

TOWN OF CORNISH

Annual Town Report - 2025



Photo Credit: Cornish Historical Society

The Portland-Ogdensburg RR built the line through Cornish Station in 1870. This became Maine Central RR, the "Mountain Division" which ran passenger trains until about 1960, and freight until 1983 through Cornish Station.

Cornish Historical Society owns the early "depot wagon" which carried passengers from the station to the village hotels and other locations until horse drawn wagons were upgraded to automobiles.

DEDICATION



MARGARET HOXIE (aka: MAGGIE)

Maggie Hoxie moved to Cornish in 1971 with her husband Bill and two daughters. She started Mother Goose Nursery School and operated it from their home for four years before going back to teaching full time in the Sacopee Valley School district.

A fixture at almost every local event, Maggie was always busy volunteering her time for various groups and organizations in Cornish and surrounding towns. She never missed a town meeting, served on the SAD 55 Board of Directors for 25 years after retiring from teaching, and loved doing Ballot Clerk duty during every election.

After Maggie's passing the most heard comment was "but I just saw her!" She was always everywhere around town, talking to people—friends and strangers alike, pleased to run into people she knew. With that in mind, please remember Maggie the last time you saw her...happy, active, and in the town of Cornish, the place she loved so much!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE TO THE TOWN!**

Spirit of America Foundation Award 2024

The Spirit of America Award was established to recognize volunteerism and the Cornish Board of Selectmen selected Cornish Historical Society as the 2024 Spirit of America recipient for their endless dedication and many hours of committee and community work.



L to R: Pres. Sandra Howe, Vice-Pres. Diann W. Perkins and Sec-Treas. Cynthia Mason and Gary Mason.

The Cornish Historical Society created Eagle Mill Park, researched a forgotten cemetery behind Pike Memorial Hall, documented past holders of the Boston Post Cane, held numerous history-related events and more. The 15 members assist the public with property histories and genealogical queries. Members have served on town committees, and most recently have focused on discovering, documenting, reclaiming and repairing early outlying burial grounds and some larger public cemeteries.

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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 on 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 the Annual Town Meeting with questions as they may require research. You may ask questions at the Town Meeting, but prior knowledge will ensure 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 14th, 2025
2:00PM - 8:00PM
Opening of Polls and Election of Town Officials

Monday, March 17th, 2025
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 - Wednesday	8:00AM-3:00PM
Thursday	8:00AM-6:00PM
Friday - Sunday	Closed

The Municipal office contact information:

Mailing Address:	17 Maple Street Cornish, ME 04020
Telephone number:	(207) 625-4324
Fax number:	(207) 625-4416
Website:	www.cornishme.com
Email:	townoffice@cornishme.com

The **Selectmen** meet every other Wednesday for a business meeting, from 5:00PM to the 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** meetings occur on the 1st Monday each month & workshops on the 3rd Monday each month at 6:30PM. Items for the agenda must be submitted 10 (ten) business days in advance.

Emergency Numbers:

Rescue, Fire Department, Police	911
Maine Forest Service/IF&W	(207) 287-8000

UNITED STATES GOVERNOR

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jessica Larson - 2025
Daniel Sherman - 2027
David Pike - 2026

TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, TREASURER, REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Monique Guptill - 2027

DEPUTY CLERK, BOOKKEEPER, SECRETARY

Deanna Hartford

OFFICE ASSISTANT

M. Angel Eastman

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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Sean Perkins
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CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (BUILDING & PLUMBING INSPECTOR)

Dan Vaillancourt
207-653-4608

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

(VACANT)

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 - 2027

DIRECTORS OF S.A.D. #55

Bradley Perkins – 2025
Nancy Perkins (Interim) - 2025

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Carl Landry

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OFFICER

Mathieu Cama

BOARD OF APPEALS

Margaret Aspinall*Bradley Perkins*Gary Mason*
Jeff Nason*John Bleakney*Joyce Rodriguez

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Bradley Perkins*M. Angel Eastman*Katherin Blake*Margaret Aspinall

CORNISH FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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*Daniel Vaillancourt

CORNISH WATER DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Heidi H Cates, Office Manager
Lorie Pike, Chairperson – Term 2024-2027
Brandon Fenderson – Term 2023-2026
Raymond Whitlock, Trustee – Term 2024-2027
Chad Pike, Trustee – Term 2022-2025
John Watts, Trustee – Term 2023-2026

FOUR SEASONS COMMITTEE

Deanna Hartford (Chair)*M. Angel Eastman (Secretary)
Monique Guptill (Treasurer)*Heather Mayo

PARKS AND FLAGS COMMITTEE

M. Angel Eastman (Chair)*Katherine Blake (Secretary)*Nancy Perkins
Cynthia Mason*Diann W. Perkins

PIKE HALL COMMITTEE

John MacIntyre (Chair)*Anne MacIntyre (Secretary)
Margaret Aspinall*Sharon Beever*Laurie Carr*
Sandy Howe*Diann W. Perkins*James Ray

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

State Deputy, Department of Agriculture, Augusta, ME

TOWN OF CORNISH
WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING 2025

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 17th day of March, A.D., 2025 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 14th, 2025, 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: 1 - Board of Selectmen 3-year term
 1 - MSAD 55 Board of Director 3-year term
 1 - MSAD 55 Board of Directors 2-year term
 1 - Cornish Water District 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 2025 annual budget during the period from February 1st, 2025, to March 21st, 2025, 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 follows:

➤	Selectboard (Chairperson)	\$7,500.00
➤	Selectboard 2nd	\$6,000.00
➤	Selectboard 3rd	\$6,000.00
➤	Assessor	\$17,200.00
➤	Treasurer	\$6,519.00
➤	Tax Collector	\$13,038.00
➤	Town Clerk	\$23,903.00
➤	Deputy Town Clerk	\$17,755.00
➤	Bookkeeper/Secretary	\$17,755.00
➤	Part time Office Assistance	\$6,500.00
➤	EMA	\$500.00
➤	Fire Chief	\$5,300.00
➤	Assistant Chief	\$4,200.00
➤	Captain	\$2,100.00
➤	Lieutenant	\$2,100.00
➤	Ballot Clerks	\$3,300.00
➤	Moderator	\$225.00
➤	Matching Payroll Funds	\$12,000.00
➤	Paid Family Medical Leave	\$450.00
	Total Article	\$152,345.00

Selectboard Recommends; \$152,345.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$152,345.00

ARTICLE 5: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,042.00** for the town's matching contribution to fund the Maine Public Employees Retirement System from February 1st, 2025, to January 31st, 2026.

Selectboard Recommends; \$7,042.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$7,042.00

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,000.00** for firefighter payroll.

Selectboard Recommends; \$18,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$18,000.00

ARTICLE 7: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the town's annual audit.

Selectboard Recommends; \$10,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$10,000.00

ARTICLE 8: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000.00** for software updates, computer maintenance and equipment.

Selectboard Recommends; \$30,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$30,000.00

ARTICLE 9: 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 10: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,036.00** for 2025 dues to Maine Municipal Association.

Selectboard Recommends; \$3,036.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$3,036.00

ARTICLE 11: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,300.00** for tax map conversion services to digitalize tax maps with Geographic Information System (GIS) programming.

Selectboard Recommends; \$14,300.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$14,300.00

ARTICLE 12: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,000.00** for administrative and office expenses.

Selectboard Recommends; \$17,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$17,000.00

ARTICLE 13: 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 14: 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 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$31,750.00** for all forms of insurance coverage for the upcoming year.

Selectboard Recommends; \$31,750.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$31,750.00

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for miscellaneous and contingent expenses.

Selectboard Recommends; \$3,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$3,000.00

MUNICIPAL SERVICES ARTICLES

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$298,000.00** for solid waste removal.

Selectboard Recommends; \$298,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$298,000.00

ARTICLE 18: 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 19: 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 2025.

Selectboard Recommends; \$3,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$3,000.00

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000.00** for interactive texting which will allow the town to communicate timely notices of governmental affairs and emergency situations.

Selectboard Recommends; \$3,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$3,000.00

ARTICLE 21: To see if the town will vote to raise **\$60,000.00** to fund a discount rate of **3%** for the real estate and personal property taxes paid within 30 days of the date of commitment?

Selectboard Recommends; \$60,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$60,000.00

PLANNING BOARD, CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL ARTICLES

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,000.00** for the administrative costs and related expenses of the Planning Board.

Selectboard Recommends; \$9,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$9,000.00

ARTICLE 23: 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 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$607.00** for the dues of the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission.

Selectboard Recommends; \$607.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$607.00

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$950.00** toward the support of the Saco River Corridor Commission, for its continued water quality monitoring program.

