Year Employee)
*Rondeau	Alyssa	Administrative Assistant(*Partial Year Employee)
Smith	Jolene	Paraprofessional
Sousa	Paulo	School Custodian
Thompson	Chloe	Paraprofessional
Thornton	Nancy	Paraprofessional
*Waterwroth	Monica	Administrative Assistant(*Partial Year Employee)
Whitford	Audrey	Paraprofessional

**Cornish School District  
2023-2024 SAU #100 Staff**

Bierwirth	Beth	Business Administrator
Canfield	Corey	Director of Technology
Downing	Christine	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Dressler	Amy	Director of Student Services
Leggett	Sydney	Superintendent
Newman	Aaron	Facilities Director
Schoolcraft	Cody	Executive Assistant



Lillian Lewis  
1st  
Color mixing  
Tempera Paint  
Primary Colors



Natalie Neily  
1st  
Color mixing  
Tempera Paint  
Primary Colors

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT

### Elementary School (2/5/2024)

Pre- Kindergarten	20	4th Grade	13
Kindergarten	14	5th Grade	15
1st Grade	17	6th Grade	9
2nd Grade	12	7th Grade	10
3rd Grade	13	8th Grade	11

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 134

### Public High School Enrollments (2/2/2024)

	Claremont	Hanover	Hartford	HATC	HARP	Lebanon	Windsor	Total
9th Grade	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	6
10th Grade	2	3	2	0	0	10	3	20
11th Grade	0	0	1	0.5	0	6	0.5	8
12th Grade	0	2	0	0.5	0	6	1.5	10
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>

## HIGH SCHOOL

	22/23	Rate \$	Total \$	23/24	Rate \$	Total \$
Claremont	2	\$16,000	\$32,000	3	\$16,000	\$48,000
Hanover	7.5	\$19,500	\$146,250	5	\$20,500	\$102,500
Hartford	4	\$19,500	\$78,000	4	\$20,500	\$82,000
HATC	2	\$9,950	\$19,900	1	\$22,400	\$22,400
HARP	0	\$39,110	\$0	0	\$56,201	\$0
Lebanon	25	\$17,924	\$448,100	24	\$18,415	\$441,960
Windsor	8.5	\$18,900	\$160,650	7	\$19,845	\$138,915
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>		<b>\$740,315</b>	<b>44</b>		<b>\$835,775</b>

**FY25 Cornish School District Expense Budget School Board Adopted-January 29, 2024**

	2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2023-2024		2024-2025		2024-2025	
	Total	Actual	Total	Actual	Total	Actual	Approved	BUDGET	Estimate	Proposed	\$ \$ Increase	\$ \$ Increase	% Incr. Over	% Incr. Over
<b>1-REGULAR INSTRUCTION</b>														
Teacher Salaries	\$ 632,933	\$ 644,272	\$ 711,601	\$ 711,601	\$ 806,617	\$ 806,617	\$ 777,477	\$ 777,477	\$ 796,793	\$ 796,793	\$ (9,824)	\$ 19,316	\$ (4,734)	-1.22%
Ed Assistant Salaries	\$ 93,886	\$ 74,509	\$ 27,817	\$ 27,817	\$ 91,176	\$ 91,176	\$ 111,987	\$ 111,987	\$ 107,253	\$ 107,253	\$ 16,077	\$ 59	\$ 59	0.31%
Preschool Before Support/AfterSchool Salary	\$ 43,325	\$ 16,667	\$ 18,891	\$ 18,891	\$ 18,891	\$ 18,891	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Substitutes	\$ 20,895	\$ 86,913	\$ 27,082	\$ 27,082	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 675,053	\$ 675,053	\$ (20,836)	\$ 32,387	\$ 32,387	-2.99%
Employee Benefits	\$ 387,713	\$ 445,779	\$ 435,887	\$ 435,887	\$ 695,889	\$ 695,889	\$ 642,666	\$ 642,666	\$ 21,533	\$ 21,533	\$ 115,339	\$ 21,533	\$ 21,533	115.33%
Contracted Services	\$ 8,950	\$ 491	\$ 9,444	\$ 9,444	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Instructional Staff Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	100.00%
Equipment Repair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,719	\$ 17,719	\$ 17,719	\$ 17,719	\$ 14,552	\$ 14,552	\$ (3,187)	\$ (3,187)	\$ (3,187)	-17.99%
Supplies	\$ 11,222	\$ 12,994	\$ 14,378	\$ 14,378	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	-15.00%
Bulk Supply	\$ 3,567	\$ 5,411	\$ 4,271	\$ 4,271	\$ 17,533	\$ 17,533	\$ 11,533	\$ 11,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (11,533)	\$ (11,533)	\$ (11,533)	-100.00%
Copiers	\$ 2,767	\$ 7,654	\$ 3,154	\$ 3,154	\$ 6,503	\$ 6,503	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,243	\$ 4,243	\$ 2,646	\$ 2,646	\$ 2,646	62.25%
Software	\$ 2,015	\$ 2,142	\$ 5,996	\$ 5,996	\$ 13,675	\$ 13,675	\$ 15,675	\$ 15,675	\$ 19,829	\$ 19,829	\$ 4,154	\$ 4,154	\$ 4,154	31.14%
Instructional Enrichment	\$ 1,822	\$ 9,119	\$ 13,851	\$ 13,851	\$ 20,079	\$ 20,079	\$ 15,079	\$ 15,079	\$ (291)	\$ (291)	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	91.45%
Textbooks/Curriculum Adoption	\$ 1,639	\$ 637	\$ 929	\$ 929	\$ 2,579	\$ 2,579	\$ 2,579	\$ 2,579	\$ 2,579	\$ 2,579	\$ (251)	\$ (251)	\$ (251)	-12.26%
Knowledge/Replacement Equipment	\$ 2,901	\$ 2,398	\$ 1,771	\$ 1,771	\$ 5,279	\$ 5,279	\$ 2,842	\$ 2,842	\$ (2,457)	\$ (2,457)	\$ (4,626)	\$ (4,626)	\$ (4,626)	-160.00%
Dues/Fees	\$ 1,232,040	\$ 1,313,254	\$ 1,728,437	\$ 1,728,437	\$ 1,649,891	\$ 1,649,891	\$ 1,713,911	\$ 1,713,911	\$ 64,030	\$ 64,030	\$ (14,526)	\$ 11,960	\$ 11,960	-8.84%
Sub Total Regular Instruction K-8	\$ 454,914	\$ 483,076	\$ 632,079	\$ 632,079	\$ 612,960	\$ 612,960	\$ 624,920	\$ 624,920	\$ 31,900	\$ 31,900	\$ 43,860	\$ 43,860	\$ 43,860	14.48%
High School Tuition In State	\$ 285,660	\$ 216,115	\$ 261,074	\$ 261,074	\$ 220,100	\$ 220,100	\$ 833,060	\$ 833,060	\$ 876,920	\$ 876,920	\$ 43,860	\$ 43,860	\$ 43,860	5.26%
High School Tuition Out of State	\$ 740,574	\$ 709,191	\$ 893,153	\$ 893,153	\$ 833,060	\$ 833,060	\$ 876,920	\$ 876,920	\$ 2,590,831	\$ 2,590,831	\$ 29,334	\$ 29,334	\$ 29,334	1.15%
Sub Total High School Instruction 9-12	\$ 1,972,614	\$ 2,022,945	\$ 2,172,072	\$ 2,172,072	\$ 2,561,497	\$ 2,561,497	\$ 2,482,941	\$ 2,482,941	\$ 2,590,831	\$ 2,590,831	\$ 107,890	\$ 107,890	\$ 107,890	1.15%
Total Regular Instruction K-12	\$ 2,407,528	\$ 2,506,021	\$ 3,804,151	\$ 3,804,151	\$ 3,174,457	\$ 3,174,457	\$ 3,107,861	\$ 3,107,861	\$ 3,215,751	\$ 3,215,751	\$ 107,890	\$ 107,890	\$ 107,890	1.15%
<b>2- SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>														
Teacher Salaries	\$ 42,900	\$ 32,100	\$ 34,028	\$ 34,028	\$ 35,935	\$ 35,935	\$ 35,935	\$ 35,935	\$ 38,388	\$ 38,388	\$ 2,453	\$ 2,453	\$ 2,453	6.83%
Ed Assistant Salaries	\$ 45,514	\$ 101,394	\$ 188,593	\$ 188,593	\$ 153,698	\$ 153,698	\$ 151,448	\$ 151,448	\$ 168,010	\$ 168,010	\$ 14,312	\$ 16,582	\$ 16,582	9.31%
Specialized Staff	\$ 8,845	\$ 34,545	\$ 41,966	\$ 41,966	\$ 38,556	\$ 38,556	\$ 44,064	\$ 44,064	\$ 45,388	\$ 45,388	\$ 6,832	\$ -	\$ -	17.72%
Extended Year	\$ 12,114	\$ 2,141	\$ 5,522	\$ 5,522	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	0.00%
Substitutes	\$ 720	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ 60,139	\$ 103,425	\$ 109,229	\$ 109,229	\$ 142,740	\$ 142,740	\$ 145,276	\$ 145,276	\$ 190,987	\$ 190,987	\$ 48,247	\$ 45,711	\$ 45,711	33.80%
Professional Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Testing	\$ 245	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	\$ 201,458	\$ 197,350	\$ 221,231	\$ 221,231	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	\$ 162,000	\$ 162,000	\$ 243,566	\$ 243,566	\$ 78,566	\$ 81,566	\$ 81,566	47.62%
Tuition	\$ -	\$ 37,873	\$ 31,652	\$ 31,652	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 39,500	\$ 39,500	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	\$ 22,500	132.59%
Staff Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ (4,500)	\$ (4,500)	\$ (4,500)	-90.00%
Supplies/Consumables	\$ 1,061	\$ 1,023	\$ 1,905	\$ 1,905	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Books	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Software	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Equipment	\$ 1,519	\$ 674	\$ 463	\$ 463	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Furniture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
New/Replacement Computers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Dues/Fees	\$ 150	\$ 500	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Sub Total Special Education K-8	\$ 374,518	\$ 511,270	\$ 634,928	\$ 634,928	\$ 575,423	\$ 575,423	\$ 573,723	\$ 573,723	\$ 743,838	\$ 743,838	\$ 168,410	\$ 170,116	\$ 170,116	29.27%
HS Ed Assistant Salary	\$ 28,979	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,594	\$ 16,594	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HS Ed Assistant Benefit	\$ 15,250	\$ -	\$ 10,717	\$ 10,717	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Extended Year	\$ 4,803	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HS Tuition - Out of State	\$ 42,769	\$ -	\$ 17,550	\$ 17,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
HS Tuition - Private	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (53,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	-100.00%
Sub Total Special Education 9-12+	\$ 90,900	\$ -	\$ 44,861	\$ 44,861	\$ 53,000	\$ 53,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (53,000)	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	0.00%
Total Special Education K-12	\$ 465,417	\$ 511,270	\$ 679,789	\$ 679,789	\$ 628,423	\$ 628,423	\$ 598,723	\$ 598,723	\$ 743,838	\$ 743,838	\$ 115,410	\$ 145,116	\$ 145,116	18.36%



