

TOWN OF CORNISH

Annual Town Report - 2024



New traffic pattern from South Hiram Rd to Rt 25

Photo Credit by: Brian Wallace

Town of Cornish acquired land from Kamin Realty in 2022 and began working with MDOT via the 2023 Municipal Partnership Initiative funding program. Once the bid was accepted, P.Y Estes & Son began construction in the Spring of 2023 and completed the new traffic pattern by the first week of July 2023.

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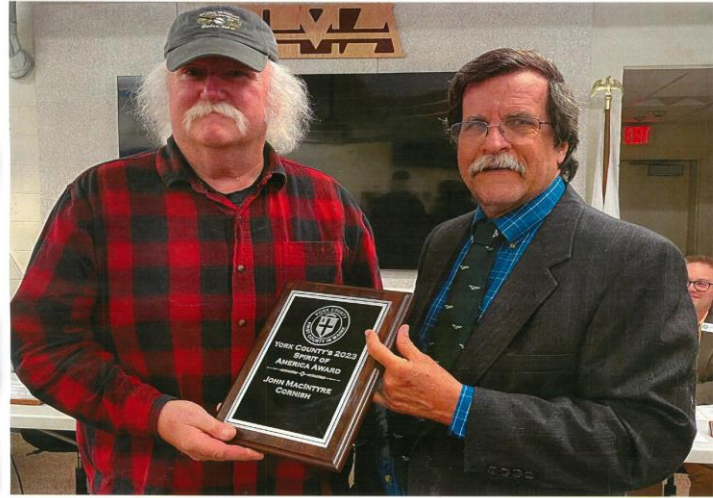
Kenneth Hall pictured below with his wife Jean was honored with the Spirit of America Foundation Award for outstanding community service, at a ceremony hosted by the York County Commissioners



Ken has proven his continual dedication to the town of Cornish through unrelenting commitment to serving his community with no expectation of recognition or reward. He has also served on the town's planning board for the past several years offering vast wisdom on a host of subjects. Additionally, he is a WW2 veteran that worked hard to maintain this nation's security while in service. Thank you Ken!

Town of Cornish
Spirit of America Foundation Award 2023
John Stuart MacIntyre

The Spirit of America Award was established to recognize volunteerism. The Cornish Board of Selectmen selected John Stuart MacIntyre as their 2023 recipient.



John was born in Wareham, Massachusetts and graduated from Wareham High School and Franklin Institute in Boston. After working in the automotive field for several years, John started his own auto repair business in Cataumet MA. He retired to Maine in 2005.

Moving to Cornish was an excellent decision and he felt welcomed by the community. He tries to serve the town whenever possible. He is Constable and Warden for the town's elections. He served on one of the first Pike Hall Memorial Committees, when making the building handicapped accessible was a priority, and more recently he has been chairman of the committee which helped to open the balcony. John's other volunteer activities include Cornish Historical Society (Duck Derby), Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Committee (Horsemen's Day, Vintage Baseball), and a special commitment to the Cornish Memorial Day Committee, carrying on the Carpers' tradition of driving veterans in the parade, and also playing "Amazing Grace" on the fiddle at the ceremony.

As a member of the Pine Tree Model A Club and the Crankers Car Club, John helps to make antique cars available for local parades and events.

Thank you, John, we are pleased you chose to live in Cornish.

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GUIDELINES TO ATTENDING A TOWN MEETING

If you wish to speak, wait until the Moderator has opened the floor to public comments. When the Moderator has recognized you, you will stand; state your name for the record, the agenda item and nature of your business.

Please refrain from discussion on the article if you have a conflict of interest in any article.

The Moderator will not entertain public comment about specific individuals.

The Moderator has the right to set a time limit for comments. Be prepared to state your business in a brief and concise manner.

During a Public Meeting, only the subject matter can be discussed.

Comments should always be courteous. Personal and accusatory comments are out of order. Profanity, disorderly language, or gestures at meetings are prohibited.

At no time will the public be allowed to argue, debate, or introduce a topic that is not on the agenda.

During discussion, the audience shall not disturb the proceedings by whispering, talking or other distractions.

TOWN OF CORNISH, MAINE

ANNUAL REPORT

Report of the municipal officers of the Town of Cornish, Maine, covering the period between February 1st, 2024 and January 31st, 2025.

Please review and call the Town Office prior to Annual Town Meeting with questions as they may require research. You may ask questions at the Town Meeting, but prior knowledge will assure a prompt and more detailed answer.

Under the secret method of balloting for town officers, and to comply with the laws of the State of Maine governing the same, the schedule will be as follows.

Friday, March 15th, 2024
2:00PM - 8:00PM
Opening of Polls and Election of Town Officials

Monday, March 18th, 2024
7:00 PM-Adjournment
Town Meeting voting on Articles in Warrant

The secret ballot laws provide that all officers are to be elected by a plurality vote. In other words, if there should be three or more candidates for any one office, the one receiving the greatest number of votes, not necessarily a majority, is declared the winner.

The Municipal Office is open as follows:

Monday thru Wednesday	8:00AM-3:00PM
Thursday	8:00AM-12:00 (Noon) and 1:00PM-6:00PM
Friday thru Sunday	Closed

The Municipal office contact information:

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The **Selectmen** meet every other Wednesday for a business meeting, from 5:00PM to conclusion of business and adjournment at the Pike Memorial Town Hall. Items for the agenda must be submitted 10 (ten) business days in advance. The Selectmen's workshop will be scheduled on an as needed basis.

The **Planning Board Business** meetings occur on the 1st Monday of each month & workshops on the 3rd Monday each month at :30PM. Items for the agenda must be submitted 10 (ten) business days in advance.

Emergency Numbers:

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Daniel Sherman - 2024
Jessica Larson - 2025
David Pike - 2026

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Monique Guptill - 2024

DEPUTY CLERK, BOOKKEEPER, SECRETARY

Deanna Hartford

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Dan Vaillancourt
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief - Chris Calnan
Asst. Chief - Scott Pingree
Captain - Sam Gilpatrick
Lieutenant - Dan Chapman

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Tiffany Parent

PLANNING BOARD

Les MacMaster (Chair)*Eve Bergstrom (Vice Chair) *M. Angel Eastman (Secretary)
Adam Craig*Nancy Perkins*Robert Plourde*Ryan Lane

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Robert W. Sturgeon - 2024

DIRECTORS OF S.A.D. #55

Margaret Hoxie - 2024
Bradley Perkins – 2025
Jill Weatherbee – 2026

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Carl Landry

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OFFICER

Mathieu Cama

BOARD OF APPEALS

Margaret Aspinal*Mark Call*Karen Hoxie*Larry Meggison*Bradley Perkins

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Jon Bailey*Katherine Blake*M. Angel Eastman*Jeff Hartford
*Bradley Perkins*Colleen Tims

CORNISH FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Diann W. Perkins (Chair)* M. Angel Eastman (Vice Chair)
Katherine Blake (Secretary)*Monique Guptill (Treasurer)
Linwood Perkins & Steven Smith (Grounds Maintenance)
Judy Leonhartt*Vinal Pendexter*Victoria Perry*Glenn Rankin*James Ray

CORNISH PARKS & RECREATION

Thomas Pingree (Secretary)*Diann W. Perkins (Treasurer)
Scott Pingree*Byron Harrington

CORNISH SEWER DISTRICT

Steve Smith (Chair)*Cory Hale (Operator)*Kate Benson

CORNISH WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Heidi H Cates, Office Manager
Lorie Pike, Chairperson – 2024
Brandon Fenderson – 2026
Craig Jones, Trustee – 2024
Chad Pike, Trustee – 2025
John Watts, Trustee – 2026

FOUR SEASONS COMMITTEE

Deanna Hartford (Chair/Secretary)
M. Angel Eastman (Co-Chair)
Monique Guptill (Treasurer)
Heather Mayo

PARKS AND FLAGS COMMITTEE

M. Angel Eastman – (Chair)
Katherine Blake*Adam Craig*Ryan Lane

PIKE HALL COMMITTEE

John MacIntyre (Chair)*Anne MacIntyre (Secretary)
Margaret Aspinal*Sharon Beever*Laura Carr
Sandy Howe*Diann Perkins*James Ray

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

State Deputy, Department of Agriculture, Augusta, ME



Janet T. Mills GOVERNOR

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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Spring 2024

Dear Maine Resident:

Since my first day in office, I have been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has invested in what people need to succeed — job training, childcare, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

Those investments are working — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers — all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has the best rate of economic growth in New England and one of the best rates in the nation.

At the same time, we have our challenges. In late October, a gunman took the lives of 18 innocent citizens and injured many more in an act of senseless and unconscionable violence. Then, in December and January, heavy rains and powerful winds brought massive flooding that destroyed homes and businesses, roads, and bridges, and changed the very landscape of our coast.

I have proposed legislation to address both issues — first, to rebuild from these storms and prepare for those to come; and, second, to expand mental health services and keep weapons out of the hands of dangerous people to better protect public safety.

We have made good progress over the past five years to ensure that every person can find a good-paying job in Maine; have affordable health insurance; have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school; breathe clean air and drink clean water and enjoy the rolling hills, lush forests, mighty rivers, and bold coast of Maine.

There are still plenty of challenges, particularly when it comes to the affordability of housing, childcare, energy, and other things, but thanks to the resilience and the resolve of Maine people, I am more confident than ever before in the future of our state.

It is my honor to serve as your governor.
Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor

January 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for allowing me to add my congratulations and gratitude for the positive differences each town and city in Maine makes for its people and ultimately for Maine as a whole. When I travel around the state and visit the various regions in Maine, I see firsthand the differences you all make, the focus you put on excellence, and the helping hands you extend to neighbors. I have learned valuable lessons watching your collaborations with each other. They got the State motto right – *Dirigo* – because you all certainly do lead the way and exemplify the best of Maine.

First, it was a true honor to be appointed to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee this year to help address the challenges facing Maine veterans. We owe our way of life to these brave men and women and share a collective responsibility as a grateful nation to give back to our veterans. That means delivering veterans the benefits they have earned, addressing the veterans' suicide crisis, improving transition-to-civilian-status programs, and ensuring every veteran can access essential services, like affordable housing and behavioral healthcare.

Next, one of the most significant infrastructure projects in Maine history is underway: affordable and universal broadband availability throughout the state. Supported through funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we are now within striking distance of broadband service even in our most rural communities. Additionally, infrastructure improvements in our roads and bridges, water and septic upgrades for our towns and support for our workforce and employers are also in the pipeline. Serious steps are being taken to address the toll from substance abuse and to provide our older neighbors with resources to help them continue to stand strong throughout their golden years. It is my goal here to make sure everyone has access to stable employment opportunities and quality healthcare which is of critical importance to keep our families healthy and happy.

I am thankful for each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. I will do my part to listen to your concerns and work to find useful solutions to the issues you face. My offices throughout Maine remain available to you if you face hurdles with the federal government, whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, tax assistance and more. I hope you will reach out of my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow me the chance to be part of your solutions. Together, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state.

Maine is known for our grit and resiliency, and we are making great strides — something others across the country have noticed. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2024.

Best Regards,

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senate

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SELECT COMMITTEE
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to serve the people of Maine in the U.S. Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share an update on issues important to Maine and America.

One of my priorities for 2023 has been to improve the appropriations process in Congress – the way it decides how to spend taxpayer money. I took over as the Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee last year. Along with Chair Patty Murray, we decided the best change we could make was not to do something new. Instead, it was to do something old – that is, go back to the regular and transparent committee process that we used to have.

Part of restoring this process included holding 50 public Committee hearings, which allowed for input from senators on both sides of the aisle. As a result, for the first time in five years, the Senate Appropriations Committee passed all twelve of its funding bills on time. This was done with strong bipartisan support. In fact, seven of them passed unanimously.

Now, we need to work with the House of Representatives to pass these twelve bills and turn them into laws.

These bills contain funding for a wide range of Maine priorities, including support for the workforce at Bath Iron Works and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our lobster industry, infrastructure improvements, affordable housing, biomedical research, veterans, and heating assistance programs like LIHEAP. These bills also contain nearly \$590 million in Congressionally Directed Spending for 231 projects throughout the State of Maine. These projects would help promote job creation, expand access to health care, and improve public safety, infrastructure, and important resources in communities across all 16 counties of our state. I will continue to work to get these bills signed into law in the new year.