Selectboard Recommends; \$950.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$950.00

ARTICLE 26: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000.00** for anticipated legal fees

Selectboard Recommends; \$7,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$7,000.00

ARTICLE 27: 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 28: 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 29: 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 30: 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 31: To see if the town will vote to raise, appropriate, and contribute **\$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 32: 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 33: 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 34: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$22,000.00** for the support of Bonney Memorial Library.

Selectboard Recommends; \$22,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$22,000.00

ARTICLE 35: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum **\$1,000.00** for the Town of Cornish Flag Project.

Selectboard Recommends; \$1,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,000.00

ARTICLE 36: 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 37: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,500.00** to purchase 6 flag poles which will represent the military branches. The location of the flag poles will be on town owned property in the Veteran's Park at Riverside Cemetery.

Selectboard Recommends; \$5,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; No Recommendation

EMERGENCY SERVICES ARTICLES

ARTICLE 38: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$54,000.00** for the maintenance of the Cornish Fire Department.

Selectboard Recommends; \$54,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$54,000.00

ARTICLE 39: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** for the purpose of updating fire equipment and major repairs; said funds to be retained in a perpetual account if unexpended.

Selectboard Recommends; \$20,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$20,000.00

ARTICLE 40: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,500.00** to be used for updating personal protective equipment. Said funds to be retained in a perpetual account if unexpended.

Selectboard Recommends; \$5,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$5,500.00

ARTICLE 41: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,850.17** debt services.

Included are: 2003E Fire Station Bond Payment \$37,601.95

2024B Fire Truck (2010 International) \$43,248.22

Selectboard Recommends; \$80,850.17

Budget Committee Recommends; \$80,850.17

ARTICLE 42: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** for the sole purpose of purchasing new fire truck. Said funds to be retained in a perpetual account.

Selectboard Recommends; \$20,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$20,000.00

ARTICLE 43: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$90,500.00** for fire hydrant rental.

Selectboard Recommends; \$90,500.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$90,500.00

ARTICLE 44: To see if the town will vote to take from undesignated funds, **\$2,000.00** to be used as matching funds for an RCFP Grant which would be used by the fire department to install dry hydrants or purchase other fire-related items.

Selectboard Recommends; \$2,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$2,000.00

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 raise and appropriate sum of **\$68,250.00** for the purpose of replacing equipment and shelter to complete the proposed Hessian Hill Emergency Communication Tower (HECTor) project, with the source of the funds to be, **A) \$35,000.00** raised from taxation,

B) \$33,250.00 from undesignated funds. Said funds to be retained in a perpetual account, if unexpended.

Selectboard Recommends; \$68,250.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$68,250.00

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: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$138,838.00** for the maintenance and operations cost for Sacopee Rescue, to be paid in twelve equal installments; on the first Wednesday of each month.

Selectboard Recommends; \$138,838.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$138,838.00

ARTICLE 49: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** for the Sacopee Rescue Capital Reserve account.

Selectboard Recommends; \$10,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$10,000.00

ARTICLE 50: 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 51: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$190,000.00** 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; \$190,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$190,000.00

ARTICLE 52: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000.00** for purchasing new and replacement town-maintained street name and highway signs, posts, brackets, and their maintenance.

Selectboard Recommends; \$2,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$2,000.00

ARTICLE 53: To see if the town will vote to raise 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 54: 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 Sacopee TV2 for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, and for operating costs, as deemed necessary to support the Sacopee TV2 program and retain funds from fees to reimburse Town Departments (Office & Fire Dept.) for Internet Expense. If the Sacopee TV2 program does not run next year due to the absence of a Sacopee TV2 Coordinator, the franchise fees will be held in the Sacopee Valley Media Tech account until February 2026. 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 55: 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 56: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000.00** 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; \$1,000.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$1,000.00

ARTICLE 57: 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 58: 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 59: 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 60: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$550.00** for the support of the Grateful Undead.

Selectboard Recommends; \$550.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$550.00

ARTICLE 61: 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 62: 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 information and culture resources to the people of Maine.

Selectboard Recommends; \$100.00

Budget Committee Recommends; \$100.00

MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE 63: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter 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 64: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter a multi-year contract not to exceed 30 years for household trash tipping fees.

ARTICLE 65: To see if the Town will vote to name BR3859 (Route 5 / Little River) Bridge, located on Sokokis Trail, to "Cornish Veterans Memorial Bridge".

ARTICLE 66: To see if the Town of Cornish will vote to authorize the Selectboard 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, 2025 to January 31st, 2026.

ARTICLE 67: 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 68: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and treasurer to procure temporary loans in anticipation of real estate tax income for the purpose of satisfying the obligation of the town.

ARTICLE 69: To see what rate of interest the town will vote to be fixed on unpaid real estate and personal property taxes after December 31, 2025.

Selectboard Recommends; 7.5%

ARTICLE 70: To see if the town will vote to authorize the tax collector to accept pre-payment of taxes, the amount collected does not exceed the previous year's taxes. Interest on any pre-payment will be zero percent.

ARTICLE 71: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to appoint all necessary officers (other than elected positions) for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 72: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to transfer monies from undesignated funds to cover any overdrafts.

ARTICLE 73: To see if the Town will vote to modify the current Floodplain Management Ordinance (effective July 17, 2024) ARTICLE VI – DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, Section G **Physical Changes to the Natural Landscape** to replace “Professional Engineer” with “Qualified Professional” and provide a definition for Qualified Professional.

ARTICLE 74: Motion to adjourn.

The selectboard 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 19th day of February 2025.

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

Board of Selectmen,

Town of Cornish

TOWN OF CORNISH FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

VALUATION 2024

Real Estate:			
	Land	\$73,112,700.00	
	Buildings	<u>\$184,814,400.00</u>	
Total Real Estate:			\$257,927,100.00
Personal Property:		<u>\$2,181,930.00</u>	
Taxable Valuation:			\$260,109,030.00
<i>2024 tax rate \$9.20 per thousand</i>			\$2,393,003.08

ADMINISTRATION

Appropriated:			\$143,125.00
Unexpended:			\$2,091.42
Expenditures:			

Selectman, Chair	\$7,375.00
Selectman	\$6,125.00
Selectman	\$6,000.00
Assessor	\$16,623.00
Treasurer	\$4,099.94
Tax Collector	\$12,299.82
Town Clerk	\$24,549.90
Deputy Town Clerk	\$12,829.68
Secretary/Bookkeeper	\$17,232.00
Part time Office Assistance	\$6,279.75
EMA	\$500.00
Ballot Clerks	\$3,155.49
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>\$10,814.00</u>

Total Expenditures:			\$141,033.58
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Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Appropriated:			\$6,590.00
Unexpended:			\$671.48
Expenditures:		<u>\$5,918.52</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$5,918.52

FIREFIGHTER PAYROLL

Appropriated:			\$14,000.00
Unexpended:			\$62.96
Expenditures:		<u>\$13,937.04</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$13,937.04

TOWN AUDIT

Appropriated:			\$11,500.00
Overdraft:			(\$10,187.50)
Expenditures:			
	RHR Smith	<u>\$21,687.50</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$21,687.50

COMPUTER UPDATE & MAINTENANCE

Appropriated:			\$22,000.00
Unexpended:			\$1,276.80
Expenditures:			
	Harris Computer	\$19,622.18	
	Modem Wavs	\$539.98	
	Deanna Hartford	<u>\$561.04</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$20,723.20

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Appropriated:			\$2,879.00
Expenditures:			
	Maine Municipal Assoc.	<u>\$2,879.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$2,879.00

MAP REVISIONS

Appropriated:			\$1,400.00
Unexpended:			\$77.35
Expenditures:			
	John E O'Donnell & Assoc	<u>\$1,322.65</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$1,322.65

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriated:			\$16,000.00
Overdraft:			(\$1,062.28)
	Cleaning Payroll	\$1,330.10	
	Credit Card	\$2,086.76	
	Consolidated Communications	\$3,293.04	
	Cornish Hardware	\$32.34	
	D. Hartford	\$365.61	
	H. Mayo	\$15.32	
	J. Hartford	\$500.00	
	Lockbox (BEU)	\$1,443.95	
	M. Eastman	\$366.41	
	M. Guptill	\$1,013.27	
	MMA Classes	\$95.00	
	Modem Wavs	\$1,863.20	
	MTCCA Dues & Classes	\$240.00	
	MTC Dues and Classes	\$60.00	
	MWDA Dues & Classes	\$80.00	
	New England Communications	\$671.77	
	Postmaster	\$1,877.10	
	Registry of Deeds	\$874.00	
	R. Konczal	\$75.96	
	W.B. Mason	\$217.36	
	York County Town & City Clerks	\$30.00	
	Your Weekly Shopping Guide	\$1,205.25	
	ZebraLove Web	<u>\$300.00</u>	
Credit:	Franchise Fees	<u>\$974.16</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$18,036.44