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	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Approved BUDGET	Estimate ACTUAL	Proposed Budget	23/24 Budget	23/24 ACTUAL (EST)	\$ Increase	% Incr. Over 23/24 Budget
<b>6 - STAFF/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT</b>										
Stipends	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,006	\$ -	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300	\$ 3,500	\$ (800)	\$ (800)	\$ -	-18.60%
Curriculum Work	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	60.00%
Benefits	\$ 354	\$ 916	\$ 726	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Substitutes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Staff Development-Teachers	\$ 2,604	\$ 3,883	\$ 4,020	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Prof. Dev/College Coursework	\$ -	\$ 1,881	\$ 5,002	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Staff Development-Support Staff	\$ 568	\$ 242	\$ -	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Staff Training Workshops	\$ 457	\$ 800	\$ 16,567	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	30.00%
Supplies/Resource Books/Software	\$ 221	\$ 50	\$ 558	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,250	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	\$ -	162.50%
Total Staff/Curric Development	\$ 5,205	\$ 9,777	\$ 26,872	\$ 29,700	\$ 29,700	\$ 33,950	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,250	\$ -	14.31%
<b>7 - LIBRARY</b>										
Teacher Salaries	\$ 48,600	\$ 51,700	\$ 55,756	\$ 59,869	\$ 44,101	\$ 62,322	\$ 2,453	\$ 18,221	\$ -	4.10%
Employee Benefits	\$ 22,950	\$ 25,950	\$ 26,796	\$ 29,938	\$ 21,450	\$ 44,047	\$ 14,109	\$ 22,597	\$ -	47.13%
Contracted Services/Software	\$ 1,870	\$ 4,248	\$ 6,050	\$ 6,950	\$ 6,950	\$ 7,550	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	8.63%
Supplies	\$ 1,283	\$ 1,679	\$ 1,056	\$ 1,500	\$ 750	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 750	\$ -	0.00%
Books	\$ 3,928	\$ 7,629	\$ 6,185	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.00%
Periodicals	\$ 90	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Library	\$ 78,721	\$ 91,355	\$ 95,993	\$ 104,257	\$ 76,251	\$ 121,419	\$ 17,162	\$ 45,168	\$ -	16.46%
<b>8 - INFORMATION SERVICES</b>										
Stipend	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Contracted Service	\$ 29,142	\$ 26,000	\$ 27,850	\$ 50,624	\$ 50,624	\$ 65,884	\$ 15,260	\$ 15,260	\$ -	30.14%
Copy	\$ 5,973	\$ 6,996	\$ 6,234	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	0.00%
Data Communication	\$ 8,000	\$ 11,015	\$ 11,355	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 54	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies	\$ 898	\$ 997	\$ 1,136	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,675	\$ 2,000	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ -	19.40%
Software	\$ 12,696	\$ 10,984	\$ 12,745	\$ 7,499	\$ 7,499	\$ 19,050	\$ 11,551	\$ 11,551	\$ -	154.03%
Equipment	\$ 1,031	\$ -	\$ 1,525	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,150	\$ 7,150	\$ -	2042.86%
New/Replacement Computer/Network Equipment	\$ 12,485	\$ 17,015	\$ 10,492	\$ 12,800	\$ 12,800	\$ 34,985	\$ 22,185	\$ 22,185	\$ -	173.32%
Dues/Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 650	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ -	8.33%
Total Information Services	\$ 70,225	\$ 73,061	\$ 71,337	\$ 87,548	\$ 87,548	\$ 156,069	\$ 68,521	\$ 68,521	\$ -	78.27%