On October 25, the horrific mass shooting in Lewiston claimed the lives of 18 Mainers and injured 13 others. In response, I led Maine's Congressional Delegation in requesting an independent investigation by the U.S. Army Inspector General into the events leading up to the shooting. On December 15, the Under Secretary of the Army wrote to inform me that such an investigation will take place, and the Army Inspector General has instructed her team to immediately begin preparing to conduct this investigation. While nothing can undo the events of October 25, I will continue to work to understand what happened and what could have been done differently, and to find answers for the victims, survivors, and their families.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and this year I honored that work ethic when I cast my 8,855th consecutive roll call vote.

As we look ahead to 2024, I remain committed to addressing the concerns of Maine families and communities. If you need assistance or wish to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,





HELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT MAINE

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AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE
SUBCOMMITTEES:
LIVESTOCK, DAIRY, AND POULTRY
FORESTRY

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health. It is my honor to serve the people of Maine's First District, and I'm pleased to share some ways that I can support you and your community this year.

I know that navigating many federal agencies and programs can be frustrating. One of my most important roles as a Member of Congress is to assist you if you're having trouble. My office can help to resolve challenges with a wide range of programs, including Social Security, veterans' benefits, passport renewals, and more. If you need help, please reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 or visit my website at pingree.house.gov/contact.

As you know, communities around Maine have experienced major damage as a result of winter storms and widespread flooding in recent months. These storms have underscored the importance of disaster preparation, particularly as we face the growing impact of climate change. I am working closely with Governor Mills and her administration to ensure that federal assistance is available for both short-term recovery needs and long-term resiliency planning. My staff and I are continually updating my website with new resources and stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

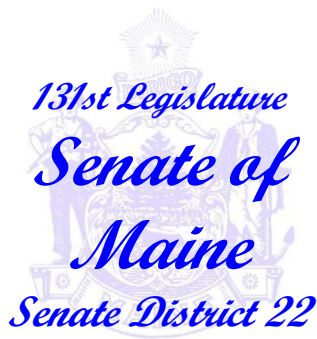
My office can also provide more information about the annual Community Project Funding (CPF) process. Each year, Congress enacts appropriations bills that provide the federal government with the funding it needs to operate. CPFs are a critical tool to directly support local governments and nonprofit organizations through federal appropriations. If you know of a project that might be a good fit, I encourage you to keep in touch as more details about the Fiscal Year 2025 funding process become available, as eligibility requirements and limitations can differ from year to year.

It is always a privilege to hear from you, so don't hesitate to reach out to my office any time that I can be helpful. Please rest assured that I do not take the responsibility of representing you lightly, and as we move into this new year, I will continue fighting for Mainers on the issues that impact us most. Thank you, and I hope to see you in Maine soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chellie Pingree".

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Thank you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate and for putting your trust in me to be your voice in Augusta. As the only Maine Senator with a 100% voting record, you can rest assured that I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. And as a lifelong resident of Maine, I am quite familiar with the many struggles our small towns face each year.

The First Regular and First Special sessions of the 131st Maine State Legislature were notable as there were over 2,600 legislative bill requests and 2,019 of them were officially printed as Legislative Documents (LDs). No legislature this century has had as many LDs printed during their first year.

One area of unique success was the Highway Fund. In the past, our Highway Fund has been supported through taxes on gasoline. Yet those funds have been declining for years due to more fuel-efficient and electric/hybrid vehicles. The highway budget will now be funded by dedicating 40% of the sales and use tax collected by the State from vehicle purchases beginning this year. This sustainable, long-term funding model should generate about \$200 million per biennium.

A major impact that has been felt across Maine's towns, families, seniors and small businesses in general has been high costs and inflation. Addressing policies that have contributed to some of these high costs has been a priority of mine this year and I will continue those efforts in the next session. As your State Senator, I will continue to find ways to ensure your tax dollars are being spent wisely.

In addition to addressing costs, the 131st Legislature was tasked with passing a balanced budget by June 30, 2023. This required careful review of current state spending and a prioritization of allocations that meet the most vital needs of our towns. We were able to continue funding our schools at 55% as well as increase revenue sharing to all cities and towns.

Thank you for electing me to serve you in the Maine Senate. The 131st Legislature still has a great deal of work to do; but I know if we come together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish. Please contact me at 287-1505 or james.libby@legislature.maine.gov if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim".

James D. Libby
State Senator
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January 2024

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for electing me to serve as your State Representative for a third term. I am honored that you have placed your trust in me to serve as your Representative for District 138. I look forward to the challenges ahead as we enter the second regular session of the 131st Maine Legislature.

I am honored to have been selected by leadership to serve as a member of the Joint Standing Committee for Appropriations and Financial Affairs. The Appropriations Committee is the most influential Committee in Augusta. This is a great honor for me, that leadership found me suitable to steer the State of Maine's finances. For this, I am grateful.

Last year in the 131st Legislature, we tackled some of the funding issues plaguing Maine's roads, bridges, and transportation infrastructure by passing LD 259. The new law creates a sustainable source of funding for the Highway Fund by dedicating 40 percent of the 5.5 percent sales tax on vehicle purchases and 40 percent of sales and use taxes collected by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. It is expected to generate more than \$200 million for infrastructure repairs per biennium. I hope to work on more commonsense solutions such as this in the coming session.

I look forward to continuing the work of ensuring that your tax dollars are well spent. I also look forward to working on legislation to lower taxes for all Mainers. I will make sure your voices continue to be heard in Augusta.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the people of District 138. Please call me anytime at 207-287-1440 or email at Mark.Blier@legislature.maine.gov to keep me updated on those concerns. If you would like to be added to my email update list, you can do so by emailing me directly with your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Blier".

Mark J. Blier
State Representative

House District 138 Cornish, Limington, Buxton (Part) & Hollis (Part)



Dear Friends:

I am honored to serve as your York County Commissioner, and I will continue to work hard for you and all the citizens in my district. I welcome this opportunity to share a few of our recent accomplishments. York County remains engaged in issues that affect every municipality and citizen in our district. Several are related to the opioid crisis and substance misuse as well as the recruitment and retention of our Public Safety workforce. These are real issues, and we should all be concerned about them. We are happy to say we are in the final design development and permitting phase of a regional recovery center. This will be a resource for all citizens of York County and will treat co-occurring disorders of substance misuse and mental health in a residential setting. We are also in the permitting process for a regional first responder training facility. Open to all public safety agencies across York County, it will become the premiere training ground for our new and existing workforce county-wide. Most importantly, it will provide training locally on a consistent basis. It is impractical in 2024 to ask volunteer firefighters and other first responders—who have home and family responsibilities—to travel across Maine for required training. Various programs will be presented in conjunction with York County Community College.

Much more happened at York County government in 2023. Here are some highlights:

- York County Emergency Management Agency hosted 28 trainings and exercises and worked with county school districts on emergency safety plans including an active shooter exercise that saw responses by 7 municipal fire and police agencies. The EMA drone team completed 21 flight missions assisting first responders – and after administering more than 100,000 COVID-19 vaccines, the EMA vaccine clinic was closed.
- Commissioners directed ARPA funding to establish a teen center in Biddeford, creation of a supportive housing and social services collective in Kittery and purchased a dredge for use by all coastal York County communities.
- A peer leadership program at York County Sheriff's Office, grant-funded by the National Alliance on Mental Health ensures our deputies (and families) are provided with mental health resources to be successful. Caring Unlimited funds a domestic violence investigator grant to ensure victims are provided with resources to obtain help for themselves and their families. Through a Stanton Foundation grant, the sheriff's office has developed a K-9 program that is often asked to assist neighboring agencies. As well, a York County deputy, funded by Maine Public Safety, works with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to hold responsible those who traffic drugs in our communities and to investigate drug overdose deaths.
- York County Registry of Probate has accepted a record number of passport applications while case filings, hearings and contested matters continue to increase.
- York County Registry of Deeds recorded more than 34,000 deeds, mortgages, liens, courts and plans in 2023.

May we all have a great, safe, and productive year.

Robert L. Andrews, Vice-Chair York County Commissioner, District 1

Sacopee Rescue
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Parsonsfield, Maine 04047
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2023 has proven to be another busy year for Sacopee Rescue. Our total number of calls jumped again from 1005 in 2022 to 1040 runs as of December 28, 2023. The second crew responded a total of ninety-eight times. We also assisted Brownfield, Baldwin, and Limington at their request.

The second crew is manned during the day Sunday through Friday and has made quite a difference in our ability to cover more calls with a quicker response time. The Lucas devices purchased in 2022 saved several lives this year. Improved training, updated medical devices, and new devices have all contributed to our ability to manage more complex situations. During 2023, we were able to purchase a new monitor/defibrillator with a grant from the Steven and Tabatha King Foundation. This is moving us into a new era in cardiac care. We were able to find and purchase a “new to us” ambulance complete with an auto-load system that helps prevent responder injuries. As of this writing, we are expecting delivery of a new 4-wheel drive ambulance right after the first of the year. We have instituted new inspection and inventory systems that are raising our readiness to new levels. We have instituted a new low-cost CPR instruction course and have made it available to businesses, schools, and the general public. In December of this year Sacopee Valley citizens stuffed the ambulance with toys for The Spirit Tree and donated over \$500.00 in cash for the project.

We look forward to the new truck early in January. 2024 will also see the Junior Rescue Program emerge as a pilot program with Maine Emergency Medical Services and the SVHS Extended Learning Opportunities Program. Hopefully this will help develop a new group of local EMTs and Paramedics. We are spearheading a medical loan closet to help our community find medical equipment they need but may not be able to afford. We will be expanding the second shift to 7 days a week for a total of 56 hours. We also intend to improve our compensation for our response employees to including life and health insurance for full-time employees. This will allow us to compete on a level playing field with other services in our area for the best responders we can find. We look forward to 2024 as another year to develop the kind of emergency medical response service the citizens of the valley deserve.

The call numbers for 2023 (as of December 28th) are as follows:

Cornish	288
Hiram	244
Parsonsfield	280
Porter	214
Out of town	14

Total calls for 2023 were 1040 (as of December 28, 2023)

Mike Hatch, Chief

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION
“Communities Working Together to Protect Our Rivers”

The Saco River Corridor Commission (SRCC) was created with one purpose in mind – to protect the rivers in the Saco Basin and all that these rivers represent to the people who live and work here. The Maine legislature provided the performance standards to initiate our program, and the current cleanliness of the river is a testament to that effort. The Commission’s role is one of partnership with our communities. All twenty corridor towns can appoint one regular and one alternate Commissioner, although currently there are no active representatives from Cornish. Representation from Cornish means that your community would be able to weigh in on development patterns throughout the entire Corridor, from Fryeburg to Saco, so we would welcome new Commissioners from your town. Together, representatives from our 20 municipalities help to keep the water clean and preserve natural resources, ultimately protecting public health and quality of life in our region. Clean water is one of Maine’s greatest assets, and our volunteer Commissioners work hard to ensure the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee are protected from development incompatible with maintaining that asset.

Development in Maine has been booming in recent years. As areas are built up, inappropriate land-use planning can cause degradation to the shoreland area, along with water quality problems. The SRCC has kept up with the recent surge and continues to review each application for new development within the corridor for its compliance with the Saco River Corridor Act, and the best-practice standards that we know can protect our waterways. In 2023, the Commission carefully reviewed 119 applications for development within the Corridor.

The SRCC has now completed 22 successful years of the Water Quality Monitoring Program. Staff and volunteers monitor for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity, temperature, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, orthophosphates, alkalinity, nitrogen (NH₄, NO₃ + NO₂), total phosphorous/phosphates, ammonium, and either *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) or *Enterococci*. Our testing takes place bi-weekly along the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee Rivers at 43 different locations from May through mid-September, with weekly *E. coli* testing at certain recreational sites from June to September.

In 2022, SRCC purchased advanced bacteria monitoring equipment, which has expanded our capacity to analyze samples in-house and continues serving us well in 2023. This means our reports are available faster, and towns can more quickly take action to advise the public when high levels of *E. coli* or *Enterococci* occur. With assistance from the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund, the Commission is also exploring applications of environmental DNA analysis, in hopes of developing a new method to determine the source of bacterial contamination.

To help communicate water quality testing results to the public, the map available on our website will highlight sites with recently elevated bacteria levels. The site also provides links to the most updated *E. coli* test results. While the monitoring program is currently at capacity for new sites, the SRCC is happy to discuss the possibility of expanding testing locations in future. We are especially grateful to our volunteer water quality monitors, who make our current set of testing locations possible. We encourage those interested in volunteering to contact us ahead of the April 2024 training dates, in hopes of expanding our monitoring capacity.