TOWN BUILDINGS

UTILITIES

Appropriated:			\$9,500.00
Overdraft:			(\$727.62)
Expenditures:			
	CMP: Sand/Salt	\$507.84	
	CMP: Thompson Park	\$549.27	
	CMP: Town Office	\$2,946.45	
	Cornish Sanitary District	\$512.31	
	Cornish Water District	\$459.77	
	JP Carroll	<u>\$5,251.98</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$10,227.62

MAINTENANCE

Appropriated:			\$30,000.00
Unexpended:			\$21,694.56
Expenditures:			
	Anderson Septic Service	\$350.00	
	Angel's Acres	\$139.38	
	B. Nelson	\$5,693.75	
	Bureau Beritas Nat'l Elevator	\$155.00	
	Cornish Hardware	\$1,305.90	
	Credit Card	\$310.76	
	Cunningham Security Systems	\$898.06	
	D. Batchelder	\$1,800.25	
	J.P. Carroll Fuel	\$394.95	
	K. Chaplin	\$200.00	
	Logan Electrical	\$1,011.80	
	Lyle Plumbing	\$102.50	
	L. Sterris	\$1,650.00	
	Maine Accessibility	\$515.00	
	Modem Wavs	\$1,276.80	
	M. Lane	\$1,275.00	
	M. Guptill	\$374.28	
	Moody's Tree Service	\$50.00	
	Moulton Lumber	\$553.19	
	M. Violette	\$120.00	
	Nelson Stoll	\$5,880.00	
	Sanborn Paving and Excavating	\$875.00	
	Sprinkler Systems Inc	<u>\$780.00</u>	
Credit:	Insurance claim	<u>\$17,406.18</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$25,711.62

INSURANCE

Appropriated:			\$30,500.00
Overdraft:			(\$319.39)
Expenditures:			
	Clark	\$13,479.00	
	CNA Bond	\$500.00	
	MEMIC	\$3,510.00	
	Paragon	\$15,241.00	
	Travelers	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Credit:	Workmen's Compensation	<u>\$2,010.61</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$32,830.00

CONTINGENCY

Appropriated:			\$2,000.00
Unexpended:			\$936.28
Expenditures:			
	Sebago Technics	\$735.00	
	Election Supplies	<u>\$328.72</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$1,063.72

MUNICIPAL SERVICES
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Appropriated:			\$262,000.00
Overdraft:			(\$7,630.84)
Expenditures:			
	Mellen & Sons	\$167,000.00	
	Pine State	<u>\$102,630.84</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$269,630.84

RECYCLING

Appropriated:			\$4,000.00
Overdraft:			(\$204.32)
Expenditures:			
	Ecomaine	<u>\$5,823.05</u>	
Credit:	Ecomaine	<u>\$1,618.73</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$5,823.05

BROWNS GOOD RECYCLING

Appropriated:			\$4,500.00
Unexpended:			\$4,500.00
Expenditures:			
Total Expenditures:			\$0.00

TIRE DROP-OFF

Appropriated:			\$3,000.00
Unexpended:			\$3,000.00
Expenditures:			
Total Expenditures:			\$0.00

PLANNING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & ANIMAL CONTROL
PLANNING BOARD

Appropriated:			\$10,300.00
Unexpended:			\$4,362.12
Expenditures:			
	Planning Board Secretary	\$1,528.20	
	Planning Board Stipends	\$4,139.68	
	Classes	\$270.00	
Credit:			
Total Expenditures:			\$5,937.88

SOUTHERN MAINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Appropriated:			\$589.00
Expenditures:			
	Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission	<u>\$589.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$589.00

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Appropriated:			\$650.00
Expenditures:			
	Saco Rive Corridor Commission	<u>\$650.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$650.00

LEGAL FEES

Appropriated:			\$6,000.00
Overdraft:			(\$1,148.61)
Expenditures:			
	Bergen Parkinson	\$1,724.50	
	Bernstein, Shur	<u>\$5,424.11</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$7,148.61

ANIMAL SHELTER FEES

Appropriated:			\$1,508.00
Expenditures:			
	Harvest Hills	<u>\$1,508.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$1,508.00

ANIMAL CONTROL EXPENSE

Appropriated:			\$6,000.00
Unexpended:			\$764.86
Expenditures:			
	Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,699.14	
	Kristin Russell-Perkins	<u>\$4,128.00</u>	
Credit:	Dog License Fees	<u>\$592.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$5,827.14

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Received from:			\$2,758.01
Unexpended:			\$78.01
Expenditures:			
	Salary	\$1,802.50	
	State of Maine Plumbing Fees	\$772.50	
	State of Maine DEP Fees	<u>\$105.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$2,680.00

CULTURAL AND RECREATION
HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

Appropriated:		\$2,000.00
Overdraft:		(\$273.27)
Expenditures:		
	Angel's Acres	\$89.37
	Cornish Hardware	\$53.85
	Credit Card	\$8.44
	D. Lavway	\$25.00
	E. Bleicken	\$25.00
	Gorham Flag	\$1,376.37
	G. Parker	\$25.00
	M. Eastman	\$8.98
	M. Guptill	\$157.76
	L. Gilpatrick	\$25.00
	R. Parker	\$25.00
	S. Gilpatrick	\$40.00
	Your Weekly Shopping Guide	<u>\$413.50</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$2,273.27

THOMPSON PARK IMPROVEMENT

Carried Forward:		\$2,926.83
Unexpended:		\$2,826.83
Expenditures:		
	Moody's Tree Service	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$100.00
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$2,926.83

OUTLYING CEMETERIES

Carried Forward:		\$2,623.59
Unexpended:		\$1,881.00
Expenditures:		\$0.00
	Gary Mason	<u>\$742.59</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$742.59
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$1,881.00

SACOPEE VALLEY RECREATION COUNCIL

Appropriated:		\$4,000.00
Expenditures:		
	Sacopee Valley Recreation Council	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$4,000.00

CORNISH PARKS & RECREATION COUNCIL

Appropriated:		\$7,500.00
Unexpended:		\$2,388.61
Expenditures:		
	Central Maine Power	\$373.39
	D. Batchelder	\$4,659.00
	T. Pingree	<u>\$79.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$5,111.39

CORNISH PARKS MAINTENANCE

Appropriated:		\$3,000.00
Overdraft:		(\$583.04)
Expenditures:		
	B. Nelson	\$87.50
	Cornish Hardware	\$143.95
	D. Batchelder	\$1,696.50
	Flowers	\$52.59
	Lyle Plumbing	\$102.50
	Moody's Tree Service	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$3,583.04

EDUCATION AND PRESERVATION
BONNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriated:		\$17,000.00
Expenditures:		
	Bonney Memorial Library	<u>\$17,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$17,000.00

PIKE MEMORIAL HALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Carried Forward:		\$6,060.02
Received from Town Meeting Appropriation:	\$2,500.00	
Received from Fundraiser Events:	<u>\$3,592.10</u>	
Expense:		
	Glass Graphics	\$24.00
Total Expense:		\$24.00
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$12,128.12

AMERICAN FLAGS PROJECT

Appropriated:		\$1,500.00
Unexpended:		\$299.79
Expenditures:		
	Cornish Hardware	\$73.65
	Gorham Flag	\$1,093.00
	Moulton Lumber	<u>\$33.56</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$1,200.21

CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appropriated:		\$1,500.00
Expenditures:		
	Cornish Historical Society	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$1,500.00

EMERGENCY SERVICES
FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriated:		\$48,000.00
Overdraft:		(\$3,626.54)
Expenditures:		
	Admiral Fire and Safety	321.95
	Allegiance	\$342.06
	BMCL Electric	\$2,430.00
	Burnell's Towing	\$350.00
	Central Maine Power	\$7,197.00
	Cleaning Payroll	\$2,115.00
	CN Brown	\$11,115.76
	Cornish Hardware	\$1,799.29
	Cornish Water District	\$459.77
	C. Calnan	\$136.24
	D. Hartford	\$429.57
	Firesafe Equipment	\$206.10
	Fire Tech	\$912.00
	Hartford Communication	\$100.00
	JB Lock & Key	\$1,207.00
	J. Day	\$152.00
	JP Carroll	\$466.99
	J. Libby	\$2,635.00
	Maine Fire Chiefs	\$210.00
	Maine State Federation of Fire Fighters	\$255.00
	Mass. BMV	\$21.30
	Memphis	\$338.24
	NAPA Auto	\$5,802.92
	NH DOT	\$3.25
	Northeast	\$2,087.58
	Postmaster	\$102.00
	Reliance Equipment	\$3,472.27
	Rust Check	\$1,435.00
	S.A. Mclean & Sons	\$200.00
	S. Gilpatrick	\$901.21
	S. Pingree	\$77.30
	Spectrum	\$1,424.16
	T. Pingree	\$2,678.26
	W.L. Sturgeon	\$782.50
	York County Treasurer	<u>\$280.00</u>
Credits:	Franchise Fees	\$820.18
Total Expenditures:		\$52,446.72

