

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:00-6:00 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices and mail.
2. BOS signed solar tax abatements.
3. BOS took a call from Bill Saffin, NH DOT, regarding the Leavitt Hill Bridge. BOS asked about requirements the DOT may have regarding engineering requirements. Would need to have a certified PE and a signed, stamped plan. He explained that the deck system is not often used anymore. A Form 4 load summary capacity of the beams is required. New deck would create more load on the beams. Any temporary bridge should also have a load capacity. During construction, the contractor is responsible for the bridge. Bill mentioned the new pre-cast deck to be composite or not composite. There are options for pre-cast. Just the deck or superstructure and deck. He mentioned that wetland or shoreline permits may be needed for a temporary bridge. John asked for a list of engineers.
4. Chris Chilton came in to discuss ambulance services. Specifically, about patients having choice of hospital. Golden Cross has refused at least 7 patients their choice. Golden Cross will not return Chris's emails or calls. Chris confirmed that RSA 153-a makes choice available. Chris considers Golden Cross in violation of the contract. Chris has communicated with Windsor and Lebanon for services. Chris wants BOS to contact Golden Cross regarding this issue.
5. BOS left for site visits at 4:32.
6. BOS returned from site visits at 5:50.
7. Teo Orion came in to explain a plan to work for cemeteries. Jason asked about an explanation as to the nature of the project. He explained that he assumed he would be cleaning and straightening. He asked what tools he would need. He had contacted the Sexton, Mike Monette, who referred him to BOS. Jason explained probably not power tools. BOS explained that an excellent first step would be a cataloging and inventory project.
8. Heather Meeks came in to talk about Highway Department and cemetery work. The thinks the Town should hire a young person who could work part-time for the summer to do cemetery maintenance.
9. BOS discussed Highway and cemeteries.
10. John moved, Jason seconded, to re-appoint Bill Lipfert and Heidi Jaarsma to another term on the Planning Board. Vote was unanimous in favor.
11. Adjourned 6:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Dillon Gallagher

**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 6, 2024 6:30-8:30 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices, mail and signed checks.
2. Selectmen went into Executive Session from 6:36 to 7:23 pm.
3. Everett Cass came in to discuss a call from BOS regarding part-time work. He expressed interest but needs to coordinate because he has a business to run. He is more interested in winter vs. summer. If he worked in the summer, he would like to work in blocks not just a day here or there. Possibly interested in winter plowing with more planning. BOS will discuss pay rate. John asked about grading if the current operator was ever unavailable.
4. Everett brought up the Energy Committee. He is concerned about the committee having meetings by email. He pointed out that a recent post on ConnectCornish had been emailed between committee members. Jason asked if they were making decisions through email? He said information can be shared, but it is inappropriate to make decisions via email.
5. BOS discussed Highway and cemeteries.
6. BOS discussed training programs for CDL drivers. BOS received an email in the mail folder that the Community College System of NH offers on-line entry level driver training theory.
7. Adjourned 8:30.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:00-6:00 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices and mail.
2. Officer Justin Vivian sat in.
3. Bill Wall was in. He brought in a newspaper article about squatters and enforcement.
4. Wayne Gray was in. Highway cleaned up and mowed Edminster and Trinity cemeteries. Plan to grade Gap Road Friday the 10th. East Road will be dig-safed between Tift and Mace for ditching and culvert work. He brought up a request from Jeff Baillargeon to install a culvert that crosses from the east to the west side of Paget. Wayne will get forms for culvert installation permission. The F550 is at Lebanon Ford. The truck needs a new rear spring which is covered under warranty. It is the drivers side spring. John asked if the damage came from overloading. Wayne said possible from pot holes too. Wayne has contacted paving companies about the paving RFP. He will follow up with the third vendor tomorrow. Jason asked about action on job applications. Wayne has not followed up yet. Wayne was asked if he will reach out to the applicant that has a CDL. Wayne

will call first thing in the morning. Indeed was discussed as an employee search tool. Kyle has looked into the Technical College CDL basic course. Most cemeteries have been cleaned up. Childs and School Street still need cleanup.