The SRCC's mission is to work with the communities of the Corridor to help keep the rivers clean and preserve the quality of life in southern Maine. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions on any of the Commission's programs, please contact the Commission's office. The Commission office is located at 81 Maple Street in Cornish, Maine, where we have staffed hours M-T 9am-5pm. You can reach us at 207-625-8123 or srcc@srcc-maine.org, and you can find much more information on our website at www.srcc-maine.org. We thank the Town of Cornish for helping to protect our Rivers!

CORNISH FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY BOARD 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens of Cornish,

The purpose of this volunteer Board is to preserve, improve, maintain and operate this town-owned property known as “The Cornish Fairgrounds”. A summary of this year’s activities and fund raisers:

- March 17, 2023 Food Sale – Town Meeting
- June 20, 2023 Four Season’s Committee – Spring Fling
- June 21, 2023 Motorcycle Swap Meet
- June/October Shepherd’s River Mennonite Farmer’s Market
- July 4, 11, 18 & 25 Saco River Festival Bandstand Summer Concert Series
- July 26, 2023 Toys for Tots Truck Show
- September 9, 2023 Kezar Falls Fire Department Car Show and Flea Market
- September 10, 2023 Annual Horsemen’s Day
- September 17, 2022 Motorcycle Swap Meet
- September 23, 2023 Community Family Fun Day
- September 23, 2023 Four Season’s Committee – Harvest Festival
- November 7, 2023 Food Sale
- May - November The Grateful Undead Wednesday Walks

We would like to host more events and activities. Vandalism is still a concern, so we are continuing with the fencing project.

The Trotting Park Exhibit Hall located under the grandstands is open during major events. It is historically significant because it is the only harness racing exhibit hall of its kind in New England.

We extend our gratitude to the area businesses, volunteers, several community service groups, and the Town of Cornish for all of your support and help over the past year. The Board’s mission would be impossible without your support.

The Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. throughout the year. All town citizens are welcome and encouraged to drop by and provide input, feedback, or ideas. Our by-laws, plans, goal and mission statement are available for review. Interested persons are urged to join the Board.

Thank you to our town citizens and businesses for the ongoing support in helping the Board attain the goals of maintaining, preserving and improving the beautiful historic Cornish Fairgrounds.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board:

Diann W. Perkins – Chairperson
James Ray – Vice Chairperson
Victoria Perry - Secretary
Monique Guptil –Treasurer
Grounds Maintenance – Linwood G. Perkins and Steven Smith

Board Members:

Elizabeth Birchfield
Katherine Blake
M. Angel Eastman
Vinal Pendexter
Glen Rankin

PIKE MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE
2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Pike Hall Committee encourages the continued preservation and restoration of Pike Memorial Hall. After the balcony was opened, the selectmen asked us to write a new mission statement, which follows:

Pike Hall Committee's mission is to work as a liaison between the town and users of Pike Memorial Auditorium, advocating for the public use and preservation of the building. We will encourage the town to maintain the historic nature of Pike Hall (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) and to make improvements as necessary.

This committee will encourage the town to stay compliant with fire and safety rules and licenses. Pike Hall Committee may assist with funds as available for selected projects and will be an integral part of Pike Memorial Hall.

In 2023, honeycomb shades were installed in the hall and balcony, our biggest project of the year. Also, a curtain was hung in the “dressing room”, handicap stickers were attached to the lift doors, and protective caps were attached to the metal chairs to protect the floor. Thank you to Cynthia and Gary Mason for their help with that project. We have worked on a list of requirements of the fire marshal, updated rules for hall rental, and possible future projects, the beginning of our town “handbook”. The hall was put to good use in 2023 - voting and town meeting, a second Studio Two Beatles Tribute Concert, several barn dances, adult education classes including tai chi, weddings, and other programs. Thank you to the town of Cornish for supporting us at town meeting and to everyone who has purchased metal name plates for the Friends of Pike Hall plaque, which is a continuing fundraising project. We plan to meet quarterly in the future and are still looking for new members who will also have new ideas.

John MacIntyre (Chairman)
Anne MacIntyre (Secretary)
Peggi Aspinall
Sharon Beever
Laurie Carr
Sandy Howe
Diann W. Perkins
James Ray

CORNISH WATER DISTRICT – 2023 TOWN REPORT

TO THE CITIZENS OF CORNISH:

The Cornish Water District is a quasi-municipal non-profit corporation managed by an elected board of five trustees. We supplied 19,701,600 gallons of water during 2023 from both of our pump stations (Northwood Drive and Pavilion Road). In 2023 we pumped, on average, 53,976 gallons of water per day. The annual comprehensive tests done by the State of Maine laboratory indicated excellent drinking water quality.

In 2023 the Water District worked on or completed the following:

1. CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) was completed, published & distributed to consumers in July. The MDWP mandates this be done each year.
2. Flushed & exercised all 49 hydrants & blow offs in April & October.
3. Exercised all system gate valves & boxes cleaned.
4. Repaired several gate valve boxes.
5. Repaired and replaced several curb stop valves and boxes.
6. Installed 600' of new 2" water main from Route 25 to South Hiram Road.
7. Repositioned two hydrants and gate valves for new South Hiram Road intersection.
8. Installed new curb stops and boxes on South Hiram Road due to new construction project.
9. Rebuilt all four chemical pumps at Pavilion Road and Northwood pump stations.
10. Painted Pavilion Road pump room and updated with new tiling.
11. Painted buildings at all locations including: Pavilion Road, Northwood Drive and Old High Road.
12. Purchased new building signs for all locations.
13. New #1 well pump at Pavilion Road station.
14. New #1 well pump contactor and overload fitted at Pavilion Road.
15. Main caustic injector valve changed at Pavilion Road.
16. Conduits to wellheads replaced.
17. Cleared frozen water lines located on (1) Main St and (2) on Cumberland St.
18. Placed 22 bleeders to prevent freeze ups during winter months.
19. Completed MDWP inventory requirement.
20. Combined radium water test violation due to new testing requirements. Test was done late but passed with no issues.
21. Completed quarterly bacteria tests required by Maine State Drinking Water Program. (Zero contaminates were found).
22. Completed required lead and copper testing at 12 homes within the district. All results within acceptable levels.
23. Completed testing for Diquat and Endothal as required. All results within acceptable levels.
24. Installed two new water services.
25. New hydrant diffuser used for flushing hydrants.
26. Reservoir tank inspected and cleaned.
27. Installed 20 new lead free meters & touch pad readers replacing outdated meters.
28. Replaced 19 failed touch pads.
29. Engineer design project done for Maple St/Main St water main replacement.
30. SRF application completed and submitted for Maple St/Main St water main replacement.

31. Awarded partial grant for water main replacement Maple St/Main St. Application submitted to Maine Bond Bank for funding. Work continues on design plans for a project to replace the aging water main originally installed in 1911.
32. Applied for, and awarded, a \$10,000 grant to complete Emergency Response Plan and Risk & Resiliency Assessment plan as required by MDWP.
33. Fire Extinguishers inspected and replaced as required.
34. Wellhead protection updated.
35. Completed necessary training classes to keep our operator licenses up to date.
36. Continued enforcement of Cross Connection Control Program with annual backflow inspections. Reporting 100% compliance & working backflows.
37. Completed annual audit.
38. Completed annual PUC reporting.
39. Completed annual Credit and Collection report as required.
40. Updated the water main system map.
41. New safety equipment for staff.
42. All outdated spare stock material was replaced with new lead-free materials.
43. Updated all software for computers.
44. Held 11 trustee meetings.
45. Year-end inventory completed and outdated material disposed of.

The mission of the Cornish Water District Trustees is to provide customers with the safest, highest quality water possible and continue updating and improving the infrastructure.

We would like to thank the citizens of Cornish for their continued support.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cornish Water District Trustees

Lorie Pike, Chairperson - 2024

Brandon Fenderson, Trustee – 2026

Craig Jones, Trustee – 2024

Chad Pike, Trustee – 2025

John Watts, Trustee – 2026

Heidi H Cates, Office Manager

2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
CORNISH WATER DISTRICT

INCOME:	
Starting Cash 1/1/23	31247.20
Income	273214.01
Total Cash	304461.21

EXPENDITURES:	
Salaries (includes \$3000 trustee stipends)	118964.68
A Simple Life	438.88
Accountant Fees (H & R Block, Limerick)	585.00
Anderson Septic Pumping	680.00
Anderson Glass	96.00
Big Apple (gas & diesel)	275.35
Call's Shop n Save	182.39
Central Maine Power	12580.80
Chalmers Insurance Group	3982.00
Consolidated Communications	2466.76
Cornish Hardware	1797.68
Cornish Service Center	1566.10
CUSI (Billing Software)	1600.00
Dana Batchelder (mowing)	2200.00
Dead River Company	4062.00
Dig Safe	28.00
EJ Prescott	129.93
Eurofins Eaton Analytical LLC	600.00
FEDEX	46.02
Harcros Chemicals	9109.90
HETL Water Program (lab for H2O testing)	3300.00
Home Depot	199.00
Horton, McFarland & Veysey LLC (Audit)	7800.00
Inkwell	128.16
Intuit	1032.19
IRS	23536.16
JW Libby & Son	150.00
Johnson Control Fire Protection LP	230.51
LN Signs	1200.00
Maine Drinking Water Program	456.80
Maine PUC	989.00
Maine Rural Water Association	1262.50
Maine Water Utilities Association	374.00
McAfee	89.99
MEMIC	1212.00
Moulton Lumber	431.08
PY Estes & Son Inc	11285.00

Pace Analytical Services Inc	738.40
Public Advocate Office	72.00
Ranger Pest Services	100.00
Rural Development USDA (loans)	12613.00
SB Propane Services	160.00
Sacopec Valley House of Pizza	781.06
Staples	342.93
Steve Clements	100.00
Ti Sales	13805.61
Town of Cornish (registration)	138.50
Treasurer, State of Maine, Water Operator License Renewal	150.00
Treasurer, State of Maine (Sales Tax)	2016.76
Treasurer, State of Maine (Withholdings)	3104.60
Trueworthy's Maintenance & Fabrication	350.00
Underwater Solutions Inc	4286.00
USA Blue Book	3398.30
USPO (includes stamped envelopes)	469.10
Water Specialties Company	110.00
Wadsworth Electrical Inc	90.00
Walgreens	66.34
WalMart	64.81
WL Sturgeon (plowing, hydrants, general contract)	5833.50
Wright Pierce	31090.00
Your Weekly Shopping Guide	774.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	295749.79
CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12/31/23	8711.42

2023 Unpaid Real Estate

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Due</u>
124 MAIN STREET, LLC	2023	6,300.58
30 WATERFRONT DRIVE	2023	1,424.28
ADAMS, JUDITH	2023	163.02
ALLARD DENNIS R	2023	1,633.06
ANCTIL, DENNIS	2023	3,247.53
BARTH, PATRICK L	2023	1,956.24
BERRY, ADRIEN C	2023	870.87
CALL, LAURIE L	2023	3,443.44
CAREW, ARTHUR J. JR	2023	578.22
CARR, JARED	2023	2,952.95
CREELMAN, LEAH, TRUSTEE	2023	105.82
CRUZ FAMILY REALTY TRUST	2023	1,443.82
CZARNOWSKI, MICHAEL	2023	805.09
DALTON, BRUCE T	2023	1,176.89
DANDY SARAH FARM LLC	2023	3,979.69
DAVID, JODY E	2023	2,112.11
DAY, CARL, HEIRS OF	2023	551.98
DAY, CHRISTOPHER	2023	297.44
DAY, VIRGINIA E	2023	2,376.66
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	343.20
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	344.63
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	344.63
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	357.50
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	318.89
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	348.92
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	351.78
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	346.06
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	587.73
DUNLAY, WILLIAM	2023	547.69
EDGECOMB, BRENDA A	2023	454.37
FOX, JEFFREY A	2023	556.27
FRANCES ANN PULSIFER, DEVISEES OF	2023	2,819.96
FRIDMAN, ROSA	2023	999.57
FROST DONALD E	2023	2,968.68
GONYEA GREGORY R	2023	3,117.40
GONYEA, CHRISTOPHER R	2023	680.68
GONYEA, GREGORY R	2023	3,490.63
GONYEA, ROBERT F	2023	3,329.04
GONYEA, ROBERT F	2023	1,414.27
GRAY, THOMAS	2023	1,194.44
GRIGGS, WILLIAM G	2023	48.62
GURLEY JOSHUA	2023	1,550.12
HALL, KENNETH E	2023	1,977.69
HANSEN, LYNDA L	2023	1,611.61