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Appropriated:		\$15,000.00
Carried Forward:		\$41,076.03
Expenditures:		
Total Expenditures:		\$0.00
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$56,076.03

FIRE DEPARTMENT TURNOUT GEAR

Appropriated:		\$4,500.00
Carried Forward:		\$13,123.44
Expenditures:		
	Admiral Fire	\$351.95
	Bergeron Protective Clothing	<u>\$8,329.63</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$8,681.58
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$8,941.86

FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE

Appropriated:		\$15,000.00
Expenditures:		
Total Expenditures:		\$0.00
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$15,000.00

FIRE BARN BOND DEBT & INTEREST

Balance Loan Outstanding:		\$280,279.68
Expenditures:		
	Principal	\$23,182.00
	Interest	<u>\$14,126.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$37,308.00
Balance Remaining:		\$242,971.68

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriated:		\$76,275.00
Unexpended:		\$2,775.00
Expenditures:		
	Cornish Water District	<u>\$73,500.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$73,500.00

RCFP GRANT

Voted to take from Undesignated Funds		\$4,500.00
Overdraft:		(\$1,125.00)
Expenditures:		
	Fire Tech	\$1,520.00
	J. Day	\$2,135.00
	W. L. Sturgeon	<u>\$1,970.00</u>
Total Expenditures from Undesignated Funds		\$5,625.00

DISPATCHING SERVICES

Appropriated:		\$7,000.00
Unexpended:		\$403.78
Expenditures:		
	Treasurer, State of Maine	<u>\$6,596.22</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$6,596.22

SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT

Appropriated:		\$101,808.00
Expenditures:		
	Sacopee Rescue	<u>\$101,808.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$101,808.00

SACOPEE RESCUE CAPITAL RESERVE

Appropriated:		\$10,000.00
Carried Forward:		\$10,150.00
Total Expenditures:		\$0.00
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$20,150.00

STREET LIGHTING

Appropriated:		\$13,000.00
Unexpended:		\$1,147.58
Expenditures:		
	Central Maine Power	<u>\$11,852.42</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$11,852.42

ROADS, BRIDGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

ROADS & BRIDGES

Appropriated:		\$185,000.00
Carried Forward:		\$101,905.95
Unexpended:		\$172,539.99
Expenditures:		
	All State	\$4,437.00
	Carroll Material	\$7,125.56
	Dirigo Engineering	\$1,000.00
	Highland Farms Logging	\$5,150.00
	Moody's Tree Service	\$7,265.00
	Northern Test Boring, Inc.	\$2,280.00
	White Sign Co	\$925.87
	W. L. Sturgeon	<u>\$89,629.53</u>
Credit:	FEMA	<u>\$3,447.00</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$117,812.96
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$172,539.99

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriated:		\$215,000.00
Unexpended:		\$12,862.26
Expenditures:		
	Dwight Mills	\$8,124.00
	Eastern Salt	\$22,551.79
	SMPDC	\$67.07
	W. L. Sturgeon	\$2,185.00
	Whitney Snowplowing	<u>\$171,666.66</u>
Credit:	Salt Reimbursement	<u>\$2,456.78</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$204,594.52

LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)

Carried Forward:		\$98,816.43
Received from State:		\$35,484.00
Expenditures:		
	All State	\$75,826.60
	W. L. Sturgeon	<u>\$38,821.75</u>
Total Expenditures:		\$114,648.35
Balance (Carried Forward to FY 25):		\$19,652.08

TIME WARNER FRANCHISE FEE

Received from Time Warner:			\$7,114.61
Expenditures:			
	Sacopee Valley High School TV-2	\$5,320.27	
	Fire Department	\$820.18	
	Town of Cornish	<u>\$974.16</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$7,114.61

SOCIAL SERVICES
GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Appropriated:			\$2,000.00
Overdraft:			(\$6,157.66)
Expenditures:			
	Case #24-1	\$429.90	
	Case #24-2	\$1,025.00	
	Case #24-3	\$800.00	
	Case #24-4	\$4,802.76	
	Case #24-5	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	
Credit:			
Total Expenditures:			\$8,157.66

YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Appropriated:			\$1,500.00
Expenditures:			
	York County Community Action	<u>\$1,500.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$1,500.00

GRATEFUL UNDEAD

Appropriated:			\$500.00
Expenditures:			
	Grateful Undead	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$500.00

SOUTHERN MAINE AGENCY ON AGING

Appropriated:			\$1,400.00
Expenditures:			
	Southern Maine Agency on Aging	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$1,400.00

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

Appropriated:			\$5,000.00
Expenditures:			
	Riverside Cemetery	<u>\$5,000.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$5,000.00

LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION

Appropriated:			\$702.00
Expenditures:			
	LifeFlight	<u>\$702.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$702.00

MAINE PUBLIC RADIO

Appropriated:			\$100.00
Expenditures:			
	Maine Public Radio	<u>\$100.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$100.00

CARING UNLIMITED

Appropriated:			\$500.00
Expenditures:			
	Caring Unlimited	<u>\$500.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$500.00

SMOOTH FEATHER

Appropriated:			\$600.00
Expenditures:			
	Smooth Feather	<u>\$600.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$600.00

LIFE FLIGHT

Appropriated:			\$754.00
Expenditures:			
	Life Flight	<u>\$754.00</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$754.00

EDUCATION MSAD #55

Expenditures:			
	MSAD #55	<u>\$1,458,824.68</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$1,458,824.68

YORK COUNTY TAXES

Expenditures:			
	Treasurer of York	<u>\$91,032.16</u>	
Total Expenditures:			\$91,032.16

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

	<u>Overdraft</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>
Administration		\$2,091.42
Administrative Office Expenses	\$1,062.28	
American Flag Project		\$299.79
Animal Control Expenses		\$764.86
Audit	\$10,187.50	
Code Enforcement Officer		\$78.01
Computer Update & Maintenance		\$1,276.80
Contingency		\$936.28
Cornish Parks Maintenance	\$583.04	
Cornish Parks & Recreation Council		\$2,388.61
Dispatching	\$403.78	
Fire Department	\$3,626.54	
Firefighter Payroll		\$62.96
General Assistance	\$6,157.66	
Holiday Observances	\$273.27	

Hydrant Rentals		\$2,775.00
Insurance	\$319.39	
Legal Fees	\$1,148.61	
Maine Public Employee's Retirement		\$671.48
Map Revisions		\$77.35
Planning Board		\$4,362.12
RCFP Grant	\$1,125.00	
Recycling-includes Brown Goods & Tire Drop-off		\$7,295.68
Snow Removal	\$12,862.26	
Solid Waste Disposal	\$7,630.84	
Streetlights		\$1,147.58
Town Buildings-Maintenance		\$21,694.56
Town Buildings-Utilities	\$727.62	
TOTAL:	\$46,107.79	\$45,922.50

ACCOUNTS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO UNDESIGNATED FUNDS

Fire Department Truck Purchase		\$15,000.00
Fire Department Turnout Gear		\$8,941.86
Fire Department Update Equipment		\$56,076.03
Outlying Cemeteries		\$1,881.00
Pike Hall Capital Improvement		\$12,128.12
Roads/Bridges Account		\$172,539.99
Sacopee Rescue Capital Reserve		\$20,150.00
Thompson Park Improvement Fund		\$2,926.83
LRAP Local Road Assistance		<u>\$19,652.08</u>
TOTAL:		\$309,295.91

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

Real Estate Commitment 2024		\$2,374,911.00
Personal Property Commitment 2024		\$20,073.74
Supplements 2024		\$577.72
PILOT Taxes 2024		<u>\$4,897.65</u>
TOTAL:		\$2,400,460.11
Abatements 2024	\$12,562.72	
Discounts 2024	<u>\$56,104.97</u>	
TOTAL:	\$68,667.69	
TOTAL:		\$2,331,792.42
Agent Fees	\$9,134.00	
Auto Excise	\$358,911.72	
Bank Interest	\$61,924.65	
Boat Excise	\$681.10	
Freon Disposal	\$448.00	
Interest Fees	\$4,341.37	
Lien Costs	\$855.04	
Vitals	<u>\$2,007.00</u>	
TOTAL:	\$438,302.88	