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	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Approved BUDGET	Estimate ACTUAL	Proposed Budget	\$ \$ Increase 23/24 Budget	\$ \$ Increase 23/24 ACTUAL (EST)	% Incr. Over 23/24 Budget	% Incr. Over 23/24 Budget
<b>9 - SCHOOL BOARD</b>										
Treasurer Stipend	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Criminal Records Checks	\$ -	\$ 1,589	\$ 996	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Recording Secretary	\$ 834	\$ 2,826	\$ 2,806	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Professional Services	\$ 10,966	\$ 7,633	\$ 18,960	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Auditor Services	\$ 8,525	\$ 8,525	\$ 9,950	\$ 10,250	\$ 10,250	\$ 10,500	\$ 250	\$ 250	2.44%	0.00%
Advertising	\$ 851	\$ 488	\$ 333	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Annual Report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Supply	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Dues/Fees/Meetings/Travel	\$ 3,161	\$ 3,161	\$ 3,621	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
District Meeting	\$ 1,696	\$ 765	\$ 468	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Total School Board	\$ 26,283	\$ 25,238	\$ 37,516	\$ 34,750	\$ 34,750	\$ 35,000	\$ 250	\$ 250	0.72%	
<b>10 - SAU OFFICE</b>										
Salaries	\$ 17,460	\$ 41,612	\$ 51,183	\$ 53,742	\$ 53,742	\$ 56,438	\$ 2,697	\$ 2,697	5.02%	
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,336	\$ 18,363	\$ 25,382	\$ 23,182	\$ 23,182	\$ 24,867	\$ 1,685	\$ 1,685	7.27%	
SAU Contracted Service	\$ 194,600	\$ 196,880	\$ 224,753	\$ 230,268	\$ 230,268	\$ 300,990	\$ 70,722	\$ 70,722	30.71%	
Professional Contracted Service	\$ 5,900	\$ 3,720	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Copy/Print	\$ 492	\$ 1,340	\$ 991	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,500	\$ (200)	\$ (200)	-11.76%	
Supplies/Advertising	\$ 960	\$ 913	\$ 2,020	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,700)	-100.00%	
Dues, Fees, Meetings, Travel	\$ 2,038	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,604	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Software/Equipment	\$ 1,914	\$ 426	\$ 2,090	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	-	0.00%
Total SAU Office	\$ 224,701	\$ 264,978	\$ 314,023	\$ 323,592	\$ 323,592	\$ 396,795	\$ 73,203	\$ 73,203	22.62%	
	\$	\$	\$ 0							

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	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Total Year Actual	Approved BUDGET	Estimate ACTUAL	Proposed Budget	23/24 Budget	23/24 ACTUAL (EST)	% Incr. Over 23/24 Budget
<b>11 - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>									
Administrative Salaries	\$ 91,500	\$ 93,788	\$ 96,602	\$ 96,602	\$ 99,500	\$ 105,560	\$ 8,958	\$ 6,060	9.27%
Office/Secretarial Salaries	\$ 41,977	\$ 48,050	\$ 43,058	\$ 45,211	\$ 53,448	\$ 53,766	\$ 8,555	\$ 318	18.92%
Employee Benefits	\$ 86,960	\$ 109,775	\$ 86,704	\$ 88,790	\$ 97,075	\$ 106,042	\$ 17,252	\$ 8,967	19.43%
Staff Development	\$ 817	\$ 2,733	\$ 2,060	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Postage	\$ 1,709	\$ 1,549	\$ 1,115	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Printing	\$ -	\$ 193	\$ 291	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,136	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies/Books/Software	\$ 267	\$ 162	\$ 757	\$ 1,399	\$ 1,399	\$ 1,499	\$ 100	\$ -	7.15%
Principal's Fund	\$ 468	\$ -	\$ 654	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Dues & Fees	\$ 919	\$ 575	\$ -	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,507	\$ 2,507	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	66.36%
Graduation	\$ 443	\$ 765	\$ 492	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Principal's Office	\$ 225,060	\$ 257,589	\$ 232,869	\$ 242,108	\$ 261,429	\$ 277,874	\$ 35,866	\$ 16,445	14.82%
	\$	\$	\$ 0						
<b>12 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>									
Medical Insurance	\$ 338,355	\$ 377,436	\$ 347,174	\$ 650,472	\$ 614,423	\$ 699,559	\$ 49,087	\$ 85,136	7.55%
Dental Insurance	\$ 39,107	\$ 39,917	\$ 46,679	\$ 17,374	\$ 16,752	\$ 23,944	\$ 6,570	\$ 7,192	37.81%
Life & AD&D Insurance	\$ 6,230	\$ 6,324	\$ 1,566	\$ 5,601	\$ 5,554	\$ 5,818	\$ 217	\$ 264	3.87%
Disability Insurance	\$ -	\$ 2,765	\$ 1,335	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Flex Plan Administration	\$ 377	\$ 132	\$ 198	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
F.I.C.A.	\$ 89,595	\$ 102,429	\$ 115,002	\$ 124,191	\$ 123,317	\$ 129,132	\$ 4,941	\$ 5,815	3.98%
Retirement	\$ 158,024	\$ 237,851	\$ 256,833	\$ 276,681	\$ 264,273	\$ 283,599	\$ 6,918	\$ 19,326	2.50%
Workers' Comp Insurance	\$ 8,422	\$ 5,044	\$ 3,904	\$ 7,370	\$ 7,322	\$ 7,657	\$ 287	\$ 335	3.90%
Annuity	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,108	\$ 10,417	\$ 9,577	\$ 10,599	\$ 183	\$ 1,023	1.75%
Unemployment Comp Insurance	\$ 365	\$ -	\$ 776	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Subtotal Employee Benefits	\$ 640,474	\$ 771,898	\$ 781,576	\$ 1,093,106	\$ 1,042,217	\$ 1,161,308	\$ 68,202	\$ 119,092	6.24%
Net Total Employee Benefits	\$ 640,474	\$ 771,898	\$ 781,576	\$ 1,093,106	\$ 1,042,217	\$ 1,161,308	\$ 68,202	\$ 119,092	6.24%
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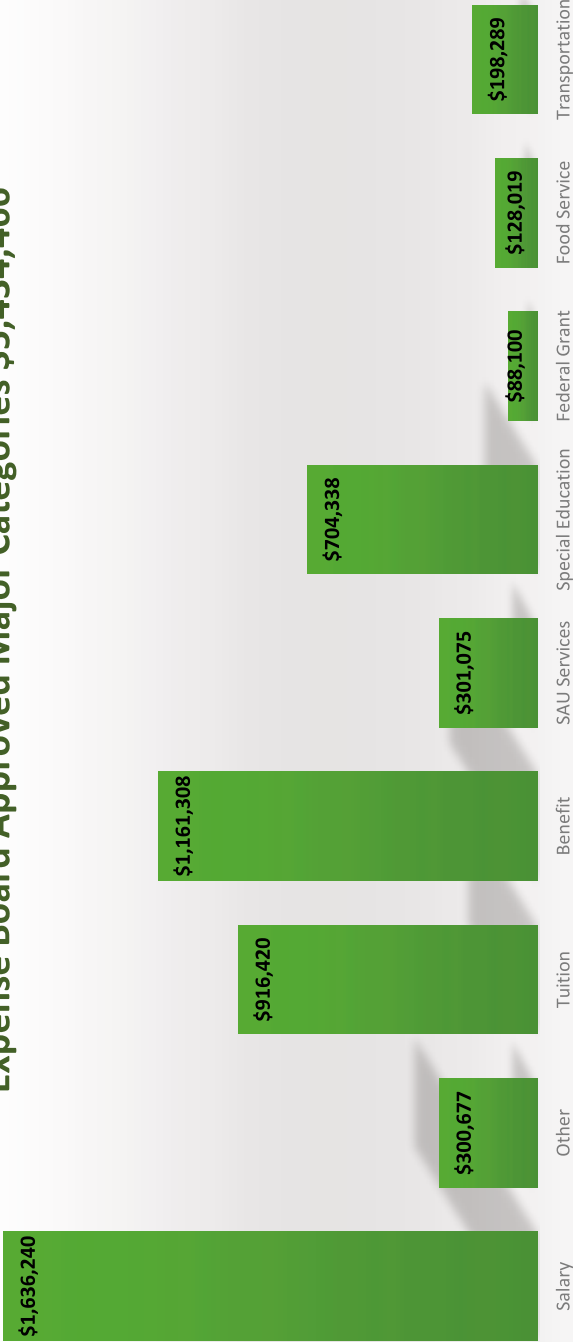
# FY25 Cornish School District Expense Budget School Board Adopted-January 29, 2024