5. Scott Sweet came in and BOS explained that the Town had some projects. BOS asked about using subcontractors. To do a project of fabric and 6 inches of gravel would be approximately \$80,000 per mile in materials. BOS asked if Scott would be interested in joining the Road Committee. He said he would like to help the Town.
6. Steve Parks dropped off a proposal for cemetery mowing in a sealed manilla envelope.
7. BOS discussed the news and announcements section of the Town website.
8. Adjourned 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 13, 2024 6:30-8:30 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices, mail and signed checks.
2. Bill Wall dropped off information on school funding for the mail folder.
3. Heather Meeks came in to follow up on her questions about cemetery care. She was told that the Town had put out an RFP for cemetery mowing. She asked where the RFP had been posted. BOS explained that it had been posted on the Town website and on Town bulletin boards. She asked about a 17 year old that had been advertising on a local list serve. BOS explained that after following up with Primex, it was not in the Town's best interest.
4. Ben Ouellette with Aries Engineering from Concord called. He requested to sample water from the Fire and Highway Department wells. Aries is investigating the spread of PFAS from the school septic system. John asked if Ben was aware of the dug well serving the Fire department. Ben said that he was. BOS approved his request to sample water from both wells.
5. Louise and Allen Marsh from Clark Camp Road came in to inquire about specifics on a building permit application.
6. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, came in.
7. BOS opened sealed bids at 7:00. One was received for mowing. The bid was only for buildings and grounds. The bid included buildings and grounds and Whitten, North Parsonage and Creamery Road cemeteries. The bid was hourly with no estimate of hours per mowing or frequency of mowing. The BOS will consider its options, but may re-open the bid process as the bid is incomplete and non-conforming to the RFP.
8. Tim Schad called about RFPs for bridge engineering and paving. He asked where the information was posted. It was posted on the website and Town boards. The BOS thanked Tim for the call.
9. BOS opened paving proposals. BOS will discuss.

10. BOS asked Wayne about pothole repairs. Wayne agreed that it is time to do some pothole repairs. BOS asked if maybe hiring a subcontractor. John asked if Wayne had been able to follow-up on job applications. He has arranged an interview with a CDL applicant. He has discussed an application with another CDL. Potential applicant may interview after Memorial Day.
11. Highway Department graded Paget, North Deming, Old Stagecoach and Jonesville roads today. Plan for Tuesday the 14th is to grade Wayside, South Deming, Chase Hill and Tandy Brook to Jackson.
12. Adjourned 8:30.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 16, 2024 4:00-6:00 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices and mail.
2. Chris Chilton came in to discuss ambulance service. Lebanon does not have enough manpower to cover any of Cornish. Windsor Fire Department is willing to cover all of Cornish. Golden Cross covered 52 of the calls in the last 12 months. Jason asked if we contracted with only one provider would that be a risk. Chris suggested that Windsor might have Golden Cross for mutual aid. He thought Lebanon might also be able to provide mutual aid. BOS asked to see more concrete information from Windsor Fire Department Ambulance Service. Also, BOS will need to research current contracts.
3. Wayne Gray came in. He followed up on ROW on Burr Road. BOS will contact the homeowner. He dropped off information on mowing hours for Building & Grounds and Cemeteries.
4. Jason moves that the Town of Cornish award the paving contract to Springfield Paving. John seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor. BOS asked about prep for paving. Town will need to sweep and assess and improve shoulders. Town plans to grade Sunrise, Nelson, Fitch and Slade Hill. After that, Squag City, River Road and Hildreth. Wayne has an employment application for a non-CDL employee. Highway has mowed Edminster and Chase cemeteries. Cleaned up trees at Childs. Trimmed Meeting House. John asked about follow-up with a current CDL applicant. Applicant is in limbo. Mike West came in to check on vacation time, leave time, etc.
5. Site visits at 5:05.
6. Adjourned at 7:30.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024 6:30-8:30 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices, mail and signed checks.
2. BOS signed building permits that were inspected on Thursday. BOS discussed a permit application that will need a special exception for cottage industry from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Derek Antonioni was in to discuss his application. BOS explained the special exception process. BOS referred Mr. Antonioni to the ZBA.
3. Scott Baker came in and asked about CDL hiring. He asked about road grading especially South Parsonage.
4. Glenn Griffin from the CCC came in regarding the Parsonage Cemetery. He brought in a survey indicating that the BOS on September 10, 1894, declared Parsonage Cemetery a public cemetery. Glenn said the cemetery is not Map 7, Lot 94. It is shown as a separate lot on his survey of Map 7, Lot 93C. It is listed on the survey as 0.15 ac. John brought the cemetery binders from the vault. Glenn looked at the binders and could not find a definitive answer.
5. Steve Parks came in to follow up on his proposal. BOS explained some details. Steve proposed a test mow to gather information and then re-submit a proposal that complies with the RFP. He will send his Certificate of Insurance to the office tomorrow.
6. BOS called Heidi Jaarsma, Town Treasurer, to ask about cemetery monies. BOS discussed gravestone repair. BOS will follow up with a vendor regarding inventory of stones to be repaired.
7. BOS discussed the timing of the Town celebration of Memorial Day. Jason pointed out that the Federal Holiday is the last Monday of May. He pointed out that it seems inconsistent to celebrate two ways. John says he prefers the tradition of celebrating Memorial Day on the 30th. Dillon was asked his opinion and stated he is a little old fashioned and like the tradition.
8. Adjourned at 8:38.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 23, 2024 4:00-6:00 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices and mail.
2. BOS discussed the Boston Post Cane. John will contact Connie White and make arrangements for her to come in and have the BOS present the cane.
3. John had a report from the Conservation Commission that the CCC had concerns about the sale of 2 conserved lots by the Meyette family.