STATE OF MAINE

BETE Reimbursement	\$33,114.00
Homestead Exemption	\$86,063.53
Maine Revenue Sharing	\$187,841.66
Tree Growth Reimbursement	\$42,034.83
Veterans Exemption	<u>\$2,007.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$351,061.02

HELI FUNDS

Balance:		\$73,597.49
Rent Received:	<u>\$29,490.03</u>	
Expenses:		<u>\$30,000.00</u>
TOTAL:		\$73,087.52

LINCOLN TRUST FUND

Beginning balance:		\$8,415.59
Interest Earned:	\$342.21	
End balance:		\$8,757.80

REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS

Francois, Dean & Angela	\$50.60	
Dibiaso, Stephen P	\$214.36	
Fenderson, Brandon J	\$146.28	
Kerschner, Jeffrey	\$122.36	
Gonyea, Gregory	\$504.16	
Humphrey, Wendy & Stephanie		
Neyer, Daneane	\$82.80	
Gibson, Ralph	\$586.96	
Libby, Kathy & David	\$797.64	
Hoxie, Karen	\$110.40	
Taylor, Simone	\$152.72	
Riddensdale, Joseph & Kim	\$17.48	
Hansen, Timothy & Anna	\$540.04	
Benggio, Gretchen & Keith	\$1,152.76	
Fenderson, Brandon J	\$374.44	
Mardas, Erin	\$1,621.96	
Carr Properties, LLC	\$60.72	
TOTAL:		\$6,535.68

REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY SUPPLEMENTS

Equity Trust Company	\$577.72	
TOTAL:		\$577.72

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF 01/31/2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Amount Due</u>
BERRY, ADRIEN C	2023	\$380.29
DANDY SARAH FARM LLC	2023	\$4,396.73
DAVID, JODY E	2023	\$2,350.70
GURLEY, JOSHUA	2023	\$1,378.01
HANSEN, LYNDA	2023	\$1,802.37
HARNETT, JONATHAN	2023	\$1,817.35
KURTH, AMY	2023	\$3,177.88
PERRY	2023	\$1,936.45
WILDES, JAMES	2023	\$998.23
WORDEN, LEANNA ROSE	2023	\$702.58
SUBTOTAL		\$18,940.59

UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES AS OF 01/31/2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Amount Due</u>
124 MAIN	2024	\$6,698.88
30 WATERFRONT DRIVE	2024	\$284.94
30 WATERFRONT DRIVE	2024	\$1,262.64
342-346 SOUTH STREET	2024	\$6.64
ADAMS, JUDITH	2024	\$292.78
BARTH, PATRICK	2024	\$35.97
BERRY ADRIEN	2024	\$1,262.17
BISHOP, SUZANNE M.	2024	\$2,773.22
BOUTILLER, DAVID	2024	\$2,149.38
CALL, LAURIE L.	2024	\$57.68
DANDY SARAH FARM LLC	2024	\$4,807.73
DANIELS, MELISSA A.	2024	\$306.79
DAVID, JODY E.	2024	\$1,499.85
DAY, CARL, HEIRS OF	2024	\$596.76
DAY, CHRISTOPHER	2024	\$438.93
DAY, LINDA N.	2024	\$1,228.55
DAY, VIRGINIA	2024	\$2,481.38
DOUGLAS, JAMES & LITTLEFIELD, JULIE	2024	\$50.57
EDGECOMB, BRENDA	2024	\$887.21
GONYEA, GREGORY R.	2024	\$4,194.15
GONYEA, GREGORY R.	2024	\$545.40
GONYEA, GREGORY R.	2024	\$2,890.81
GRAY, THOMAS	2024	\$1,122.55
GURLEY, JOSHUA	2024	\$2,105.95
HANSEN, LYNDA L.	2024	\$1,821.58
HARNETT, JONATHAN	2024	\$2,626.13
HARTFORD, STEPHEN W.	2024	\$600.66
HARTFORD, STEPHEN W.	2024	\$1,016.51

HILL, JOSEPH	2024	\$554.74
HUNT, LAURENCE AND ANN	2024	\$1,635.73
JONES, ZACHARY	2024	\$99.26
JORDAN, KYLE	2024	\$1,684.29
KEEN, GORDON	2024	\$1,177.26
KING, MARGIE	2024	\$1,766.48
KITTREDGE, TANDRA MARIE	2024	\$1,183.25
KURTH, AMY	2024	\$2,751.28
LAMBROULIS, KONSTANTINCS	2024	\$2,656.95
LANE, RODNEY	2024	\$1,989.48
LEE, THOMAS H.	2024	\$2,265.65
MEGGISON, TAMMY	2024	\$611.71
MESSER, DANIEL	2024	\$3,399.87
NEEDHAM, JANES D.	2024	\$770.00
NORTH COUNTR LAND	2024	\$582.75
OLSZEWSKI, MARK	2024	\$2,046.18
PEASE, PAMELA	2024	\$1,102.47
PERRY, JOHN S.	2024	\$243.25
PERRY, KATHERINE LEE	2024	\$1,816.91
PRESCOTT, STEPHEN J.	2024	\$649.99
ROBINSON, JAMES C.	2024	\$802.22
ROGERS, ADELE	2024	\$2,030.22
RONEY, KARL R.	2024	\$4,478.53
SANBORN SR, FRANKLIN	2024	\$3,386.33
SANBORN SR, FRANKLIN	2024	\$450.14
SANBORN, MERLE	2024	\$1,565.40
SCHALEBAUM, ADAM	2024	\$1,036.63
SCOTT, ROLAND H.	2024	\$154.09
SCOTT, ROLAND H.	2024	\$808.76
SHAW, TIMOTHY	2024	\$529.52
SMITH, SUSAN	2024	\$1,386.38
SPEARIN, JOSHUA	2024	\$505.40
STONE, GARY C.	2024	\$287.52
TAYLOR, ARIEL	2024	\$2,849.34
WALKER, BRENT & TAMARA	2024	\$467.89
WARREN, DAVID J.	2024	\$1,045.50
WATERS EDGE	2024	\$1,410.08
WATTS, JENNIFER	2024	\$927.42
WILDES, JAMES	2024	\$1,167.38
WILLIAMS, BRANDON	2024	\$13.07
WORDEN, LEANNA ROSE	2024	\$985.73
WORMWOOD, MONIQUE	2024	\$2,648.08
TOTAL:		\$101,968.94

UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AS OF 01/31/2025

Name	Year	Total Amount Due
CONOPCO, INC	2022	\$27.94
DENISE MORSE	2022	\$60.08
TOTAL:		<u>\$88.02</u>
ACI PIZZA, LLC	2023	\$22.40
AT&T MOBILITY	2023	\$409.37
CORNISH	2023	\$88.36
DENISE MORSE	2023	\$62.67
TOTAL:		<u>\$582.80</u>
ACI PIZZA, LLC	2024	\$46.70
ARC TECH, LLC	2024	\$46.70
AT&T MOBILITY	2024	\$136.91
BAYHAVEN LOBSTER	2024	\$173.52
CORNISH PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC	2024	\$52.67
DENISE MORSE	2024	\$37.36
JORDAN TREE HARVESTERS, LLC	2024	\$187.90
REDBOX AUTOMATED RETAIL, LCC	2024	\$26.90
TOTAL:		<u>\$708.66</u>

VITAL STATISTICS REPORT

"Gone but Not Forgotten"

In Memory of

Name	Age	Date of Death
Beaupre, Jean Paul Jr.	82	06/25/2024
Dumont, Patricia Ann	87	12/06/2024
Ford, Gerald Lloyd	90	04/11/2024
Harmon, Doreen Lynn	64	04/03/2024
Hoxie, Margaret Ann	81	01/07/2025
Keyser, Russell W.	85	10/15/2024
Kohlman, Jeffrey Thomas	70	05/20/2024
Lane, Alex Hart	47	08/19/2024
Phillips, Martha Jane	70	04/15/2024
Poirier, Alan David	71	09/21/2024
Savard, Maurice Ian	84	06/20/2024
Schumacher, Daniel Robert	53	02/28/2024
Scott, Robert Stedman	91	12/04/2024
Shea, Douglas Ross	81	01/03/2025
Smart, Willis Marshall	92	06/15/2024
Smith, Bruce Albert	73	02/28/2024
Stacey, Jane Elaine	67	12/22/2024
Stanton, Richard Malcolm	79	09/27/2024
Webber, Elijah Kane	45	03/17/2024
Whitney, Charles Edwin	101	11/06/2024
Woodbury, Pauline Ann	68	05/14/2024