	2020-2021		2021-2022		2022-2023		2023-2024		2023-2024		2024-2025		2024-2025	
	Total Year	Actual	Total Year	Actual	Total Year	Actual	Approved	Estimate	Proposed	\$ \$ Increase	\$ \$ Increase	% Incr. Over	\$ \$ Increase	% Incr. Over
							BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget	23/24 Budget	23/24 ACTUAL (EST)	23/24 Budget	23/24 Budget	23/24 Budget
<b>13 - FEDERAL GRANTS</b>														
IDEA (Spec Ed)	\$ 25,969	\$ 38,117	\$ 41,505	\$ 35,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	14.29%
Pre School	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,156	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	-75.00%
Title 1 (Improving Academic Achievement)	\$ 2,781	\$ 11,880	\$ 11,294	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	200.00%
Title 2 (Quality Teachers)	\$ 7,322	\$ 31,398	\$ 14,070	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,600	\$ (4,400)	\$ (4,400)	\$ (4,400)	\$ (4,400)	-44.00%
ESSER (COVID)	\$ 55,422	\$ 25,260	\$ 33,510	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ (75,000)	\$ (75,000)	\$ (75,000)	\$ (75,000)	-100.00%
Title IV	\$ 15,948	\$ 1,984	\$ 22,891	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Title V RUS	\$ 1,096	\$ 1,988	\$ 2,359	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Grants	\$ 110,538	\$ 112,538	\$ 126,785	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 88,100	\$ (55,900)	\$ (55,900)	\$ (55,900)	\$ (55,900)	-38.82%
<b>14 - OPERATION OF BUILDING</b>														
Custodial Salaries/Wages	\$ 54,250	\$ 58,498	\$ 45,518	\$ 47,794	\$ 47,794	\$ 47,794	\$ 47,794	\$ 47,794	\$ 49,228	\$ 1,434	\$ 1,434	\$ 1,434	\$ 1,434	3.00%
Overtime	\$ 2,131	\$ 3,504	\$ 532	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Summer Staff/ Substitute	\$ 1,361	\$ 2,092	\$ 995	\$ 11,513	\$ 11,513	\$ 11,513	\$ 11,513	\$ 11,513	\$ 11,585	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	\$ 72	0.63%
Employee Benefits	\$ 9,861	\$ 14,369	\$ 10,073	\$ 125,196	\$ 125,196	\$ 125,196	\$ 125,196	\$ 125,196	\$ 132,540	\$ 7,344	\$ 7,344	\$ 7,344	\$ 7,344	5.87%
Contracted Services	\$ 64,922	\$ 54,539	\$ 99,168	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	100.00%
Water/Septic	\$ 2,110	\$ 9,019	\$ 7,284	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,210	\$ 7,000	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	2.78%
Rubbish Removal	\$ 5,261	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	\$ 800	16.00%
Lawn Care	\$ 3,644	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	25.00%
Building Repairs	\$ 1,890	\$ -	\$ 26,817	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Building Improvement	\$ 5,682	\$ 4,580	\$ 6,815	\$ 7,497	\$ 7,497	\$ 7,497	\$ 7,497	\$ 7,497	\$ 8,831	\$ 1,334	\$ 1,334	\$ 1,334	\$ 1,334	17.79%
Property & Liability Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Telephone/Data Communication	\$ 18,929	\$ 12,731	\$ 10,940	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies	\$ 25,329	\$ 23,826	\$ 28,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Electricity	\$ 1,546	\$ 977	\$ 1,021	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	13.64%
Propane	\$ 8,374	\$ 7,395	\$ 5,325	\$ 13,750	\$ 13,750	\$ 13,750	\$ 13,750	\$ 13,750	\$ 7,920	\$ 5,830	\$ 5,830	\$ 5,830	\$ 5,830	-42.40%
Fuel Oil	\$ 21,377	\$ 20,411	\$ 16,982	\$ 34,375	\$ 30,039	\$ 30,039	\$ 30,039	\$ 30,039	\$ 31,620	\$ (2,755)	\$ (2,755)	\$ (2,755)	\$ (2,755)	-8.01%
Wood Pallets	\$ 9,653	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,689	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Equipment (New & Replacement)	\$ -	\$ 12	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Furniture (Building)	\$ 540	\$ 50	\$ 950	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Staff Travel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 330,326	\$ 330,326	\$ 330,326	\$ 330,326	\$ 330,326	\$ 393,524	\$ 63,198	\$ 63,198	\$ 63,198	\$ 63,198	19.13%
Dues/Fees	\$ 272,926	\$ 259,868	\$ 273,669	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Operation of Building	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>15 - TRANSPORTATION</b>														
Student Transportation	\$ 120,592	\$ 123,807	\$ 126,697	\$ 133,032	\$ 133,032	\$ 133,032	\$ 133,032	\$ 133,032	\$ 142,243	\$ 9,211	\$ 9,211	\$ 9,211	\$ 9,211	6.92%
Special Ed Transportation Elem	\$ 11,740	\$ 3,000	\$ 36,865	\$ 36,750	\$ 36,750	\$ 36,750	\$ 36,750	\$ 36,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (36,750)	\$ -	-100.00%
Field Trips (Regular and FIT)	\$ -	\$ 3,612	\$ 5,977	\$ 7,875	\$ 7,875	\$ 7,875	\$ 7,875	\$ 7,875	\$ 8,000	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	\$ 125	1.59%
Specialized Transportation (Van)	\$ 38,800	\$ 30,115	\$ 13,990	\$ 15,200	\$ 39,850	\$ 39,850	\$ 39,850	\$ 39,850	\$ 41,046	\$ 25,846	\$ 25,846	\$ 25,846	\$ 25,846	170.04%
Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,163	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-100.00%
Fuel/Fees	\$ -	\$ 617	\$ 3,287	\$ 7,220	\$ 3,220	\$ 3,220	\$ 3,220	\$ 3,220	\$ 7,000	\$ (220)	\$ (220)	\$ (220)	\$ (220)	-3.05%
Total Transportation	\$ 171,132	\$ 160,951	\$ 186,617	\$ 201,240	\$ 183,977	\$ 183,977	\$ 183,977	\$ 183,977	\$ 198,289	\$ (2,951)	\$ (2,951)	\$ (2,951)	\$ (2,951)	-1.47%