HARRIMAN, DANIEL H	2023	1,361.36
HARRINGTON, DODD	2023	776.41
HARTFORD, ROBERT	2023	757.90
HUNT, LAURENCE AND ANN	2023	888.03
JENSEN, PETER	2023	716.43
KENDRICK, KENNY D	2023	912.46
KESSLER FRED	2023	414.70
KITTREDGE, TANDRA MARIE	2023	905.19
KURTH, AMY	2023	2,867.15
LEAVITT, R. KENISON	2023	513.37
LIBBY, ROBERT W	2023	2,143.57
MESERVE, DUSTIN R.	2023	115.83
MONDS, JONATHAN A	2023	912.34
OSSIPEE VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL	2023	630.63
PAINE, ANDREW J	2023	551.98
PEARE RAYMOND C	2023	2,841.41
PEASE, PAMELA R.	2023	530.53
PERRY KATHERINE LEE	2023	1,734.00
PETERS, MARK S	2023	562.04
PITSTOP FUELS	2023	175.89
RIVARD, CLAUDETTE	2023	1,925.00
ROBINSON, JAMES C.	2023	985.27
ROGERS, ADELE	2023	2,116.40
SANBORN MERLE	2023	1,219.64
SCHALEBAUM, ADAM	2023	806.52
SIBLEY, DOUGLAS	2023	436.15
SMITH, SUSAN L	2023	1,684.54
SOLOMON, JASON M	2023	1,228.37
SPENCER, COLBY G	2023	1,905.16
STEED, ALEXANDER C.	2023	2,386.67
STONE, GARY C	2023	549.05
SUMNER, MICHAEL J	2023	843.70
TRIPP, ROBERT V JR	2023	2,229.37
VAN DER RIET, GREGORY A	2023	2,047.76
WALLACE, BRYAN M	2023	84.37
WATERS EDGE LAND DEVELOPMENT	2023	567.71
WILDES, JAMES A.	2023	870.87
WILLIAMS, BRANDON M.	2023	24.31
WORDEN, LEANNA ROSE	2023	607.75
YORK, WILLIAM	2023	70.90

2023 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

	Name	Year	Due
	ACI PIZZA, LLC	2023	20.45
	AT&T MOBILITY LLC	2023	373.66
	CORNISH PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC	2023	80.65
	DENISE MORSE	2023	57.20
	Total		531.96
	CONOPCO, INC	2022	25.67
	DENISE MORSE	2022	55.20
	Total		80.87
	DENISE MORSE	2021	54.00
	Total		54.00
	GCN HOLDING LLC	2017	23.44
	Total		23.44
	GCN HOLDING LLC	2018	23.36
	Total		23.36

Bonney Memorial Library 2023 Annual Report

This year Cornish Library Association trustees would like to thank everyone for celebrating the 95th anniversary of the Bonney Memorial Library. Thanks to a generous gift by Sherman Bonney, and the hard work of dozens of librarians, volunteers, patrons, and trustees, that vision came to life and turned 95. We hope the next 95 years are as successful and enriching as the last.

We would like you to welcome Sharon Beever as our newest Library Director. Sharon is no stranger to Cornish residents. She comes with years of high-quality librarianship. We also welcomed Cara Parent, another Cornish resident, as librarian assistant. We hope the community has already found Cara to be outgoing, helpful, and informative. We are excited to have found a great professional team of librarians to support visitors and patrons.

In 2023 Bonney Memorial Library had over 3000 patron visits, who borrowed over five thousand items such as books, musical instruments, games, etc. The library purchased over six thousand dollars' worth of materials to check out. Patrons can also borrow books through the interloan library, getting material from all over the country. Through Bonney Memorial Library, patrons can get digital material from Portland Public Library's cloud-based services.

The library also runs many programs that we hope more people come and check out. We have Scrabble Club, Knitting and Crochet Club, and the adult book club, known as the Bonney Readers. Our Storytime for preschoolers has started back up with great success. New clubs, activities, and programming will happen throughout the year. We will host some of Sacopee Adult Education programming as well. Check the website and facebook for dates and times of all our programming.

The Drummond Lodge generously donated two bicycles for children to win during our Summer Reading program. Two area youngsters were very happy with the new bikes! The Greenleaf Lodge donated an AED machine to the library and additional bikes for the Birthday Celebration. We thank all the area Lodges for their generous support.

We could not do anything without the amazing support from the Friends of the Library. We would especially like to thank Cyndy Burgess, Betty Estes, Carolyn Jacobs, Dan Vaillancourt, Heather Newman, and Sandy Howe for all they do for the library. We could not do what we do without them.

We would like to remind everyone that Bonney Memorial Library is a private/public partnership. Without continued public support we would not be open. Our endowment is several decades old and does not go as far as it once did. Contributions from the community are essential to our efforts. We thank you for your continued financial support.

TRUSTEES:

President Scott Cecil

Vice President Stephanie Lair

Treasurer Robert Tims

Secretary Colleen Tims

Gary Mason

Eleanor Pansar

Constance Forbes

Linda Humphrey

Allaire Palmer.

Proposed Cornish Sewer Annual Budget - 2024

Name	Usage-H2O Gallons	Usage-H2O Cubic Ft.	Minimum Annual Fee	Revised Annual Fee	1/2 year Fee
Matt Delamater - 26 Main Street	8976		430	864	432.09
At Once All Agog	37400		430	2239	1119.54
Libby Antiques 30 Main Street	5984		430	719	359.73
35 Main Street /Josh Gurley	0		430	430	215.00
Cynthia Libby - 6 Main Street	4488		430	647	323.54
Village Jewelers	8976		430	864	432.09
Smith Co	4488		430	647	323.54
Parsonage	2992		430	575	287.36
Church	2992		430	575	287.36
The Inn at Cornish - 2 High Road	25432		430	1660	830.09
Chasse	8976		430	864	432.09
Library	8976		430	864	432.09
Cornish Historical Society	1496		430	502	251.18
M. Harding	13464		430	1081	540.63
The Coffee Joint - 22 Main St.	47872		430	2746	1372.81
Full Circle Artisans Gallery	5236		430	683	341.64
Cornish Trading Company	2244		430	539	269.27
Public Restrooms / Town	1496		430	502	251.18
Little River Building	8228		430	828	414.00
Kristas	360536		430	17870	8934.76
TOTAL	560252		8600	35700	17850.0

Notes:

Calculations Based on Total Gallons By User/Total Gallons Used * Unfunded Budget

Unfunded Budget = Budget - Minimum Usage Charge

Usage in Cubic Feet is Displayed to Compare to H2O Bills - Figures supplied by Cornish Water District

SEWER BUDGET 2024

	2024 Budget
Billing	\$550.00
Capital Expense	\$3,000.00
D.E.P.	\$450.00
Sewer Management	\$4,000.00
Pumping	\$18,000.00
Insurance (July)	\$1,050.00
Field Maintenance	\$1,275.00
Bookkeeper	\$550.00
Postage / Box Rent	\$165.00
Supplies	\$100.00
CMP	\$560.00
Emergency Repairs	\$3,000.00
Capital Reserve	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$35,700.00



2023 was another busy year for members of the Fire Department. Calls and man hours were down a bit, as well as the volunteers. We responded to 89 calls, for a total of 738-man hours. There are 10 volunteers that respond consistently. This problem is not unique to Cornish, as the whole state is seeing a reduction in volunteers. The time is nearing, and a paid department will be needed. The area Fire Chiefs are discussing ways to pool resources currently.

The Fire Department acquired a used 6x6 chassis out of Florida, with a plan to have a 3500-gallon vacuum tank installed in Ohio, should the voters approve it at the Town Meeting. Sam Gilpatrick and Jess Larson have been working diligently to finalize grant funding for the communication tower project. We hope to see construction starting sometime in the spring of 2024. We have also been working on bringing personnel records up to date. We requested an audit by SafetyWorks division of Labor standards. I am currently working to correct deficits identified.

Recognition to Sam Gilpatrick for responding to 87% of the calls as well as Tom Pingree for responding to 74% of the calls.

CALLS

Motor vehicle crashes - 17
Mutual Aid - 25
Assist Sacopee - 6
Wires/Trees Down - 8*
Structure Fire - 7
Alarm Activation - 11
Car Fire - 6
Other - 9

* December 18th there were a total of 12 weather related calls. Firefighters staffed the station from 7am to 7 pm

Respectfully, Chief Chris Calnan



Sacopee TV2 Annual Report 2023

As we do every year, we would like to first thank the towns for their ongoing support of Sacopee TV2. Without this continued support, this valuable program would not exist. Sacopee TV2 is a “win-win” because it provides an important service for the community by broadcasting both school and public events, while simultaneously providing our high school students with valuable skills in video production, post-production editing, video graphics, professional communications, and so much more. Students actively engage in learning valuable real-life TV/video production experiences as they develop the skills necessary to manage the public access channel. Numerous Sacopee TV2 alumni have gone on to study broadcast communications in college and to pursue careers in multiple communications-related fields. With one of the seniors thinking about going into Sport Media after high school.

We continue to add updated programming for our viewers in the MSAD 55 community and around the globe through the use of streaming web media content. Thanks to the support we receive from the towns, we have been able to purchase Wirecast broadcast equipment which enables us to broadcast live from any location with Wi-Fi. This capability has allowed us to significantly broaden both the number and the type of

events that we can make available to our viewers. Wirecast has also enabled us to add more broadcast features, including a live running score for sports broadcasts and an information footer showing things like speakers’ names at meetings. These features have given our broadcasts a much more professional look and have significantly improved the viewer experience. We have been able to continue live streaming.

Our YouTube channel allows viewers who do not have access to Sacopee TV2 via Spectrum Channel 2 to view the same content online. By simply going to our YouTube page, anyone can view our most recent programming. All of the events on our YouTube channel can be watched at anytime, anywhere in the world where there is an internet connection. We have viewers from all parts of the United States and beyond and our list of subscribers continues to grow. This time last year, for example, we had 632 subscribers. Currently Sacopee TV2 has 755 subscribers, and that number continues to increase each week.

Through the 2023-2024 school year, Sacopee TV2 has provided important events throughout the community that some may not be able to attend. With around 72 events so far this year. We have filmed 28 spring home interscholastic athletic events (Softball, Baseball, Duck Derby, Town Meetings, and School Board Meetings.) We have also filmed 23 fall events (Boys’ Soccer, Girls’ Soccer, Field Hockey, Football, annual Cornish Horse Race 9/10/23, National Honor Society 11/15/23, monthly School Board Meetings and Parsonsfield Town meeting.) In the winter we filmed 21 events (Boys’ Basketball, Girls’ Basketball, SVHS Winter Concert 12/10/22, Wreaths across America 12/14/23, Veterans Day Celebration 11/8/23, and Unified

Basketball.) Coming up we will be filming the Teachers’ Awards on February 29th. We will also be creating annual 3-4 minutes promotional videos for each of the towns that support Sacopee TV2 in the spring.

Thankfully, we have Mr. JR Stevenson who stepped up and became the TV2 coordinator.

We finally got TV2 up and running again. With this being down for a few years it was a big relief to have this running. In addition to Mr. Stevenson, we would like to recognize and thank all of the Sacopee TV2 students, teachers and the principal for their help to keep this wonderful program alive. Mrs. Taylor has been there for many years and has been willing to step up to take on roles not designated to them, especially in the absence of a coordinator in years past. The current students for Sacopee TV2 are: Elise Hermance '24 (station manager), Brady Knudsen '25 (asst. station manager), Chloe Roy '24, and Marshall Frenette '26. Filmers James Ritter '24,

Dylan Capano '24, and Jacob Beaulieu '25.

We encourage towns as well as community groups and organizations to contact us about important announcements or events they would like listed on our community bulletin board or broadcast on Sacopee TV2. We can be reached by emailing tv2@sad55.org or by calling Sacopee Valley High School at (207) 625-3208.

Please note that the Sacopee TV2 warrant article does not require the town to raise any revenue. The franchise fee is a fee paid by each Spectrum Cable subscriber which is returned to the towns. Most municipalities dedicate these franchise fees to their local public access station, which in your case is Sacopee TV2. It is our goal for Sacopee TV2 to be self-sufficient, so that we will not require MSAD 55 funds or donations from area businesses in order to maintain operations. All Sacopee TV2 funds are managed by the MSAD 55 finance office and are audited annually with records kept for at least seven years.

