

**2022 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.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Cornish Elementary school gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Articles 1 and 2 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. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. Articles 3 through 24 will be acted upon at that time.

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

**Article 2:** By petition, do you approve of having 2 sessions for the annual town meeting in this town, the first session for choice of town officers elected by an official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said official ballot and the second session, on a date set by the selectmen, for transaction of other business?

**Article 3:** 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	\$ 70,684
b) Tax Collector	13,560
c) Town Clerk	18,215
d) Election, Vital Statistics	3,895
e) Audit Town Books	11,000
f) Revaluation of Property	18,895
g) Legal Expenses	10,000
h) Planning Board	3,377
i) Zoning Board	500
j) Building & Grounds	28,894
k) Cemeteries & Perpetual Care	32,839
l) Insurance (Property/Liability)	35,000
m) Records Preservation	200
n) Spirit Committee	500
o) Police Department	179,837
p) Ambulance	16,751
q) Fire Department	56,500
r) Emergency Management	200
s) Septage	2,500
t) Recycling	30,027
u) Hazardous Waste	1,500
v) Human Services	19,158
w) Parks & CREA Land	6,000
x) Memorial Day	400

y) Conservation Commission	750
z) Interest-Tax Anticipation Note	2,000
za) Library	34,160

zb) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$701,741 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. It is anticipated that \$97,788 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 4:** 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.)

**Article 5:** 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.)

**Article 6:** 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.)

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**Article 8:** 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.)

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**Article 10:** 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.)

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**Article 12:** 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.)

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000, to be added to the Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,285 for the second 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) G1 Cylinders) for the Fire Department. Funds for the second year's payment to come from the unassigned fund balance. This lease-purchase agreement contains a non-appropriation or "escape" clause. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$202,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new dump truck with its associated equipment for the Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$202,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment 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 dump truck and associated equipment purchase is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required). (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200 to acquire a .09 +/- acre parcel of land from Anthony and Valerie Newton located at 20 School Street a/k/a Map 18, Lot 14. Said parcel to be annexed to the Stowell Free Library Lot located at 24 School Street a/k/a Tax Map 18, Lot 17, as shown on the plan titled "Annexation Plan for the Anthony J. and Valerie F. Newton and Town of Cornish" approved by the Cornish Planning Board on April 15, 2021, and filed at the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds as Plan #5415. Said amount includes \$6,500 for the land acquisition and \$700 for associated fees, including legal and recording. Of said amount, \$6,500 is to come from donations received by the Cornish Library Trustees, and the remaining \$700 is to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of the Cornish Library Exploratory Committee's feasibility study including, but not limited to, completion of the planning of improvements to the current library authorized at the 2019 Town Meeting and any other such studies or investigations of the current or proposed library that may be deemed necessary by the committee. The report of the committee will be due on or before the 2023 Town Meeting. Said amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of updating the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan with \$7,500 to come from a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Homeland Security, and Emergency Management, and with the required 25% match of \$2,500 come from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,800 for the purchase of four (4) fire proof file cabinets and to make improvements to the town office building to accommodate the weight of said fire proof file cabinets. Said funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 20:** 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 21:** 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 the article).

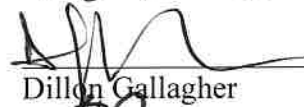
**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayments of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52-a.

**Article 23:** To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote in relation thereto.

**Article 24:** To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Given under our hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lyle Parry, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dillon Gallagher

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Frank Parks

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

SELECTMEN OF CORNISH