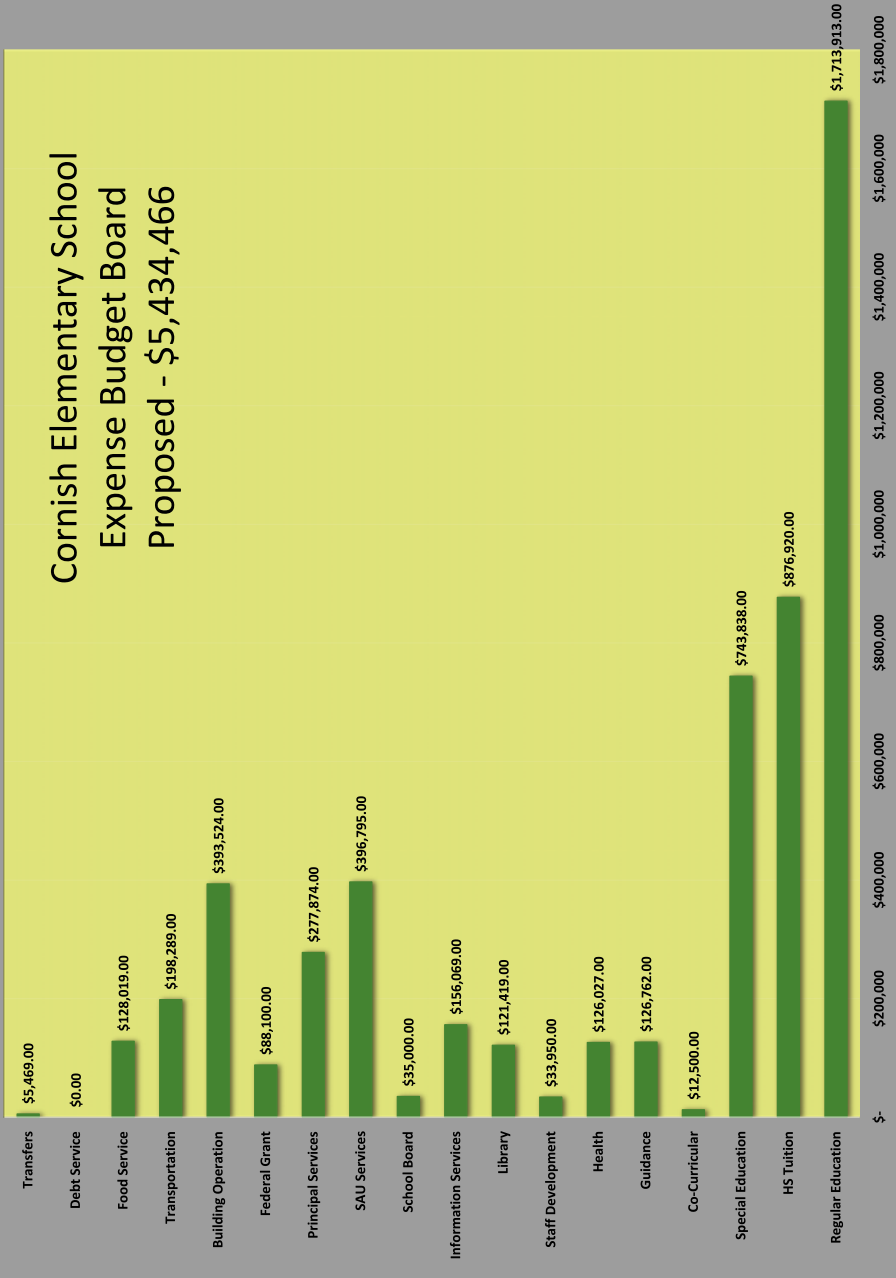
**FY25 Cornish School District Expense Budget School Board Adopted-January 29, 2024**