Once again, we would like to thank the towns for their continued support of Sacopee TV2. Please contact us if you have any feedback to offer, or if you would like additional information on the program. Please check out Sacopee TV2, located on Spectrum Channel 2 and also on YouTube. You can find our YouTube channel by entering "Sacopee TV" in the search bar. Please subscribe!

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Hermance '24
Sacopee TV Station Manager

TOWN OF CORNISH
WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING 2024

To: John MacIntyre, a resident of the town of Cornish, in the county of York, State of Maine:

Greetings:

You are hereby notified to warn the inhabitants of the town of Cornish, in the county of York, qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at Pike Memorial Hall in said town, on Monday, the 18th day of March, A.D., 2024 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. Polls for the election of officers under Chapter 80, Section 48, Revised Statutes, will open on Friday, March 15th, 2024, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon and remain open until 8:00 o'clock in the evening for a total of six hours. Polls will be at Pike Memorial Hall.

Vote Results:

Board of Selectmen	3-year term
MSAD 55 Board of Director	3-year term
Cornish Water District – 2 positions	3-year term
Town Clerk	3-year term
Tax Collector	3-year term
Treasurer	3-year term
Road Commissioner	3-year term

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 1/6 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2024 annual budget during the period from February 1st, 2024 to March 18th, 2024 annual town meeting. This article legalizes municipal expenditures made after the fiscal year ends but before the annual town operating budget meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate all salaries and expenses of the town officers as follow:

➤ Selectman (Chairperson)	\$7,500.00
➤ Selectman 2 nd	\$6,000.00
➤ Selectman 3 rd	\$6,000.00
➤ Assessor	\$16,700.00
➤ Treasurer	\$6,150.00
➤ Tax Collector	\$12,300.00
➤ Town Clerk	\$22,550.00
➤ Deputy Town Clerk	\$16,750.00
➤ Bookkeeper/Secretary	\$16,750.00
➤ Part time Office Assistance	\$3,600.00
➤ EMA	\$500.00
➤ Fire Chief	\$5,000.00
➤ Assistant Chief	\$4,000.00
➤ Captain	\$2,000.00
➤ Lieutenant	\$2,000.00
➤ Ballot Clerks	\$3,100.00

➤ Moderator	\$225.00
➤ Matching Payroll Funds	<u>\$12,000.00</u>
Total Article	\$143,125.00

Selectboard Recommends; \$143,125.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$143,125.00

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,590.00** for the town’s matching contribution to fund the Maine Public Employees Retirement System from February 1st, 2024, to January 31st, 2025.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$6,590.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$6,590.00

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,000.00** for firefighter payroll.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$14,000.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$14,000.00

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,500.00** for the town’s annual audit.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$11,500.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$11,500.00

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed a sum of **\$25,000.00** for revising property valuations based on the current market.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$25,000.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$25,000.00

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,000.00** for software updates, computer maintenance and equipment.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$22,000.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$22,000.00

ARTICLE 10: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** for the continued preservation and restoration of Pike Memorial Hall. Such funds to be retained in a capital improvement account if unexpended.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$2,500.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$2,500.00

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,879.00** for 2024 dues to Maine Municipal Association.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$2,879.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$2,879.00

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,400.00** for revisions to the assessing maps.
 Selectboard Recommends; \$1,400.00
 Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,400.00

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,000.00** for administrative and office expenses.

Selectboard Recommends; \$16,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$16,000.00

ARTICLE 14: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,500.00 for the utility cost of the town buildings and properties.

Selectboard Recommends; \$13,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$13,500.00

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the maintenance of town properties.

Selectboard Recommends; \$30,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$30,000.00

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000.00 for all forms of insurance coverage for the upcoming year.

Selectboard Recommends; \$27,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; No Recommendation

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for miscellaneous and contingent expenses.

Selectboard Recommends; \$2,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$2,000.00

MUNICIPAL SERVICES ARTICLES

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$262,000.00 for solid waste removal.

Selectboard Recommends; \$262,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$262,000.00

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 for curb-side collection and disposal of 2 large items per household of household bulky waste.

Selectboard Recommends; \$4,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$4,500.00

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for tire drop-off day at 37 School Street, Cornish Fire Department, with a date to be determined for 2024.

Selectboard Recommends; \$3,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$3,000.00

PLANNING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,300.00 for the administrative costs and related expenses of the Planning Board.

Selectboard Recommends; \$10,300.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$10,300.00

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to take the sum of **\$6,000.00** from undesignated funds, if necessary, for economic and community development grant activities in Cornish.

Selectboard Recommends; \$6,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$6,000.00

ARTICLE 23: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$589.00** for the dues of the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission.

Selectboard Recommends; \$589.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$589.00

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$650.00** toward the support of the Saco River Corridor Commission, for its continued water quality monitoring program.

Selectboard Recommends; \$650.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$650.00

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000.00** for anticipated legal fees.

Selectboard Recommends; \$6,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$6,000.00

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,508.00** for animal shelter fees at Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, Inc.

Selectboard Recommends; \$1,508.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,508.00

ARTICLE 27: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000.00** for animal control.

Selectboard Recommends; \$6,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$6,000.00

CULTURAL AND RECREATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 28: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for the observance of Holidays.

Selectboard Recommends; \$2,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$2,000.00

ARTICLE 29: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000.00** in support of the Sacopee Valley Recreation Council.

Selectboard Recommends; \$4,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$4,000.00

ARTICLE 30: To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate, and contribute of **\$500.00** toward the cost of the Sacopee Summer Concert Series at the Cornish Bandstand, organized by the Saco River Festival Association.

Selectboard Recommends; \$500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$500.00

ARTICLE 31: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,500.00** to be used for the maintenance of the Cornish Recreational Facility.

Selectboard Recommends; \$7,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$7,500.00

ARTICLE 32: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for the care of Cornish Parks.
Selectboard Recommends; \$3,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$3,000.00

ARTICLE 33: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000.00** for the support of Bonney Memorial Library.
Selectboard Recommends; \$17,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$17,000.00

ARTICLE 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum **\$1,500.00** for the Town of Cornish American Flag Project.
Selectboard Recommends; \$1,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,500.00

ARTICLE 35: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of the Cornish Historical Society.
Selectboard Recommends; \$1,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,500.00

ARTICLE 36: To see if the town will vote to transfer to the Cornish Sno-Cruiser Snowmobile Club an amount equal to 100% of the snowmobile registration reimbursement fees received from the State.
Selectboard Recommends; TO DO SO
Budget Committee Recommends; TO DO SO

EMERGENCY SERVICES ARTICLES

ARTICLE 37: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$48,000.00** for the maintenance of the Cornish Fire Department.
Selectboard Recommends; \$48,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$48,000.00

ARTICLE 38: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** for the purpose of updating fire equipment and major repairs; said funds to be retained in a perpetual account if unexpended.
Selectboard Recommends; \$15,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$15,000.00

ARTICLE 39: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,500.00** to be used for updating personal protective equipment. Said funds to be retained in a perpetual account if unexpended.
Selectboard Recommends; \$4,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$4,500.00

ARTICLE 40: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,308.00** debt services.
Included are: 2003E Fire Station Bond Payment \$37,308.00

Selectboard Recommends; \$37,308.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$37,308.00

ARTICLE 41: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the sole purpose of purchasing new fire truck. Said funds to be retained in a perpetual account.

Selectboard Recommends; \$15,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$15,000.00

ARTICLE 42: To see if the town will vote to expend the remaining balance of \$32,000.00 from undesignated funds, for the purpose of ventilation improvements and insulation replacement within the fire station, if necessary.

See Article 39 from Town Report 2022
Selectboard Recommends; \$32,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$32,000.00

ARTICLE 43: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,275.00 for fire hydrant rental.

Selectboard Recommends; \$76,275.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$76,275.00

ARTICLE 44: To see if the town will vote to take from undesignated funds, \$4,500.00 to be used as matching funds for a RCFP Grant which would be used by fire department to install dry hydrants or purchase other fire related items.

Selectboard Recommends; \$4,500.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$4,500.00

ARTICLE 45: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 for fire and rescue dispatching services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

Selectboard Recommends; \$7,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$7,000.00

ARTICLE 46: To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$230,100.00 from undesignated funds in anticipation for phase II Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant for the proposed Hessian Hill Emergency Communication Tower (HECTOR) project. Said funds from surplus represent 75% matching amount. FEMA/MEMA will reimburse the town once Phase II has been approved through the BRIC Grant. Said funds will be returned to the undesignated funds (surplus) account once reimbursed by FEMA/MEMA. The town has approved 25% matching funds in FY 2023. Said funds to be retained in a perpetual account.

Selectboard Recommends; \$230,100.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$230,100.00

ARTICLE 47: To see if the town will vote to take from undesignated funds, \$5,000.00 for Major Fire Payroll if necessary.

Selectboard Recommends; \$5,000.00
Budget Committee Recommends; \$5,000.00

ARTICLE 48: Shall the Town approve funding towards the installation of a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant water tank, pumps, and truck body on a 2010 International cab and chassis recently acquired by the Cornish Fire Department.

Appropriate the sum of **\$380,485.00** towards the cost of the project, with the source of funds to be **A) \$80,485** raised from taxation, **B) \$200,000** bond from Maine Bond Bank, **C) \$60,000** from rental income of the Heli account authorized by CDBG and **D) \$40,000** from the Town's undesignated fund balance.

Authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$200,000**. Delegate to the Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

Costs: At an **estimated** net interest rate of 3.9% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$200,000
Interest:	<u>\$ 20,485</u>
Total Debt Service:	\$220,485

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance

Selectboard Recommends; \$380,485.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$380,485.00

ARTICLE 49: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$101,808.00** for the maintenance and operations cost for Sacopee Rescue, to be paid in three equal installments; the first payable on or before April 15, 2024, the second payable on or before August 15, 2024, and the third payable on or before November 15, 2024. All contingent upon a fully executed contract.

Selectboard Recommends; \$101,808.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$101,808.00

ARTICLE 50: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the Sacopee Rescue Capital Reserve account. All contingent upon a fully executed contract.

Selectboard Recommends; \$10,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$10,000.00

ARTICLE 51: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,000.00** to cover the anticipated cost of street lighting which is under contract with Central Maine Power.

Selectboard Recommends; \$13,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$13,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS, BRIDGES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ARTICLE 52: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$185,000.00** for the purpose of removal of winter sand from the streets, repair of roads and bridges, paving, cutting bushes along town-maintained roadways as a form of road maintenance; Said fund to be retained in a perpetual account if unexpended.

Selectboard Recommends; \$185,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$185,000.00

ARTICLE 53: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for preliminary engineering of replacing culverts on Back Street which is in the planning stage through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). A) **\$3,000.00** from taxation, B) **\$27,000.00** from the town's undesignated fund balance to meet contractual obligations until FEMA reimbursement funds are received and returned to the undesignated funds account (surplus). Funding for the engineering scope of work will be reimbursed by FEMA at 90% to the town for costs associated with said engineering.

Municipal Share	State Share	Total Project Cost
10%	90%	100%
\$3,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$30,000.00

Selectboard Recommends; \$30,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$30,000.00

ARTICLE 54: To see if the town will vote to and appropriate the sum of **\$215,000.00** for snow removal and sanding operations in town.

Selectboard Recommends; \$215,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$215,000.00

EDUCATION AND PRESERVATION ARTICLES

ARTICLE 55: To see if the town will vote to dedicate the franchise fees received and any grants received from Spectrum, Inc (formerly Time Warner, Inc.) to Sacopec Valley Media Tech (Sacopec TV- formerly TV-2) for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs, as deemed necessary to support the Sacopec TV (formerly TV-2) program and retain funds from fees to reimburse Town Departments (Office & Fire Dept.) for Internet Expense. If the Sacopec TV program does not run next year due to the absence of a Sacopec TV Coordinator, the franchise fees will be held in the Sacopec Valley Media Tech account until February 2025. If no Coordinator is found by then and the program is not running, the fees will be returned to the towns.

Selectboard Recommends; TO DO SO

Budget Committee Recommends; TO DO SO

SOCIAL SERVICES ARTICLES

ARTICLE 56: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500.00** for the support of general assistance cases.

Selectboard Recommends; \$2,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$2,500.00

ARTICLE 57: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$750.00** for the York County Community Action Program, which provides the town a wide variety of services for the elderly, disabled and low-income individuals.

Selectboard Recommends; \$750.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$750.00

ARTICLE 58: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** for the support of MaineHealth Care at Home to help to provide home health and hospice services for Cornish.

Selectboard Recommends; NO FUNDING

Budget Committee Recommends; NO FUNDING

ARTICLE 59: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,400.00** for support of the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, providing Meals on Wheels, medical benefit assistance and support for adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers living in the Cornish community.

