

**George H. Stowell Free Library Trustee and Cornish Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting  
Draft Minutes June 18, 2024, 5:00 p.m. at the Cornish Town Office**

**PRESENT: Selectboard:** Dillon Gallagher, John Hammond, Jason Bourne **Trustees:** Kathi Patterson, Laura Cousineau, Marie De Rusha **Citizens:** Fred Sullivan, Alicia Simino, Stu Hodgeman, Caroline Storrs, Peter Storrs, Richard Thompson, John Dryfhout, Larry Dingee, Kim Patterson, Brenda Freeland, Nancy Newbold, Cheston Newbold, Kate Freeland, Karen Gillock, Cindy Collins, Heidi Jaarsma, Mike Fuerst.

The meeting was held in response to a letter sent to the G. H. Stowell Library Trustees by the Cornish BOS stating that the Town of Cornish had some unspent Local Resource Recovery Fund (covid) money and wanted to offer the funds to install a well and septic system at the Library. The letter asked the Library Trustees if they would like to co-ordinate on the project.

1. Dillon Gallagher called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.
2. Heidi Jaarsma gave an overview of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (LFRF), how the money was offered to almost all New Hampshire towns, how the rules had changed from when the money first became available to now allowing for the use toward anything a town would spend money on. The amount used could not be more than 75% of a Town's operating budget. There would have to be a quote received and a contract signed before December 31, 2024 with work and paperwork completed by December 31, 2026. The total amount received was \$169,283.18.
  - a. Some has been used to pay for turn-out gear for the Cornish Fire Department, and some has been obligated for the repeater needed for the cell tower on Burr Road.
  - b. There is a balance of \$80,000 to \$90,000 remaining that could go toward the installation of a well and septic system at the library.
3. There followed discussion as to the pros of the project and other uses for the money including that the money should be used for the needed renovations at the Town Office Building or for paving.
4. Marie De Rusha made a motion that the trustees work with the Selectboard to get quotes for the costs of installation of a well and septic system using LFRF funds. Kathi Patterson seconded. John Hammond added that there should be 3 quotes for a drilled well and 3 quotes for a septic system as has been designed. Laura called the question. The motion passed with two (2) YES votes (Marie, Kathi) and one (1) NO vote (Laura).
5. The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathi Patterson, Recording Secretary