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025	2024-2025
	Total Year	Total Year	Total Year	Approved	Estimate	Proposed	23/24 Budget	23/24 ACTUAL (EST)	2024-2025
	Actual	Actual	Actual	BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget			% Incr. Over
									23/24 Budget
<b>16 - FOOD SERVICES</b>									
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 101	\$ 101	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Contracted Services	\$ 90,468	\$ 115,235	\$ 103,579	\$ 109,250	\$ 119,542	\$ 125,519	\$ 16,269	\$ 5,977	14.93%
Renovate/New Equipment	\$ -	\$ 3,824	\$ 1,566	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Transportation	\$ -	\$ 19	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies	\$ 317	\$ 5,339	\$ 782	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Food Service	\$ 94,608	\$ 123,345	\$ 108,618	\$ 111,750	\$ 122,042	\$ 128,019	\$ 16,269	\$ 5,977	14.56%
<b>17 - DEBT SERVICE</b>									
Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Interest	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Debt Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>18 - TRANSFERS</b>									
Trans. Building/Site	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,089	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Trans. General Fund	\$ 28,791	\$ 26,839	\$ 1,421	\$ 34,200	\$ 34,200	\$ 5,469	\$ (28,731)	\$ (28,731)	-84.01%
Encumbrance/Payable Prior Year	\$ 6,615	\$ 29,676	\$ 37,048	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Transfers	\$ 35,406	\$ 56,515	\$ 56,558	\$ 34,200	\$ 34,200	\$ 5,469	\$ (28,731)	\$ (28,731)	-84.01%
<b>SUB TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12</b>	\$ 3,918,400	\$ 4,134,957	\$ 4,596,017	\$ 5,080,388	\$ 4,937,884	\$ 5,434,466	\$ 354,078	\$ 498,582	6.97%
<b>19 - Other</b>									
Warrant Article 4 - Improve Electric System	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Warrant Article 5 (CBA 2022)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Warrant Article 6 SPED/Tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Warrant Article 3- Collective Bargaining	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Warrant Article Building Roof Study	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	-100.00%
Warrant Article 6 - Spec. Ed/Tuition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Mold Mitigation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,089	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Total Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,089	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)	-100.00%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL ED EXPENDITURES K-12</b>	\$ 3,918,400	\$ 4,134,957	\$ 4,666,106	\$ 5,105,388	\$ 4,962,884	\$ 5,434,466	\$ 329,078	\$ 471,582	6.45%
<b>Trust Funds</b>									
Capital Reserve Tuition/Special Education	Before and After Care Expendable Trust	Private Trust Fund Public School	School Facility Expendable Trust	Private Trust Fund Queneau	HS Tuition/Special Education	Private Trust Fund Burling School Fund	Public School Trust	Before & After School Care ETF	
Balance 6/30/22	185,979.43	66,720.99	1,986.58	102,671.27	37,283.97	185,979.43	1,986.58	66,720.99	
Added by Warrant FY23	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	
Income Interest				2,035.92	1,119.29	3,657.90	972.66	59.58	
Withdrawal FY23				18,089.00	1,051.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Balance Year End 6/30/23	235,979.43	66,720.99	1,986.58	86,618.19	37,351.89	239,667.33	33,371.09	68,723.29	
Expanding FY24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Balance Year End 23*	\$ 235,979.43	\$ 66,720.99	\$ 1,986.58	\$ 86,618.19	\$ 37,351.89	\$ 239,667.33	\$ 33,371.09	\$ 68,723.29	
<b>GOAL</b>	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	

## Cornish FY25 Expense Board Approved Major Categories \$5,434,466



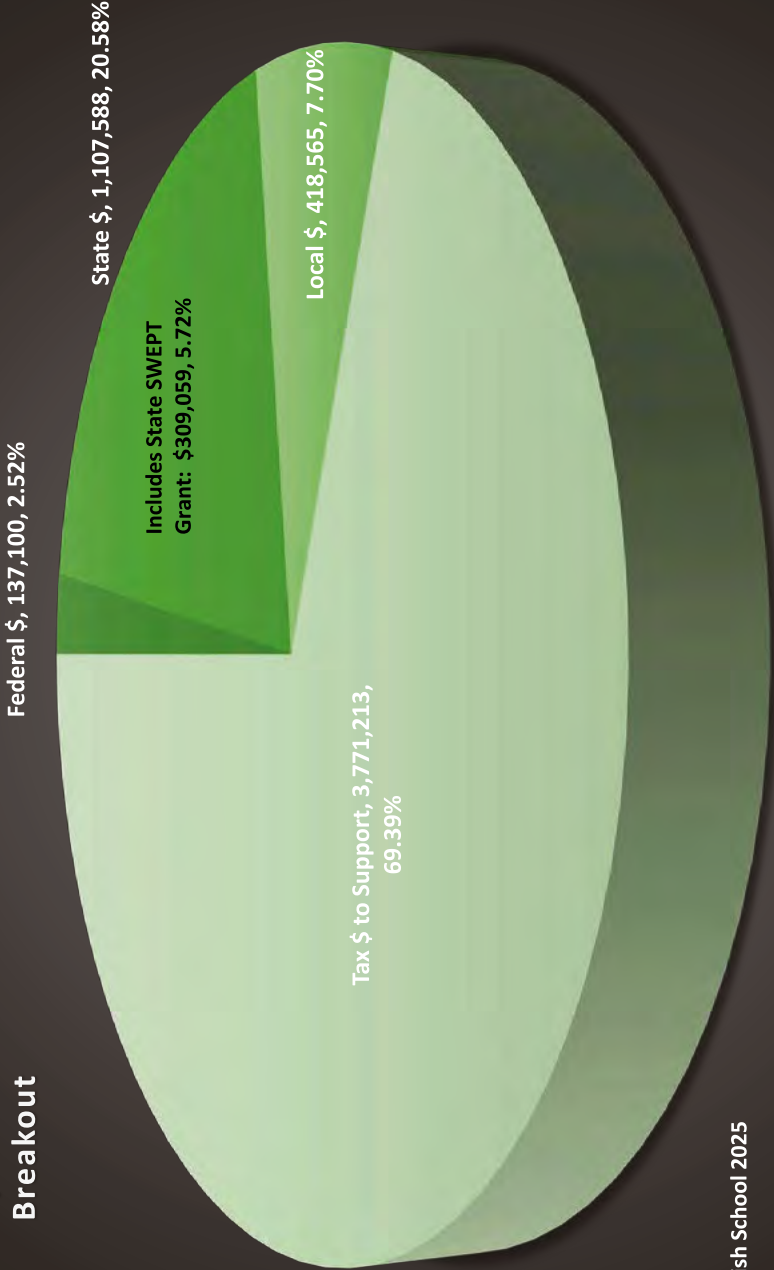
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**FY24 Cornish School District Revenue School Board Approved - January 29, 2024**