Selectboard Recommends; \$1,400.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,400.00

ARTICLE 60: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$754.00** for support of the LifeFlight Foundation (for LifeFlight of Maine), providing emergency medical helicopter service.

Selectboard Recommends; \$754.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$754.00

ARTICLE 61: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the support of Riverside Cemetery Association.

Selectboard Recommends; \$5,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$5,000.00

ARTICLE 62: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** for the support of Caring Unlimited, York County's Domestic Violence Program.

Selectboard Recommends; \$500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$500.00

ARTICLE 63: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500.00** for the support of the Grateful Undead.

Selectboard Recommends; \$500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$500.00

ARTICLE 64: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500.00** for the support of the York County Shelter.

Selectboard Recommends; \$1,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,500.00

ARTICLE 65: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$600.00** for the support of Smooth Feather Youth.

Selectboard Recommends; \$600.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$600.00

ARTICLE 66: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100.00** to help support Maine Public Radio-Television-Online in providing valuable educational, informational, and cultural resources to the people of Maine.

Selectboard Recommends; \$100.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$100.00

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

ARTICLE 67: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$846,361** established for Cornish by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

ARTICLE 68: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into multi-year contracts of up to three years for such services as winter plowing and sanding, trash and recycling pickup, mowing and office equipment leases.

ARTICLE 69: To see if the Town of Cornish will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and/or accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, money from Federal, State, and other governmental units or private sources which may be received from time to time in the form of grants or any other source, during the period of February 1st, 2024 to January 31st, 2025.

ARTICLE 70: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard on behalf of the Town to dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, except for property tax-acquired from certain senior, low-income taxpayers who qualify for the special sale process required pursuant to 36 M.R.S. §943-C and to execute Quitclaim Deeds for such real estate and further allow the Municipal Officers to authorize the Treasurer to waive automatic foreclosures when it is in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 71: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen and treasurer to procure temporary loans in anticipation of real estate tax income for the purpose of satisfying the obligation of the town.

ARTICLE 72: To see what rate of interest the town will vote to be fixed on unpaid real estate and personal property taxes after December 31, 2024.

Selectmen Recommends; 8.5%

ARTICLE 73: To see if the town will vote to discount the real estate and personal property taxes paid within 30 (thirty) days of the date of commitment at the rate of **3%**.

ARTICLE 74: To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept prepayment of taxes, the amount collected not to exceed the previous year's taxes. Interest on any prepayment will be zero percent.

ARTICLE 75: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint all necessary officers (other than elected positions) for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 76: To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to transfer monies from undesignated funds to cover any overdrafts.

ARTICLE 77: Motion to adjourn.

The selectmen shall give notice that the Registrar will be in session at the above-mentioned hall and place of the meeting on Friday, the day of the said polls open, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 2 o'clock in the afternoon, until the polls are closed.

Given under our hands this 27th day of February 2024.

A True Copy of the Warrant
Attest: *Monique Guptill*
Monique Guptill
Clerk, Town of Cornish

Daniel Sherman

Daniel Sherman
Jessica Larson

Jessica Larson
David Pike

David Pike

SELECTBOARD, Town of Cornish

<u>TOWN OF CORNISH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS</u>			
<u>VALUATION 2023</u>			
Real Estate:			
	Land	\$35,425,100.00	
	Buildings	<u>\$119,916,534.00</u>	

Total Real Estate:					\$155,341,634.00
Personal Property:				<u>\$2,180,730.00</u>	
Taxable Valuation:					\$157,522,364.00
<i>2023 tax rate \$14.30 per thousand</i>					\$2,305,351.00

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriated:					\$129,525.00
Unexpended:					\$7,322.16
Expenditures:					
	Selectman, Chair			\$7,500.00	
	Selectman			\$6,000.00	
	Selectman			\$6,000.00	
	Assessor			\$15,830.00	
	Treasurer			\$3,449.94	
	Tax Collector			\$10,350.08	
	Town Clerk			\$20,699.90	
	Deputy Town Clerk			\$14,025.06	
	Secretary/Bookkeeper			\$14,024.74	
	EMA			\$500.00	
	Ballot Clerks			\$1,076.40	
	Moderator			\$150.00	
	Fire Chief			\$5,000.00	
	Assistant Fire Chief			\$4,000.00	
	Captain			\$2,000.00	
	Lieutenant			\$2,000.00	
	Matching Payroll Funds			<u>\$9,596.72</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$122,202.84

FIREFIGHTER PAYROLL

Appropriated:					\$14,000.00
Unexpended:					\$3,507.74
Expenditures:				<u>\$10,492.26</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$10,492.26

MainePERS Retirement

Appropriated:					\$4,866.00
Unexpended:					\$882.10
Expenditures:					
	MainePERS			<u>\$3,983.90</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$3,983.90

TOWN AUDIT

Appropriated:					\$7,500.00
Overdraft:					(\$3,556.25)
Expenditures:					
	RHR Smith			<u>\$11,056.25</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$11,056.25

<u>COMPUTER UPDATE & MAINTENANCE</u>			
Appropriated:			\$29,000.00
Unexpended:			\$1,717.65
Expenditures:			
	Harris Computer	\$17,218.77	
	Modem Wavs	\$7,563.58	
	Murphy Appraisal Service	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$27,282.35
<u>MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION</u>			
Appropriated:			\$2,577.00
Overdraft:			(\$152.00)
Expenditures:			
	Maine Municipal Assoc.	<u>\$2,729.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$2,729.00
<u>MAP REVISIONS</u>			
Appropriated:			\$1,300.00
Overdraft:			(\$123.00)
Expenditures:			
	John E O'Donnell & Assoc	<u>\$1,423.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$1,423.00
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE EXPENSES</u>			
Appropriated:			\$18,000.00
Overdraft:			\$4,615.63
	Cleaning Payroll	\$1,189.60	
	Credit Card	\$1,716.91	
	Consolidated Communications	\$3,047.34	
	Eli Printing	\$119.95	
	Cornish Hardware	\$421.35	
	D. Hartford	\$178.70	
	INFORME	\$170.00	
	Lockbox (BEU)	\$1,079.58	
	Mileage	\$30.16	
	Modem Wavs	\$397.00	
	Dues & Classes	\$740.00	
	New England Communication	\$671.77	

	Postmaster	\$1,824.99	
	Registry of Deeds	\$380.00	
	W.B. Mason	\$192.27	
	Your Weekly Shopping Guide	\$984.75	
	ZebraLove Web	<u>\$240.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$13,384.37

TOWN BUILDINGS

UTILITIES

Appropriated:					\$13,500.00
Unexpended:					\$3,482.11
Expenditures:					
	CMP: Sand/Salt			\$436.45	
	CMP: Thompson Park			\$452.25	
	CMP: Town Office			\$3,554.16	
	Cornish Sanitary District			\$490.87	
	Cornish Water District			\$362.80	
	JP Carroll			<u>\$4,721.36</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$10,017.89

MAINTENANCE

Appropriated:					\$30,000.00
Unexpended:					\$5,093.58
Expenditures:					
	Alex Charles			\$3,500.00	
	Brent Nelson			\$989.29	
	Boucher-Libby Electric			\$600.00	
	Bureau Vertical Lift			\$155.00	
	Cornish Hardware			\$341.38	
	CountrySide Electric			\$1,157.86	
	Cunningham Security			\$625.56	
	Daniel Vaillancourt			\$1,100.00	
	Dana Batchelder			\$1,696.50	
	Elan Financial			\$160.57	
	Freedom Fire			\$180.00	
	Firesafe Equipment			\$70.00	
	Gorham Flag			\$170.00	
	J.P. Carroll Fuel			\$1,070.27	
	Kenneth Chapline			\$100.00	
	Maine Access			\$660.00	
	Mary Eastman			\$106.60	
	Mid-Maine Restoration			\$6,450.00	
	Moody's Tree Removal			\$250.00	

		Moody's Tree Removal		\$250.00	
		Moulton Lumber		\$108.39	
		National Elevator		\$155.00	
		Sanborn Paving		\$2,315.00	
		Tiffany Parent		\$1,300.00	
		Town Hall Painting		<u>\$1,790.00</u>	
	Credit:			<u>\$145.00</u>	

	Total Expenditures:								\$25,051.42
<u>INSURANCE</u>									
	Appropriated:								\$26,000.00
	Overdraft:								(\$3,599.48)
	Expenditures:								
		Clark Insurance						\$11,047.00	
		CNA Bond						\$500.00	
		Paragon						\$7,352.00	
		MEMIC						\$3,712.00	
		Paragon						\$7,083.00	
		Traveler's Insurance						\$100.00	
	Credit:	Workmen's compensation					\$194.52		
	Total Expenditures:								\$29,794.00
<u>CONTINGENCY</u>									
	Appropriated:								\$1,500.00
	Unexpended:								\$1,099.08
	Expenditures:								
		D. Hartford						\$34.54	
		Election Supplies						\$191.38	
		Treasure, State of Maine						\$25.00	
		Wex Bank						\$150.00	
	Total Expenditures:								\$400.92
<u>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</u>									
<u>SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DISPOSAL</u>									
	Appropriated:								\$252,000.00
	Overdraft:								(\$3,455.17)
	Expenditures:								
		Ecomaine (plus contamination)						\$4,283.83	
		Mellen & Sons						\$157,000.00	
		Pine State						\$95,620.22	
	Credit:	Ecomaine					\$1,448.88		
	Total Expenditures:								\$256,904.05

<u>BROWNS GOOD RECYCLING</u>									
	Appropriated:								\$4,500.00
	Unexpended:								\$4,500.00
	Expenditures:								
	Total Expenditures:								\$0.00

PLANNING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL

PLANNING BOARD

Appropriated:					\$7,100.00
Unexpended:					\$564.09
Expenditures:					
	Planning Board Secretary			\$2,002.40	
	Planning Board Stipends			\$4,440.00	
	Elan Financial			\$69.51	
	Your Weekly Shopping Guide			<u>\$124.00</u>	
Credit:	Appeal Fee	\$100.00		-	
Total Expenditures:					\$6,635.91

LD2003 GRANT

Appropriated:					\$5,000.00
Unexpended:					\$4,182.50
Expenditures:					
	Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission			<u>\$817.50</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$817.50

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Appropriated:		-	-	-	\$572.00
Expenditures:					
	Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission			<u>\$572.00</u>	-
Total Expenditures:				-	\$572.00

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Appropriated:					\$600.00
Expenditures:					
	Saco Rive Corridor Commission			<u>\$600.00</u>	-
Total Expenditures:				-	\$600.00

LEGAL FEES

Appropriated:				-	\$6,000.00
Overdraft:					(\$1,265.00)
Expenditures:					
	Bergen Parkinson			\$720.00	
	Shepard & Read			<u>\$6,545.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$7,265.00

<u>ANIMAL SHELTER FEES</u>			
Appropriated:			\$1,508.00
Expenditures:			
	Harvest Hills		<u>\$1,403.00</u>
Total Expenditures:			\$1,403.00
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE</u>			
Appropriated:			\$5,000.00
Overdraft:			(\$599.12)
Expenditures:			
	Mileage Reimbursement		\$1,702.12
	Kristin Russell-Perkins		\$4,080.00
	Town of Parsonsfield		<u>\$75.00</u>
Credit:	Dog License Fees	<u>\$258.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$5,857.12
<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER</u>			
Received from:			
	Building & Plumbing Inspection		\$14,272.75
Unexpended:			\$5,346.87
Expenditures:			
	Salary		\$7,604.88
	State of Maine Plumbing Fees		\$1,141.00
	State of Maine DEP Fees		<u>\$180.00</u>
Total Expenditures:			\$8,925.88

<u>CULTURAL AND RECREATION</u>			
<u>HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES</u>			
Appropriated:			\$2,000.00
Unexpended:			\$808.45
Expenditures:			
	Cornish Fire Department		\$50.00
	Cornish Hardware		\$36.45

	D. Lavway			\$25.00	
	E. Bleicken			\$25.00	
	Elan Financial			\$46.29	
	Gorham Flag			\$297.00	
	Kezar Falls Fire Department			\$50.00	
	L. Gilpatrick			\$25.00	
	Lily's Flowers			\$100.00	
	M. Eastman			\$230.49	
	T. Pingree			\$32.32	
	The Inkwell			\$29.50	
	Your Weekly Shopping Guide			<u>\$244.50</u>	
Total Expenditures:					\$1,191.55
<u>SACOPEE RIVER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION</u>					
Appropriated:				-	\$300.00
Expenditures:				-	
	Sacopee River Festival Association			<u>\$300.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				-	\$300.00
<u>THOMPSON PARK IMPROVEMENT</u>					
Carried Forward:				-	\$4,275.26
Unexpended:				-	\$2,926.83
Expenditures:				-	
	Standfast Works			\$950.00	
	White Sign			-	\$398.43
Total Expenditures:				-	\$1,348.43
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 24):				-	\$2,926.83