Births – 25



Marriages – 15



Deaths -21



CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 2024 BUILDING PERMITS



PERMIT #	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	TYPE	FEE
24-01	SOLOMON, JASON	1953 NORTH RD	R08-09B	MOBILE HOME	\$227.50
24-02	CROWN CASTLE USA INC	1200 MACAUTHOR BLVD	R02-064B	TELL TOWER	\$60.00
24-03	GLEDHILL, GREG	21 HAROLDS WAY	R02-068F	OCCUPANCY	\$25.00
24-04	NATURALLY JAMMIN	PO BOX 17 LIMINGTON	FAIRGROUND	FOOD TRUCK	\$25.00
24-05	HOMETOWN BUILDERS	351 HESSIAN HILL	R05-028	OCCUPANCY	\$25.00
24-06	GOSSLING, TODD/RISE & SHINE	125 MAPLE ST	U01-023	SIGN	\$25.00
24-07	MAYO, JONATHAN	633 OSSIPEE TRL	U01-018	FOOD TRUCK	\$25.00
24-08	CECIL, SCOTT	159 MORRILL RD	R01-062	BARN	\$288.00
24-09	TAYLOR, DAVE/CD DEVELOPERS	196 HANDSCOM SCHOOL RD	U04-027	REMODEL	\$128.25
24-10	FIRST FRUITS MARKET	TOWN LAND	U01-023	SIGN	\$25.00
24-11	REINHARD, FRED & MELISSA	76 LONG POND RD	R04-016	HOUSE	\$364.00
24-12	HUTTON, MICHAEL	199 SOKOKIS TRL	R01-51A	SHED	\$140.00
24-13	SWETT, NICOLE	8 EVERGREEN DR	R08-026-3	GARAGE	\$427.50
24-14	THERIAULT, TED/WATERS EDGE	210 JOE BERRY RD	R05-029A-2	OCCUPANCY	\$25.00
24-15	CAMPBELL, SCOTT / MONDS, LYNDSEY	293 HIGH ST	R03-001B	HOUSE	\$300.00
24-16	CLOUTIER, NANCY	74 MAPLE ST	U02-058	SIGN	\$25.00
24-17	WITHEY, GARY	16 CLARK RD	R01-20A	ADDITION	\$36.00
24-18	CFH CARPENTER / SMART, KEITH	96 MAIN ST	U04-008	PORCH	\$12.25
24-19	MCKEAGE, STEPHANIE	26 MAIN ST	U03-011	SIGN	\$25.00
24-20	REINHARD, MELISSA	76 LONG POND RD	R04-016	OCCUPANCY	\$25.00
24-21	ANDERSON, TERRY	177 PEASE HILL RD	R03-025A	OCCUPANCY	\$25.00
24-22	CHASSE, MICHAEL	54 LONG POND RD	R04-018	OCCUPANCY	\$25.00
24-23	K&D DEVELOPERS / SMART, KEITH	33 MAIN ST	U03-039	REMODEL	\$450.00
24-24	HANSON, SAMUEL / BACON, MAUREEN	88 PEASE HILL RD	R03-024C	PORCH	\$48.00
24-25	BLACKINGTON, DYLAN & MEGHAN	TBD / HAROLDS WAY	R02-068H	HOUSE	\$337.50
24-26	DAVIS, PHIL	16 WHEELERS WAY	U07-031	HOUSE	\$561.00
24-27	PETERSON, JILL	47 MAIN ST	U03-034	DECK	\$24.00
TOTAL:					\$3,704.00





CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER 2024 PLUMBING PERMITS



PERMIT #	APPLICANT	ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	TYPE	FEE
24-01	ANDERSON SEPTIC SERVICE	162 CUMBERLAND ST	U05-019	SSWD	\$265.00
24-02	TM LEC PLUMBING	95 MAIN ST	U04-019	INTERNAL	\$200.00
24-03	SCOTT RYAN ALL PURPOSE PLUMBING	84 HESSIAN HILL	R05-016	INTERNAL	\$110.00
24-04	GUY DERSICE / ANDERSON, TERRY	177 PEASE HILL RD	R03-025A	INTERNAL	\$90.00
24-05	GACO PLUMBING / CHASSE, MICHAEL	64 LONG POND RD	R04-018	INTERNAL	\$140.00
24-06	REINHARD, MELISSA & FRED	76 LONG POND RD	R04-016	SSWD	\$265.00
24-07	TRIPP, STEVE	643 SOKOKIS TRL	R04-024B	SSWD	\$150.00
24-08	DAVIS, PHIL	16 WHEELERS WAY	U07-031	SSWD	\$265.00
24-09	GACO PLUMBING / REINHARD, FRED	76 LONG POND RD	R04-016	INTERNAL	\$140.00
24-10	EMPIRE P&H / BACON, MAUREEN	88 PEASE HILL RD	R03-024	INTERNAL	\$40.00
24-11	KIRSCHNER, JEFF	10 UNDERHILL RD	R01-034	SSWD	\$265.00
24-12	MCNULTY, SETH	163 OLD LIMINGTON RD	R03-020	INTERNAL	\$40.00
24-13	GACO PLUMBING / DAVIS, PHIL	16 WHEELERS WAY	U07-031	INTERNAL	\$140.00
24-14	NEW ENERGY SOLUTIONS / SMART, KEITH	33 MAIN ST	U03-039	INTERNAL	\$140.00
24-15	GRAYSTONE PLUMBING HEATING	16 FIREFLY LN	R01-045	INTERNAL	\$130.00
24-16	SUMNER, MICHAEL	132 SOKOKIS TRL	R01-032A	INTERNAL	\$120.00
24-17	SUMNER, MICHAEL	132 SOKOKIS TRL	R01-032A	SSWD	\$265.00
24-18	BLACKINGTON, DYLAN & MEGHAN	TBD / HAROLDS WAY	R02-068H	SSWD	\$265.00
TOTAL:					\$3,030.00





Janet T. Mills
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Dear Maine Resident:

I have always 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 been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — 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. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Janet T. Mills
Governor



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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 1, 2025

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Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other’s successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine’s combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. 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 2025.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at collins.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT MAINE

Dear Friends,

As we welcome the New Year, I want to extend my sincerest well wishes for 2025: to you, your loved ones, and your community. I'd also like to share an update on what my team and I have been working on—and how we intend to continue serving Maine's First District in the next Congress.

One year ago, our state was reeling from a series of unprecedented winter storms. Thanks to the efforts of local, state, and federal officials, we're starting to rebuild. The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration approved more than \$10.7 million in federal assistance for Maine households, businesses, and homeowners in the months following the storms. In addition, Maine received a \$69 million grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to support the climate-resilience goals outlined in *Maine Won't Wait*. More help is needed, no doubt, and I will continue to advocate for the support our state deserves. For more information about available resources, go to pingree.house.gov/disasterresources.

In 2024, \$1.7 billion in federal grant funding came to Maine—encompassing everything from conservation efforts and home-heating assistance to resilient infrastructure and affordable housing. My team was able to secure \$1.4 million in refunds for Maine taxpayers, along with \$639,000 in Social Security benefits. We also helped thousands of constituents file for work permits, veterans benefits, and passports, and wrote countless letters of support on behalf of our constituents.

I'm so proud of what we achieved in 2024, and I'm fully committed to building on those accomplishments in the 119th Congress. As ever, my team and I are ready to assist however we can. Please don't hesitate to reach out to my Portland office at (207) 774-5019, or by visiting pingree.house.gov/contact. We're also happy to provide information related to Congress's annual Community Project Funding (CPF) process, which allows nonprofits and local governments to apply for federal funding for specific projects. For more info, go to pingree.house.gov/communityprojectfunding.

I'm deeply honored that voters have chosen me to represent them once again in the U.S. Congress. It is a responsibility I will never take lightly—and a privilege I will always cherish.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



TOWN OF CORNISH Recycling Notice

OOOPS!

**Please leave these items out
of your recycling cart!**



Do not Bag Recyclables
(no garbage)



No Plastic Bags
or Plastic Wrap
(return to retail)



No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)



No Clothing
or Linens
(drop-off only)



No Tanglers,
Cords, Hoses,
Chains or Electronics



No Big Items
(wood, plastic,
furniture, or metal)

CORRECT THIS AND WE WILL COLLECT NEXT TIME.

NOTES

PLEASE RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

Questions about recycling?