	2020-2021 Total Year ACTUAL	2021-2022 Total Year ACTUAL	2022-2023 Total Year Actual	2023-2024 Official MS-24	2023-2024 Estimate ACTUAL	2024-2025 Proposed BUDGET	2024-2025 \$\$ Increase 23/24 MS-24	2024-2025 \$\$ Increase 23/24 ACTUAL (EST)	2024-2025 % Incr. Over 23/24 Budget
<b>LOCAL SOURCES:</b>									
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	0	36,470	214,948	125,167	\$ 125,167	\$ 164,297	\$ 39,130	\$ 39,130	31.26%
Interest Income	8,487	188	11,941	1,500	5,000	5,000	3,500	-	233.33%
Food Service Revenues	6,624	4,696	40,831	20,000	41,000	52,000	32,000	11,000	160.00%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	0						0		0.00%
Tuition Revenues	0	1,918	2,877	2,877	2,877	0	0	0	0.00%
Transfer in Food Service	28,790	1,421	34,200	34,200	15,492	5,469	(28,731)	(10,023)	-84.01%
Transfer from Reserve Funds	99,934	26,839	18,089	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
Transfer from Bld Maint Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
Transfer from Capital Trust	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
Deficit/Supplemental Approp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Capital Project Bond	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
Local Source Food Service	28,994	51,548	45,993	44,000	52,000	57,000	13,000	5,000	29.55%
Pre-/After School Care	20,280	11,875	22,000	30,000	30,000	31,000	9,000	1,000	40.91%
Other (Includes Local Grants)	21,013	86,053	115,271	82,869	82,869	100,922	18,053	18,053	21.78%
Total Local	205,717	227,991	480,081	332,613	354,405	418,955	85,952	64,160	25.84%
<b>STATE SOURCES:</b>									
NH Adequacy Grant	662,562	702,930	844,410	797,980	797,980	797,979	(1)	(1)	0.00%
NH State Education	359,505	353,688	245,751	342,942	342,942	309,059	(33,883)	(33,883)	-9.89%
NH Kindergarten Aid	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
NH Building Aid	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
Catastrophic Aid	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
Child Nutrition	522	675	545	550	550	550	-	-	0.00%
Other	0	14,854	0	0	-	-	0	-	0.00%
Total State	1,022,589	1,057,293	1,105,561	1,141,472	1,141,472	1,107,588	(33,884)	(33,884)	-2.97%
<b>FEDERAL SOURCES:</b>									
Federal Grant Programs	110,538	112,537	126,072	144,000	144,000	88,100	(55,900)	(55,900)	-38.82%
Prior Year Surplus or (Deficit)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Child Nutrition	29,679	56,570	13,990	13,000	13,000	13,000	-	-	0.00%
Medicaid	16,310	34,714	32,144	36,000	36,000	36,000	-	-	0.00%
Other	12,502	5,838	5,838	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Federal	156,526	216,324	178,044	193,000	193,000	137,100	(55,900)	(55,900)	-28.96%
<b>TOTAL NON-TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>1,384,832</b>	<b>1,501,608</b>	<b>1,763,886</b>	<b>1,667,085</b>	<b>1,668,877</b>	<b>1,663,253</b>	<b>(3,832)</b>	<b>(25,624)</b>	<b>-0.23%</b>
Property Tax Dollars Needed	2,533,568	2,848,297	3,027,587	3,438,304	3,438,304	3,771,214	332,910	332,910	9.68%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET</b>	<b>3,918,400</b>	<b>4,349,905</b>	<b>4,791,273</b>	<b>5,105,388</b>	<b>5,127,181</b>	<b>5,434,466</b>	<b>329,078</b>	<b>307,286</b>	<b>6.45%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,918,400</b>	<b>4,349,905</b>	<b>4,791,273</b>	<b>5,105,388</b>	<b>5,127,181</b>	<b>5,434,466</b>	<b>329,078</b>	<b>307,286</b>	<b>6.45%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,918,400</b>	<b>4,134,957</b>	<b>4,666,106</b>	<b>5,105,388</b>	<b>4,962,884</b>	<b>5,434,466</b>	<b>329,078</b>	<b>471,582</b>	<b>6.45%</b>
<b>SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>214,948</b>	<b>125,167</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>164,297</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(164,297)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

# FY25 Proposed Revenue Breakout



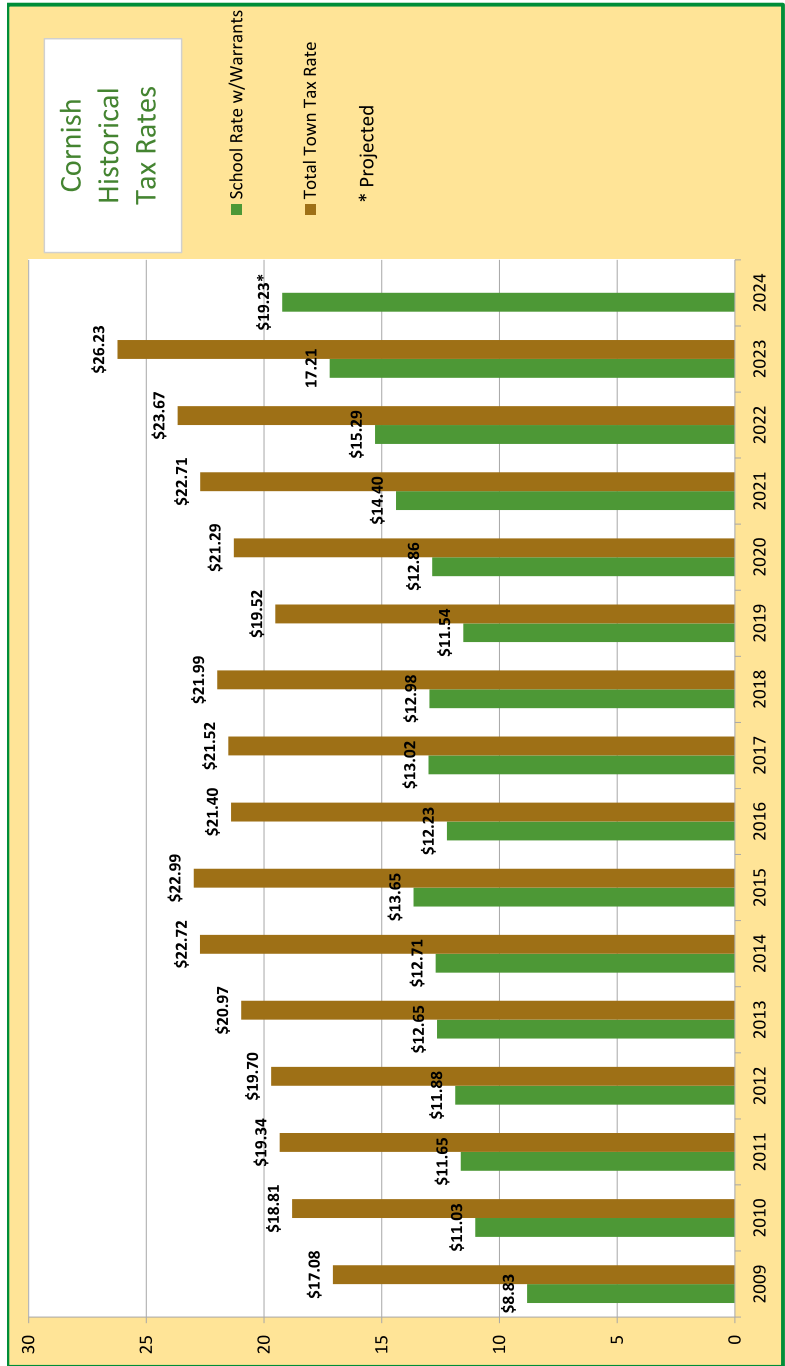
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## Cornish School District Historical Tax Data 2009-2024\*