<u>OUTLYING CEMETERIES</u>					
Carried Forward:				-	\$2,998.60
Unexpended:				-	\$2,623.59
Expenditures:				-	
	G. Mason			<u>\$375.01</u>	
Total Expenditures:				-	\$375.01
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 24):				-	\$2,623.59

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<u>SACOPEE VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL</u>				
Appropriated:				\$4,000.00
Expenditures:				
	Sacopee Valley Recreation Council		<u>\$4,000.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$4,000.00
				-
<u>CORNISH PARKS & RECREATION COUNCIL</u>				
Appropriated:				\$8,000.00
Unexpended:				\$3,030.50
Expenditures:				
	Central Maine Power		-\$310.50	
	D. Batcheler		<u>\$4,659.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$4,969.50
				-
<u>CORNISH PARKS MAINTENANCE</u>				
Appropriated:				\$2,600.00
Unexpended:				\$31.56
Expenditures:				
	Cornish Harware		\$477.26	
	Dana Batcheler		\$1,696.50	
	Elan Financial		\$115.48	
	Kezar Falls Fire Department		\$25.00	
	M.. Eastman		\$46.20	
	Lyle Plumbing		<u>\$208.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$2,568.44
<u>EDUCATION AND PRESERVATION</u>				
<u>BONNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY</u>				
Appropriated:				\$17,000.00
Expenditures:				
	Bonney Memorial Library		<u>\$17,000.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$17,000.00

<u>PIKE MEMORIAL HALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND</u>				
Carried Forward:				\$5,745.88
Received from Town Meeting Appropriation:			\$2,500.00	
Received from Fundraiser Events:			<u>\$2,536.85</u>	
Total Revenue:				\$5,036.85
Expense:				
	Budget Blind		\$3,831.49	

	Boucher-Libby Electrical		\$600.00	
	Glass Graphics		\$78.00	
	J. MacIntyre		<u>\$213.22</u>	
Total Expense:				\$4,722.71
Balance (Carried Forward to FY '24):				\$6,060.02
<u>AMERICAN FLAGS PROJECT</u>				
Appropriated:				\$1,200.00
Unexpended:				\$369.22
Expenditures:				
	Cornish Hardware		\$5.78	
	Gorham Flag		\$800.00	
	S. Gilpatrick		<u>\$25.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$830.78
<u>CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY</u>				
Appropriated:				\$1,000.00
Expenditures:				
	Cornish Historical Society		<u>\$1,000.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$1,000.00
<u>ARPA GRANT</u>				
Carryover (FY '22):				\$17,512.10
Unexpended:				\$7,000.00
Expenditures:				
	Harris Computer		\$3,940.78	
	Withey Foundation		<u>\$6,571.32</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$10,512.10
<u>Balance (Carried Forward to FY '24):</u>			<u>\$7,000.00</u>	

<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE</u>				
Appropriated:				\$45,000.
Overdraft:				(\$2,767.7
Expenditures:	Allengiance		\$69.66	

	Burnell's Towing		\$300.00	
	Central Maine Power		\$7,840.86	
	Cleaning Payroll		\$795.00	
	CN Brown		\$10,525.07	
	Cornish Hardware		\$1,574.67	
	Cornish Water District		\$362.80	
	C. Calnan		\$152.07	
	Firesafe Equipment		\$332.20	
	Fire Tech		\$599.76	
	JP Carroll		\$162.04	
	J. Libby		\$2,671.55	
	Memphis		\$565.58	
	NAPA Auto		\$6,102.11	
	Northeast		\$2,305.40	
	Ossipee Mountain Electronic		\$1,414.65	
	Postmaster		\$96.00	
	Presumscot		\$1,500.00	
	Reliance Equipment		\$2,406.85	
	Rust Check		\$1,520.00	
	Spectrum		\$1,148.04	
	T. Pingree	\$1,545.95		
	W.L. Sturgeon		\$1,630.00	
	W. Libby		\$200.00	
	Wex		\$52.51	
	York County Treasurer		\$280.00	
	Z Flag Store		<u>\$2,352.00</u>	
	Credits:	Franchise Fees	<u>\$737.02</u>	
	Total Expenditures:			\$48,504.

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT UPDATE

	Appropriated:				\$15,000.
	Carried Forward:				\$91,206.
	Expenditures:				
		Allengiance			\$44,900.
		Sullivan Tire			\$5,230.
		HECTor Tower Project			\$15,000.
	Total Expenditures:				\$65,130.
	Balance (Carried Forward to FY '24):				\$41,076.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR

	Appropriated:				\$4,500.00
	Carried Forward:				\$8,623.44
	Expenditures:				
	Total Expenditures:				\$0.00
	Balance (Carried Forward to FY 24):				\$13,123.44

<u>FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE</u>				
	-	-	-	-
Appropriated:				\$15,000.00
Carried Forward:				\$30,000.00
Expenditures:				
	Allengiance		<u>\$45,000.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$45,000.00
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 24):				\$0.00
<u>FIRE BARN BOND DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
	-	-	-	-
Balance Loan Outstanding:				\$317,485.32
Expenditures :				
	Principal		\$29,230.83	
	Interest		<u>\$7,974.81</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$37,205.64
Balance Remaining:				\$280,279.68
<u>FIRE TRUCK BOND DEBT & INTEREST</u>				
	-	-	-	-
Balance Loan Outstanding:				\$21,434.84
Expenditures :				
	Principal		\$21,172.42	
	Interest		<u>\$262.42</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$21,434.84
Balance Remaining:				\$0.00
				-
<u>HYDRANT RENTAL</u>				
Appropriated:				\$56,500.00
Expenditures:				
	Cornish Water District		<u>\$56,500.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:				\$56,500.00

<u>RCFP GRANT</u>				
Voted to take from Undesignated Funds:				\$4,000.00
Expenditures:				
	C. Calnan		<u>\$517.68</u>	
Credit:	Windy Ridge	<u>\$336.90</u>	\$188.00	
Total Expenditures from Undesignated Funds				\$368.78
				-

<u>DISPATCHING SERVICES</u>				
Appropriated:	-		-	\$7,000.00
Unexpended:				\$709.49
Expenditures:				
Total Expenditures:	Treasurer, State of Maine		\$6,290.51	\$6,290.51
		-	-	
<u>HECTor Tower- Hessian Hill Road</u>				
Appropriated:	-	-	-	\$77,500.00
Unexpended:	-	-	-	\$77,500.00
Total Expenditures:	-	-	-	\$0.00
		-	-	
<u>SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT</u>				
Appropriated:	-		-	\$83,000.00
Expenditures:				
Total Expenditures:	Sacopee Rescue		\$82,999.99	\$82,999.99
		-	-	
<u>SACOPEE RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE</u>				
Appropriated:	-		-	\$10,000.00
Carried Forward:				\$35,150.00
Expenditures:				
Total Expenditures:	Sacopee Rescue- ambulance purchase		\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Balance (Carried Forward to FY '24):				\$10,150.00
		-	-	
<u>STREET LIGHTING</u>				
Appropriated:	-		-	\$15,000.00
Unexpended:				\$2,560.97
Expenditures:				
Total Expenditures:	Central Maine Power		\$12,439.03	\$12,439.03

<u>ROADS, BRIDGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE</u>				
	-	-	-	-
<u>ROADS & BRIDGES</u>				
Appropriated:	-		-	\$165,000.00
Carried Forward:				\$112,529.72
Unexpended:				\$101,905.95

Expenditures:				
	All State		\$63,317.78	
	B. Fenderson		\$5,012.00	
	Carrol Material		\$2,457.31	
	Dwight Mills, Inc.		\$36.00	
	Moody's Tree Service		\$1,150.00	
	P.Y. Estes			\$2,900.00
	White Sign Co		\$127.45	
Total Expenditures:	WL Sturgeon		<u>\$103,523.23</u>	\$178,523.77
Credit:			<u>\$2,900.00</u>	
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 24):	Clark's Insurance			\$101,905.95
<u>ROAD SIGNS</u>				
Appropriated:			-	\$2,000.00
Unexpended:				\$738.79
Expenditures:				
	White Sign Co		\$861.21	
Total Expenditures:	WL Sturgeon		<u>\$400.00</u>	\$1,261.21
<u>SNOW REMOVAL</u>				
Appropriated:			-	\$215,000.00
Unexpended:				\$7,971.71
Expenditures:				
	Dwight Mills		\$11,146.00	
	Eastern Salt		\$23,782.53	
	SMPDC		\$93.11	
	WL Sturgeon		<u>\$7,790.00</u>	
Credit:	Whitney Snowplowing	<u>\$2,450.03</u>	<u>\$166,666.68</u>	
Total Expenditures:	Salt Reimbursement			\$209,478.32

<u>Route 25/ S. Hiram Road Reconstuction - Project that carryover from F</u>				
Appropriated:			-	-
Unexpended:			-	-
	P.Y. Estes			
	Sebago Technics		<u>\$29,170.06</u>	-

	Credit:	YWSG	\$436,305.04	\$
	Total Expenditures:			
	-			
	SIDEWALK REPAIR			
	Carried Forward:			
	Expenditures:		-	
	Total Expenditures:			
	Balance (Carried Forward to FY 24):			-
	-			-
LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)				
	Carried Forward:			
	Received from State:			
	Expenditures:		-	
	Total Expenditures:			
	Balance (Carried Forward to FY 24):			
	-			
TIME WARNER FRANCHISE FEE				
	Received from Time Warner:			\$7,872
	Expenditures:			
			-	-
		Sacopee Valley High School TV-2	\$7,135.27	
	Total Expenditures:	Fire Department	-	\$737
	SOCIAL SERVICES			
GENERAL ASSISTANCE				
	Appropriated:			
	Unexpended:			
	Expenditures:			
		Case #23-1		\$284.9
		Case #23-2		\$1,025
		Case #23-3		\$1,0
		Case #23-4		\$1,000
	Credit:	Case #23-5	\$1,222.97	\$1,300
	Total Expenditures:	GA Reimbursement	-	

<u>YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM</u>					
Appropriated:		-		-	\$750.00
Expenditures:					
				-	
Total Expenditures:	York County Community Action		-	<u>\$750.00</u>	\$750.00
<u>SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING</u>					
Appropriated:		-		-	\$1,400.00
Expenditures:					
				-	
Total Expenditures:	Southern Maine Agency on Aging		-	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	\$1,400.00
<u>RIVERSIDE CEMETERY</u>					
Appropriated:		-		-	\$5,000.00
Expenditures:					
				-	
Total Expenditures:	Riverside Cemetery			<u>\$5,000.00</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION</u>					
Appropriated:		-		-	\$754.00
Expenditures:					
				-	
Total Expenditures:	LifeFlight		-	<u>\$754.00</u>	\$754.00
<u>CARING UNLIMITED</u>					
Appropriated:		-		-	\$500.00
Expenditures:					
				-	
Total Expenditures:	Caring Unlimited		-	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$500.00
<u>GREATFUL UNDEAD</u>					
Appropriated:		-		-	\$500.00
Expenditures:					
				-	
Total Expenditures:	Greatful Undead		-	<u>\$500.00</u>	\$500.00

<u>YORK COUNTY SHELTER</u>				
Appropriated:	-		-	\$1,500.00
Expenditures:				
Total Expenditures:	York County Shelter	-	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	\$1,500.00
<u>SMOOTH FEATHER</u>				
Appropriated:	-		-	\$600.00
Expenditures:				
Total Expenditures:	Smooth Feather	-	<u>\$600.00</u>	\$600.00
<u>EDUCATION MSAD #55</u>				
Expenditures :	-		-	-
Total Expenditures:	MSAD #55	-	<u>\$1,421,214.62</u>	\$1,421,214.62
<u>YORK COUNTY TAXES</u>				
Expenditures :	-		-	-
Total Expenditures:	Treasurer of York	-	<u>\$82,606.84</u>	\$82,606.84
<u>SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</u>				
			<u>Overdraft</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>
-	-			
Administration				\$7,322.16
Administrative Office Expenses				\$4,615.63
American Flag Project				\$369.22
Animal Control Expenses			\$508.12	
Audit			\$1,556.25	
Code Enforcement Officer			\$5,346.87	
Computer Update & Maintenance				\$1,717.65
Contingency				\$1,099.08
Cornish Parks Maintenance				\$31.56
Cornish Parks & Recreation Council				\$3,030.50
Dispatching			-	\$709.49
Fire Department			\$2,767.75	
Firefighter Payroll				\$3,507.74
General Assistance			\$386.98	
Holiday Observances				\$808.45
Insurance			\$3,599.48	
Legal Fees			\$1,265.00	