Download the FREE Recyclopeda mobile app at

ecomaine.org/Recyclopeda

or call us at (207) 773-1738



NO PLASTIC BAGS!

DO NOT BAG Recyclables



Collecting recyclables in a bag?
Empty the contents into the cart.



Return plastic bags to retailers.

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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 major waterways of the Saco Basin and all that these rivers represent to the people who live and work here. The Maine State Legislature provided the performance standards to initiate our program in 1973, and the current cleanliness and scenic value of the river is a testament to that effort. The Commission’s role is one of partnership with our communities, and our standards apply to the first 500 or up to 1,000 feet of land around the Saco, Ossipee, and Little Ossipee, as well as the waters themselves (together called “the Corridor”). All twenty towns with lands in the Corridor can appoint one regular and one alternate Commissioner. Cornish’s two Commissioner seats are currently vacant, though we are working with the Town to find volunteers interested in participating. Representation from Cornish would help your community weigh in on development patterns throughout the entire Corridor, from Fryeburg to Saco and south to Acton/Shapleigh. Together, representatives from all 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, and its major tributaries, are protected from unsustainable or incompatible uses.

Development in Maine continues at a rapid pace. As areas are built up or used for resource extraction, degradation can occur in the shoreland area, along with water quality problems. The SRCC has kept up with the recent surge in development that started in 2020, and it continues to review each application for development near the rivers for its compliance with the Saco River Corridor Act. In 2024, the Commission carefully reviewed 110 applications for development within the Corridor.

In 2025, the SRCC will coordinate its 24th year of the Water Quality Monitoring Program. Staff and volunteers will monitor dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, turbidity, temperature, alkalinity, phosphorous (total amounts and orthophosphates) nitrogen (total dissolved, NPOC, and nitrates/nitrites), 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 additional *E. coli* bacteria testing at certain recreational sites from June to September. Not all sites are tested for all parameters, but we add parameters where there are concerns or conditions.

To help communicate water quality testing results to the public, the map available on our website highlight’s locations with recently elevated bacteria levels. The site also provides links to the most updated *E. coli* test results. While our monitoring program is near its capacity for new sites, the SRCC is happy to discuss the possibility of expanding testing locations in future or adding parameters to existing sites. We are especially grateful to our volunteer water quality monitors, who make our current array of testing locations possible. We encourage those interested in volunteering to contact us ahead of the mid-April training dates each year, 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 quality of life in the Saco River Basin. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions on any of our programs, please contact the Commission’s office. We are located at 81 Maple Street in Cornish, Maine, where we have staffed hours Monday-Thursday, 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 sincerely thank the Town of Cornish for helping to protect the Saco River and its tributaries!



Sacopee Valley Recreation Council



Sacopee Valley Recreation Council has provided a wide variety of programs for members of the communities in this area since 1989. SVRC is a registered non-profit organization. The council conducts business through a board of directors who are volunteers and two part time paid coordinators. Currently our paid coordinators are Kathy Hewey and Jocelyn Nielsen. Kathy Hewey will be stepping down and we will be finding her replacement in the next month or two. The coordination of duties of the co-coordinators, along with their communication skills and great work ethic certainly contribute to making this small program work in big ways.

Normally we plan and oversee engaging and diverse activities—including traditional sports programs for youth in grades K-6, imaginative summer camps and a low-cost learn to swim program, not to mention several free offerings, such as open gym, cross-country skiing and ice skating, women’s volleyball, Friday night cribbage, and Easter egg hunts.

This past spring, we were able to have sign-ups for baseball and softball after not having a season in 2020 and a smaller season in 2021. We were back in full swing this season and it went well with high numbers! Karate continued as before except recently it moved from Pike Hall back to the elementary school gym. Summer camps resumed in 2022 with great attendance and interest. We were allowed to use school indoor facilities and the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds for two camps, we had basketball at the middle and high schools, and soccer camp was at the school fields as well as the Cornish fields. The Field Hockey camp was at the elem. school fields and Pickleball was held at the tennis courts.

In the fall soccer and field hockey were both successful, as well as starting Cheer back up. We were still using Cornish fields which worked out wonderfully. In November we were given permission by the school to conduct an indoor soccer program for 3 Mondays in a row which went smoothly, and the kids really enjoyed it. A record number of youth signed up for basketball and this year we get to have home games as well as at the Fryeburg Rec center. Rick Buzzell of Fryeburg is coordinating all game schedules, securing referees, and setting league rules for those games at Fryeburg. Josie Nielsen is securing refs and having the middle school gym set up for home games. We have started our cheer program back up which we know can be expensive. This winter practices will take place at the Baldwin Community Center.

We continue to have expenses such as advertising, insurance, and equipment as well as coordinators pay. We hope to be able to add more activities as time goes on if we can do them safely and have a place to do them. We had a successful fundraiser for baseball that was to help with the major expenses that come with baseball, and we are doing what we can to keep the fees as low as possible. And lastly it is our mission to provide our programs to all children regardless of a family’s ability to pay. We offer coupon codes so families only must pay what they can, or if nothing at all, then we can still sign them up for free.

None of this would be possible without the help and support of the citizens of the five towns. We would like to thank everyone for this support, and we want everyone to know that we welcome more folks to join us in supporting recreation in the area. If you have a desire to help in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

SVRC Board of Directors

Participant numbers for Cornish
Spring (Baseball, softball) - 32
Summer Camps - 51
Fall (soccer, field hockey) - 61
Winter (basketball, karate) – 25



Bonney Memorial Library

2024 Annual Report

Bonney Memorial Library had over 3000 patron visits in 2024 who borrowed over 6000 items. The library purchased over \$7000 dollars worth of materials this past year, making our current collection now over 16,000 books and borrowable items. Patrons can also borrow through the interloan library, getting material from all over the country. As a Bonney Memorial Library card holder, our patrons can get digital material from the Portland Public Library's *Cloud Library*, an online based service.

The library also runs many programs, such as The Bonney Readers, our book club for *adults*, Storytime which is a weekly event for *preschoolers*, we have new book clubs for both *middle grades* and *high schoolers*, and we have Scrabble, Knitting and Crochet Clubs as well. New clubs, activities, and short-term events will happen throughout the year. Check our new website and Facebook for dates and times of all our programming. The Drummond Masonic Lodge generously donated two bicycles for children to win during our *Summer Reading* program. For many years now, we have looked forward to this donation to help us encourage reading all summer long with the incentives of new bicycles! We thank all the area Lodges for their generous support.

Sharon Beever has been a fantastic librarian. She continues to bring patrons, programming, and ideas to the library. Bonney Memorial Library is always filled with new opportunities for everyone who comes in. Cara Parent, our librarian assistant, has also been wonderful. We are lucky to have these two high quality librarians' providing services to Cornish! We are grateful for the support of the Friends of the Library. We would especially like to thank Cyndy Burgess, Betty Estes, Dan Vaillancourt, Sandy Howe, Maya , Vayle, Carlee and Zoe 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 all for your continued financial support.

TRUSTEES:

Stephanie Lair, *President*, Heather Newman, *Vice President*; Robert Tims *Treasurer*, Carolyn Jacobs, *Secretary*, Colleen Tims, Scott Cecil, Eleanor Pansar, Constance Forbes, Linda Humphrey, Gary Mason, and Allaire Palmer.



PIKE MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

The Pike Hall Committee encourages continued preservation and restoration of Pike Memorial Hall. We have been meeting quarterly in 2024.

Pike Hall is a historic building listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but it is also an asset to the area as a venue for a variety of community activities. In 2024 the hall was used for voting and town meeting, birthday parties, a wedding, a Celebration of Life, a baby shower, a play, adult education classes, school groups, and several barn dances. It is our intent to make the hall as “user friendly” as possible to ensure its continued viability for a variety of activities.

We also have a responsibility to keep it safe. Stage curtains have to be fireproofed every five years, and we will also continue to be sure we have a current theater license, and anything else required by the fire marshal.

Thank you to the Town of Cornish for supporting us at the 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 are always looking for new members who can share new ideas.

John MacIntyre (chairman), Anne MacIntyre (secretary), Margaret Aspinall, Sharon Beever, Laurie Carr, Sandra Howe, Diann W. Perkins, James Ray





CORNISH SELECTBOARD REPORT



Greetings:

The last few years have been challenging for the town with the upticks of significant climatic events impacting the towns roads & infrastructure.

The Elliott Storm in late Dec, 2022, with the high winds and torrential rains, washed out the road culverts at Back Street. We have been working with our Road Commissioner, Robert Sturgeon, Town Clerk, Monique Guptill and FEMA for reimbursement. The town has received funding for the repairs and the work to the road is scheduled to be completed by October 1st, 2025.