Special Funds - FY23 End

	7/1/2022	Interest	Transfer	6/30/2023
Endowment Fund	26863.44	1053.73		27917.17
Special Endowment Fund Breakout				
Writing	5254.54	206.11		5460.65
Capital	12232.81	479.84		12712.64
Art&Music	617.13	24.21		641.33
Citizenship	611.85	24.00		635.85
Sportsmanship	309.09	12.12		321.21
Multiple Categories	1389.32	54.50		1443.82
Sports Program	1879.86	73.74		1953.60
Resource Room	1879.86	73.74		1953.60
Science Exploration	1642.50	64.43		1706.93
Spelling Excellence	1046.48	41.05		1087.53
	26863.44			27917.17
		1053.73		
	7/1/2022	Interest	Transfer	6/30/2023
French Account	15359.28	10.22		15369.5
Brewster Fitch	9583.27	375.9		9959.17
School Building	6999.81	274.56		7274.37
Science Room	1592.99	62.49		1655.48
Burling Trust	32398.43	972.66		33371.09
Queneau Scholarship	37283.97	1119.29	1051.37	37351.89

## Fundraiser Report 2022-2023

<b>FUNDRAISER</b>	<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>AMOUNT RAISED</b>	<b>AMOUNT SPENT</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>
Student Council	\$974.81	\$400.81	\$398.82	\$976.80
Class of 2023	\$3,423.91	\$12,461.50	\$13,356.24	\$2,530.42
Yearbook	\$391.62	\$206.25	\$10.00	\$587.87
Farm to School	\$579.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$579.80
Storrs History Award	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$250.00
Robotics	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Principal's Fund	\$1,801.62	\$2,404.19	\$3,172.88	\$1,032.93
Livia Lexion Fund	\$8,434.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,434.14

## Cornish Elementary School Certified Employee Salary Report 2023/2024

Name	Position	FTE	Track	Step	21-22 Salary	22-23 Salary	23-24 Salary
BUDD	Grades 5-8 Math Teacher	1	MA	9	\$51,700	\$55,756	\$59,869
CONDON	PE/Health Teacher	1	BA	6	N/A	N/A	\$49,869
DANGELO-WORTH	GRADES 7/8 ELA & SS Teacher	1	MA	11	\$55,400	\$59,356	\$63,469
DYKE	Sp. Ed. Case Manager	1	MA+30	14+	\$64,200	\$68,056	\$71,869
EATON	Grade 3 Teacher	1	MA	9	\$51,700	\$55,756	\$59,869
EDWARD	Grade 1 Teacher	1	MA	14	\$60,500	\$64,756	\$68,869
HAYWARD	GRADES 5-8 Science Teacher	1	BA+15	8	\$41,200	\$45,456	\$49,969
MACLEAY	School Counselor	1	MA	10	N/A	\$57,556	\$61,669
NEILY	Grade 4 Teacher	1	MA	2	N/A	\$40,056	\$47,269
PRIGNANO	School Nurse	1	BA+15	13	\$55,700	\$59,856	\$63,969
PRINCE	Reading / Math Specialist	1	MA+15	9	\$53,200	\$57,256	\$61,369
SINCLAIR	Reading and Math Interventionist	1	MA+30	14+	\$65,700	\$69,556	\$71,869
SOUSA	Grades 5/6 Social Studies	1	MA	12	N/A	\$36,694	\$65,269
STUART	Kindergarten Teacher	1	MA	14	\$64,200	\$66,556	\$68,869
WHITNEY	Music Teacher	1	BA	1	N/A	N/A	\$40,869
WOLFINGER	Art Teacher	0.4	MA	13	\$23,520	\$25,182	\$26,828

## Cornish Elementary School Support Staff Salary Report 2023-2024

Name	Position	FTE	# Months	Hourly Wage (23/24)	21-22 Salary	22-23 Salary	23-24 Salary
COGAN	Preschool Aftercare	.50	10	\$16.44	\$9,706	\$10,250	\$10,760
COGAN	Preschool Lead Teacher	.50	10	\$25.67	\$16,657	\$18,834	\$18,893
FORMICHELLI	AM Paraprofessional	.5	10	\$24.43	\$9,530	\$10,302	\$15,989
	PM Preschool Aftercare	.5	10	\$16.95	\$9,530	\$10,302	\$11,094
HARPER	Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant	1	10	\$28.54	\$34,544	\$41,966	\$44,066
HUTCHINSON	Library Aide	1	10	\$28.00	N/A	N/A	\$30,660
LAWRENCE	Administrative Assistant	1	12	\$24.00	\$43,020	N/A	\$24,960
MARTIN	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$21.71	N/A	N/A	\$28,418
MATTHEWS	District Substitute	1	10	\$20.96	N/A	N/A	\$27,437
MEENAGH	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$21.71	N/A	N/A	\$28,418
MORIN	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$21.18	N/A	\$24,534	\$27,725
REED	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$24.43	\$22,770	\$26,109	\$5,472
RONDEAU	Administrative Assistant	1	12	\$23.65	N/A	\$43,058	\$13,242
SCHOOLCRAFT	Executive Assistant	1	12	\$25.74	\$35,208	\$51,177	\$53,745
SMITH	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$24.43	\$29,570	\$30,460	\$31,979
SOUSA	School Custodian	1	12	\$22.89	\$37,104	\$45,518	\$47,794
THOMPSON	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$21.71	N/A	\$26,403	\$28,418
THORNTON	Paraprofessional	1	10	\$24.43	\$27,594	\$29,151	\$31,979
WATERWORTH	Administrative Assistant	1	12	\$25.00	N/A	N/A	\$4,000
WHITFORD	Paraprofessional	.40	10	\$24.43	N/A	\$16,568	\$18,274

## **Town Directory and Information**

Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies	911
Police, Non-emergency	(603) 543-0535
Fire, Non-emergency	(603) 675-2221
Cornish Rescue, ambulance	(603) 675-2221
Selectmen, Assessing Office ( <a href="mailto:townbos@comcast.net">townbos@comcast.net</a> )	(603) 675-5611
Town Office Fax	(603) 675-5605
Town Clerk ( <a href="mailto:cornishtownclerk@comcast.net">cornishtownclerk@comcast.net</a> )	(603) 675-5207
Tax Collector ( <a href="mailto:cornishtaxcollector1@comcast.net">cornishtaxcollector1@comcast.net</a> )	(603) 675-5221
Treasurer ( <a href="mailto:cornishtreasurer@comcast.net">cornishtreasurer@comcast.net</a> )	(603) 675-5611
Highway Garage	(603) 675-2205
Cornish Elementary School	(603) 675-5891
G.H Stowell Free Library	(603) 543-3644
Town Website	<a href="http://www.cornishnh.net">www.cornishnh.net</a>

## **Meeting Schedules and Hours**

Town Boards meet at Town Office Bldg. – School Board meets at School	
Town Office Assessing	Monday 11:30 a.m. -7:30 p.m. Tues. 8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Selectmen	Monday 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	Mon. 12:00-3:00 p.m. Tues. & Thurs. 5:00-7:00 p.m. Wed. 5:00-7:00 p.m.
	Last Saturday of each Month 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Tax Collector	Monday 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Planning Board	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board (as needed)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each Month 6:30 p.m.
Conservation Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each Month 7:00 p.m.
Cornish School Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month 5:30 p.m.
G.H. Stowell Free Library	Monday 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tues. & Wed. 3:00-6:00 p.m. Thursday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.