4. John moves, Jason seconds to approve April 2024 minutes. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Joanna Sharf came in to talk about the Energy Committee. She asked about the proposal from EarthShare Company. The vendor's quote increased significantly due to the proposed removal of insulation and guano. It is uncertain if any bats remain in the Town Office. Joanna will follow up by trying to locate a wildlife expert to investigate the bats. Joanna announced a new position, a Sullivan Co. Energy Circuit Rider, Doug Cogan. If the Town has any energy projects he can advise on resources. He was hired by Lean Energy, NH. She reported that there is federal money becoming available soon that must be applied for to support large solar projects. The Energy Committee is interested. She has an anecdote that Wayne Gray, as Fair Director, had once considered a site on the fairgrounds. John suggested she talk to the Fair Association as a first step. Much more information is needed. She will look into it. She proposed a solar installation on her barn as a personal residential installation. BOS explained that as proposed the installation may violate setbacks. She will check measurements.
6. Mike Duval came in to talk about road grading. He mentioned ditching and drainage. He is willing to continue to help with more summer work. He had questions about preparations for paving. He also asked about the ditching schedule. BOS will follow up with Wayne.
7. BOS discussed employee policy.
8. BOS has a list of questions for the Road Agent for next week.
9. BOS discussed the migration to a .gov domain.
10. Adjourned at 6:00.

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**Town of Cornish
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 30, 2024 4:00-6:00 pm**

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

1. BOS reviewed invoices and mail.
2. Bill Wall came in to point out that an elderly neighbor had a blown fuse on the transformer outside her home. He asked if the BOS had a direct line to the power company. He left 2 newspaper articles about county tax rate increases and also potential changes to the NHEL bylaws.
3. Friends of the Cornish NH Library members Mary O'Connor, Judith Kaufman, Jill Edson and Martha Zoerheide came in. Mary O'Connor explained that the friends want to use the Town Hall for a book sale. Mary pointed out they have an EIN, and are registered with the State of NH. They presented a copy from the website showing an exempted organization. Judith proposed that the Friends are a Town organization. Jason and Dillon explained what an NGO is. Policy of Town rentals was discussed. Mary suggested names to add to the list of the website. BOS discussed changes to the list of exempt organizations. The BOS waived the fee for the Friends of the Cornish Library.

4. Kristi Stevens came in to ask about Town Hall rental. She complained to Wayne Gray about the material on Leavitt Hill Road.
5. Marie DeRusha, General Assistance, came in to discuss Town Welfare. Executive Session 4:25-4:33.
6. Curt Wyman asked that the Town remove the one way signs on School Street. He declared that the traffic pattern was changed for Bernice Johnson's safety. Dillon thought it might have changed due to landscaping changes at the residence on the corner of School Street and NH Rte. 120.
7. Louise and Allan Marsh came in to follow up on a building permit application.
8. Wayne Gray, Road Agent, was in. He reported a new, non CDL, hire. He asked about improving the exit to Childs Cemetery. BOS agreed. Wayne asked about stone repairs. BOS asked about the bid process for grave stone repairs. Only one of the three vendors provided quotes early last summer. BOS asked Wayne to initiate the repairs. He asked about building and grounds moving. Wayne has scheduled street sweeping for June 10th. Includes School Street, Cornish Stage, Whitewater, Perkins, and Mill Village. Springfield Paving has the paving contract and will wait for Wayne's preparation. Wayne has 3 quotes for winter Sand. Stevens, St. Pierre and Pike submitted prices. BOS deferred to Wayne on which sand to buy. He reported a new beaver dam on Tandy Brook Road. Wayne mentioned talking to Meagan Filion at the vendor's show about hot patch. The Highway Department has 3 tons of cold patch that they will put out tomorrow.
9. Joanna Sharf came in to follow up on a building permit application.
10. Peter Burling came in to ask about a small shed for his painting supplies. He will apply for a building permit.
11. Larry Dingee asked about RFPs for mowing. He asked about what the NH DT's report shows on the Leavitt Hill bridge.
12. BOS discussed the Leavitt Hill bridge and available options.
13. Adjourned at 6:00pm.

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