Map Revisions			\$123.00	
Planning Board				\$564.09
RCFP Grant			\$368.78	
Recycling- Brown Good Day				\$4,500.00
Snow Removal				\$7,971.71
Solid Waste Disposal			\$3,455.17	
Street Lights				\$2,560.97
Town Buildings-Maintenance				\$5,093.58
Town Buildings-Utilities				\$3,482.11
TOTAL:			<u>\$19,377.40</u>	<u>\$47,383.94</u>

ACCOUNTS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

Fire Department Turnout Gear			-	\$13,123.44
Fire Department Update Equipment				\$41,076.03
Outlying Cemeteries				\$2,623.59
Pike Hall Capital Improvement			-	\$2,604.63
Roads/Bridges Account			-	\$101,905.95
Sacopee Rescue Capital Reserve				\$10,150.00
Sidewalk Repair				\$24,761.13
Thompson Park Improvement Fund				\$2,926.83
LRAP Local Road Assistance				\$98,916.43
ARPA Grant				\$7,000.00
Accessory Dwelling Units Grant				<u>\$4,182.50</u>
TOTAL:			-	<u>\$309,270.53</u>

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

				-	-
Real Estate Commitment 2023				\$2,211,183.56	
Personal Property Commitment 2023				\$31,184.46	
Supplements 2023				\$19,140.46	
TOTAL:				<u>\$2,261,508.48</u>	
Abatements 2023			\$10,629.53		
Discounts 2023			<u>\$53,256.23</u>		
TOTAL:			<u>\$63,885.76</u>		
TOTAL:					<u>\$2,197,622.72</u>

Agent Fees			\$8,933.00		
Auto Excise			\$357,506.51		
Bank Interest			\$26,706.02		
Boat Excise			\$659.00		
Business Application			\$40.00		
Interest Fees			\$1,782.13		
Lien Costs			\$391.76		
Misc. Income			\$637.00		
Vitals			<u>\$1,681.00</u>		
TOTAL:			\$398,336.42	-	

STATE OF MAINE

BETE Reimbursement	-		\$56,733.00		
Homestead Exemption			\$85,856.00		
Maine Revenue Sharing		\$198,478.51			
Tree Growth Reimbursement			\$40,142.19		
Veterans Exemption			<u>\$634.00</u>		
TOTAL:			\$381,843.70	-	

FOUR SEASONS

Balance:	-				\$1,156.94
Income:					
			<u>\$165.00</u>		
TOTAL:	Spring Fling		\$165.00		
Expense:					
				\$292.10	
	Christmas in Cornish			<u>\$257.63</u>	
TOTAL:	Spring Fling			\$549.73	
TOTAL:					\$772.21

HELI FUNDS

Balance:	-				\$127,969.57
Rent Received:			<u>\$29,490.03</u>		
Expenses:				<u>\$5,925.00</u>	
TOTAL:					\$151,534.60

LINCOLN TRUST FUND

Beginning balance:	-		-		\$8,316.41
Interest Earned:			\$99.18		
End balance:			-		\$8,415.59

CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023

- Exhibits and Research Room were open to the public at various times from May-November and by appointment. Meetings were held monthly. Two newsletters were emailed/mailed to members with free copies at the Town Office and Library.
- CHS "Outlying Cemeteries Committee" is headed by Gary Mason, who attended four-day training on gravestone repair and cleaning. Research and care was made to outlying and Riverside graves, especially Veterans. Queries can be emailed to: cornishocq@gmail.com
- Members participated on the Pike Hall Committee to improve and utilize our Town Hall.
- Members participated on the Historic Guidelines Committee to improve and clarify the guidelines for the Planning Board and future Land Use Ordinance issues.
- February 15 members attended a workshop with many other small area historical societies to share ideas for increasing membership and relevance. Several new members have joined the Cornish Historical Society this year.
- Fundraising Bake Sales was held in March and November in partnership with Cornish Fairgrounds Committee.
- Fundraising "Duck Derby" was held April 22 , attended by many families around the area.
- Genealogic queries have been answered for Parker, Guptill, Watson, Trafton, Lord, Crowley, and Day families.
- Tuftonboro Historical Society asked to tour our headquarters and we assisted at Horseman's Day on September 10.
- Town officers requested a history of Cornish bridges, assistance for Veteran's Day speaker with information on Cornish veterans, and an exhibit on the history of Thompson Park for that kiosk.
- Bonney Memorial Library requested a history exhibit for the 95th Birthday event on October 21.
- The 2024 fundraising calendar 'Interesting People, Places and Things' was created and put on sale
- Cornish Historical Society sponsored four free public educational events this year: "The Gunpowder Mills of Maine" March 11, "Songs of the Abolitionists" July 23, a book talk by author Janet Carper about the French Resistance in WWII September 16, and "WWII German POWs in Maine" October 16. Great attendance with folks from many towns.
- Cornish Historical Society donated children's "fun spectacles" and cookies for the annual Tree Lighting December 1 in Thompson Park.
- CHS is grateful to Bonney Memorial Library for the use of their 40 Main Street building and grateful to the Town for its continued support.
- Cornish Historical Society is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization. Interested visitors and new members are always welcome.

Officers: Sandy Howe, President, Diann W. Perkins, Vice President, Cynthia Mason, Secretary and Treasurer.

Board of Directors: Gary Mason, Meredith Harding, Judy Leonhartt

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 2023 BUILDING PERMITS

PERMIT #	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	TYPE	FEE
23-01	Delemater, Matt	23 Main St	U03-011	Sign	\$25.00
23-02	Humphrey, Annette	134 Humphrey Way	R02-068	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-03	Nayer, Daneane	Harolds Way	R02-068F	New Construction	\$928.00
23-04	Dollar Store	91 Maple St	U02-002	Addition	\$472.50
23-05	Roese, Alex	351 Hessian Hill	R05-028	New Construction	\$562.00
23-06	Anderson, Brent	162 Cumberland St	U05-019	New Construction	\$1080.00
23-07	Libby, Devon	Wadsworth Lane	R02-010C	New Construction	\$1125.00
23-08	Hanson, James	85 Old Limington Rd	R03-016	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-09	D'Elia, David	91 Saco Woods Dr	U07-029	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-10	Theriault, Ted	210 Joe Berry Rd	R05-029A-2	Mobile Home	\$231.00
23-11	Dumont, Jeremy	34 Cowboy Way	R05-041	New Construction	\$140.00
23-12	Bishop, Taylor	15 Fire Fly Lane	R04-027	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-13	Dollar Store	91 Maple St	U02-002	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-14	Owen, Kevin	45 Kimball Hill	R05-049B	New Construction	\$130.00
23-15	Owen, Kevin	45 Kimball Hill	R05-049B	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-16	Dunnells, Dan	321 Joe Berry Rd	R08-045	Addition	\$51.00
23-17	Day, David	84 Hessian Hill	R05-016	Addition	\$401.25
23-18	Estes, Lucy	113 Pavilion Rd	R01-019A	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-19	Floor, Mark	5 Cornington Way	R02-059	New Construction	\$358.01
23-20	Bisson, Tyson	272 Joe Berry Rd	R05-029	Pool	\$25.00
23-21	Meggison, Larry	36 Seelye Dr	R02-009	Addition	\$313.00
23-22	Perkins, Brad	138 High Rd	R02-024	Addition	\$100.00
23-23	Keene, Gordon	10 Mountain Rd	R06-010A	New Construction	\$200.00
23-24	Jeffe, Andrea	88 Fieldstone Ridge Dr	R01-027-5	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-25	CN Brown	118 Maple St	U01-014	Sign	\$25.00
23-26	Boutiller, David	129 Long Pond Rd	R04-11A	Addition	\$324.00
23-27	Leavitt, Jason	56 Old Limington Rd	R02-008	Mobile Home	\$144.00
23-28	Allen, Jeff	190 Sokokis Trl	R01-050	New Construction	\$375.00
23-29	Beever, Mark	107 Old High Rd	R01-027B	New Construction	\$224.00
23-30	Bacon, Erwin	23 Blue Berry Ln	R03-024	New Construction	\$312.00
23-31	David, Jody	North Rd	R08-025	New Construction	\$1000.00
23-32	Arch Cutting Tools	5 Industrial Way	R02-064	Sign	\$25.00
23-33	Charles, Joseph	85 High Rd	U03-054	Addition	\$81.00
23-34	Black, James	Sokokis Trl	R01-054	New Construction	\$288.00
23-35	Chasse, Mike	54 Long Pond Rd	R04-018	New Construction	\$390.00
23-36	Floor, Mark	5 Corington Way	R02-059	Cert. of Occupancy	\$25.00
23-37	Kimball, Jason	165 Roland Day Rd	R04-060	Sign	\$25.00
23-38	Jordan, Kyle	688 S Hiram Rd	U01-005	New Construction	<u>\$195.00</u>
					\$9774.76

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
2023 PLUMBING PERMITS**

PERMIT #	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	TYPE	FEE
23-01	Humphrey, Annette	134 Harolds Way	R02-068	Internal	\$170.00
23-02	Gledhill, Greg	Harolds Way	R02-068F	SSWD	\$265.00
23-03	Roese, Alex	351 Hessian Hill	R05-028	SSWD	\$265.00
23-04	Betters, Brian	340 Long Pond Rd	R05-006	Internal	\$50.00
23-05	Theriault, Ted	210 Joe Berry Rd	R05-029A-2	SSWD	\$265.00
23-06	Day, Margaret	340 Long Pond Rd	R05/006	SSWD	\$265.00
23-07	Day, Martha	364 Long Pond Rd	R05/005	SSWD	\$265.00
23-08	Roese, Alex	351 Hessian Hill	R05-028	Internal	\$140.00
23-09	Libby, Devon	Wadsworth Lane	R02-010C	Internal	\$50.00
23-10	Reynolds, Nathan	108 Old High Rd	R01-029B-1	Internal	\$60.00
23-11	Perkins, Brad	138 High Rd	R02-024	Internal	\$40.00
23-12	Vaillancourt, Jane	46 Moose Trail	R06-011	Internal	\$40.00
23-13	Allen, Jeff	190 Sokokis Trl	R01-050	SSWD	\$265.00
23-14	Allen, Jeff	190 Sokokis Trl	R01-050	Internal	\$50.00
23-15	Furlong, Deborah	249 Joe Berry Rd	R08-039B-1	Internal	\$40.00
23-16	Black, James	Sokokis Trl	R01-054	SSWD	\$265.00
23-17	Black, James	Sokokis Trl	R01-054	Internal	<u>\$110.00</u>
					\$2,605.00

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

"Gone but Not Forgotten"
In Memory of

Name	Age	Date of Death
Brown, Jenny L.	65	06/15/2023
Chasse, Leona W.	99	05/11/2023
Day, Shirley M.	100	06/27/2023
Fleming, Roberta Lee	86	12/23/2023
Foley, Linda Darnell	72	12/02/2023
Gary, Thomas Larry	76	10/11/2023
Hall, Kenneth Edgar	94	02/16/2023
Hopwood, Sharon Ann	77	10/19/2023
Howard, Raymond George	87	02/16/2023
Hurd, Herbert G.	67	02/22/2023
Hussey, Lillian M.	94	07/11/2023
Kirby, Matthew Scott	54	11/08/2023
Nickerson, Nancy Lee	66	09/25/2023
Reed, Thelma Imogene	89	05/18/2023
Ridsdale, Kenneth Raymond	67	01/18/2024
Sanborn, Franklin R. Sr.	84	12/05/2023
Sargent, Lloyd Elwin	94	04/08/2023
Schalebaum, Joan Carol	71	09/17/2023
Smith, Clyde Lorenzo	49	04/10/2023
Stone, Sherry Ann	75	05/31/2023
Summers, John Reynolds Jr.	69	07/16/2023
Tims, Ellen Veronica	77	06/29/2023
Wentworth, Loretta Maria	69	08/06/2023



Births – 13



Marriages – 12



Deaths - 23