The April 2024, the snow and windstorm significantly impacted the town causing numerous road closures and extended power outages. Our Road Commissioner, Robert Sturgeon, was instrumental in getting crews out to clear the town roads. Our Town Clerk, Monique Guptill, worked proactively with the Cornish Fire Department in opening the Fire Station as a warming and recharging station. Our York County EMA Representative, Mat Cama, Fire Captain, Sam Gilpatrick and Road Commissioner, Robert Sturgeon worked together to get reports to FEMA so that we will be eligible for disaster relief funds, and the reimbursement is pending. As a town, we are grateful for the minimal amount of damage we received compared to other towns in New England.

Our Selectboard Chair, Jessica Larson, has worked diligently alongside the Captain of the Cornish Fire Department, Sam Gilpatrick, to replace and upgrade the current Hessian Hill Emergency Communication Tower through a grant application. The current system is over 30 years old and relies on a tower that is over 70 years old. This critical infrastructure is a multi-community lifeline for Cornish and surrounding communities, providing public safety radio communications for Fire/EMS, Road Crews as well as student transportation for SAD #55. Through a partnership with Verizon Wireless, a new cell tower and road have been constructed on abutting town owned property which will allow the Town of Cornish to upgrade the emergency communication infrastructure. We are waiting for funding through 2 grants to complete this critical lifeline.

In closing, we would like to thank all departments, committees and many volunteers for their commitment and dedication to the town.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Larson – Chairperson
Daniel Sherman – Selectboard Member
David Pike – Selectboard Member



CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024

Exhibits and Research Room were open to the public at various times 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” headed by Gary Mason has made great improvements to the historic Ricker Cemetery and various lots and stones at Riverside Cemetery. Requests for repairs and/or cleaning can be made to: cornishocg@gmail.com

Members participated in the Pike Hall Committee all year as well as Horseman’s Day activities at the Fairgrounds in September.

Several members attended workshops on archiving, preservation, and building membership.

Fundraising Bake Sales were held in March and November in partnership with the Fairgrounds Committee during the Town Voting and General Voting.

Due to illness, we were unable to hold the Duck Derby event in 2024.

Genealogic queries have been answered for Smith, Sargent, Thompson, Kennard, Clark, Douglas, Chick, Hubbard and Hatch families this year. Several building histories also researched.

The 2025 fundraising calendar “Do You Remember When…” was created and sold.

150 copies of a new third edition of “A History of the Town of Cornish, Maine” were printed with revised footnotes after much research. The previous edition from 1994 had sold out. New Book is available now to the public.

The “Spirit of America Award” was given to Cornish Historical Society in November for its volunteer accomplishments, nominated by the Selectpersons and awarded by the York County Commissioners Office.

CHS sponsored a free public program “Researching Your Old House” in July.

The planned Historic Village Walking Tour was postponed due to the extended Main Street road project.

CHS donated children’s “fun spectacles” and cookies for the December Tree Lighting in Thompson Park.

CHS assisted with the “Cornish Historic District” signage project.

Time and funds were used to improve the air quality in CHS headquarters at 40 Main Street.

CHS is grateful to Bonney Memorial Library for the use of their building and continued support.

CHS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Interested visitors and new members are always welcome.

Officers: Sandra Howe, President; Diann W. Perkins, Vice President; Cynthia Mason, Secretary/Treasurer.
Board of Directors: Gary Mason, Meredith Harding, Judy Leonhartt.



Cornish Fire Department 2024 Report



This year was another busy year for our Fire department. We had a few weather events that stretched our resources thin, but all calls were covered.

Sam Gilpatrick and Jess Larson worked countless hours securing congressional funding for the new communications tower that was erected on Hessian Hill. Verizon finished construction in early summer and the Cellular site went active mid to late summer, which increases our phone coverage. Our communications equipment should be installed in 2025, which will greatly increase our 2-way radio coverage for the area. Local FD's, Ambulance, Town road crews, and the school buses should see improved coverage when this goes active.

Chief Calnan and his wife delivered the new, to us, fire truck chassis to Apple Creek, Ohio in late May 2024. It will take up to 2 years for them to construct the Fire Truck portion of this project. A local used Firetruck dealer has loaned us a 5000-gallon tanker to use until our new truck arrives. This vehicle carries as much water as 3 of our trucks.

As in past years, our volunteers continue to decrease. This is not unique to Cornish, as you will see reflected in our calls for service breakdown. The Sacopee area Fire Officers and Dispatch Supervisor meet quarterly to discuss strategies to compensate for the lack of volunteers. Local EMA directors and Fire Chiefs meet quarterly to discuss Emergency shelters and formulate a plan to deal with a large-scale disaster when it happens.

Calls For Service in 2024: 113

Mutual aid: 55

Chimney Fire: 1

Alarm Activations: 11

Motor Vehicle Crashes: 8

Fires: 12

Tree/Wires down: 8

Other: 18

725.5 Man hours

6 Firefighters covered the majority of these calls.

As always, we are accepting volunteers. Contact the Town Office or Fire Chief for more information.

CORNISH WATER DISTRICT – 2024 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 28,128,200 gallons of water during 2024 from both of our pump stations (Northwood Drive and Pavilion Road). In 2024 we pumped, on average, 77,064 gallons of water per day. The annual comprehensive tests done by the State of Maine laboratory indicated excellent drinking water quality.

In 2024 the Water District worked on or completed the following:

1. Completed a large water main replacement project with the help of engineers from Wright Pierce and on-site contractors Pratt & Sons.
2. Installed 2930' of new 12" ductile iron water main on Maple/Main Street to replace the existing 6" cast iron main that had been in service since 1911.
3. The project also included 274' of 2" CTS on Norton St.
4. In total, we replaced 56 service connections and curb stops to homes and businesses as part of the new water main project.
5. Installed 7 new fire hydrants
6. Installed 20' section of 12" DI pipe under the bridge (on the corner) that crosses Little River.
7. Installed the following gate valves: Nine 12"; Seven 6" and One 8".
8. Completed and submitted the Lead Service Line inventory to the Maine Drinking Water Program which is a new requirement of the EPA.
9. Repaired a 2" water main break on Norton St that occurred in February 2024 prior to the water main replacement project.
10. Repaired service leaks on Trafton Street and Greenleaf Masonic Hall
11. Installed new water service on Wheeler Way in Saco Woods
12. CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) was completed, published & distributed to consumers in July. The MDWP mandates this to be done each year.
13. Flushed & exercised all 49 hydrants & blow offs in April & October.
14. Exercised all system gate valves & boxes cleaned.
15. Repaired several gate valve boxes.
16. Repaired and replaced several curb stop valves and boxes.
17. Rebuilt all four chemical pumps at Pavilion Road and Northwood pump stations.
18. Cleared frozen water lines located on (1) Main St and (2) on Cumberland St.
19. Placed 12 bleeders to prevent freeze ups during winter months.
20. Completed MDWP inventory requirement.
21. Completed quarterly bacteria tests required by Maine State Drinking Water Program. (Zero contaminates were found).
22. Installed 20 new lead-free meters & touch pad readers replacing outdated meters.
23. Replaced 23 failed touch pads.
24. Applied for, and awarded, a \$10,000 grant to complete Emergency Response Plan and Risk & Resiliency Assessment plan as required by MDWP. ERP completed 2024.
25. Fire Extinguishers were inspected and replaced as required.
26. Wellhead protection updated.
27. Completed necessary training classes to keep our operator licenses up to date.
28. Continued enforcement of Cross Connection Control Program with annual backflow inspections. Reporting 100% compliance & working backflows.
29. Completed annual audit.
30. Completed annual PUC reporting.

31. Completed annual Credit and Collection report as required.
32. Updated the water main system map.
33. New safety equipment for staff.
34. All outdated spare stock material was replaced with new lead-free materials.
35. Updated all software for computers.
36. Held 6 trustee meetings.
37. Held 2 public hearings
38. Completed rate increase case with MPUC
39. 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 – Term 2024 to 2027
Brandon Fenderson, Trustee – Term 2023 to 2026
Chad Pike, Trustee – Term 2022 to 2025
John Watts, Trustee – Term 2023 to 2026
Raymond Whitlock – Term 2024 to 2027

- Heidi H Cates, Office Manager/Treasurer
Michael Sturgeon – Superintendent
Todd Tufts - Operator



CORNISH WATER DISTRICT 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME:

Starting Cash 1/1/24	8,711.42
Income	2,357,358.81*
Total Cash	2,366,070.23

EXPENDITURES:

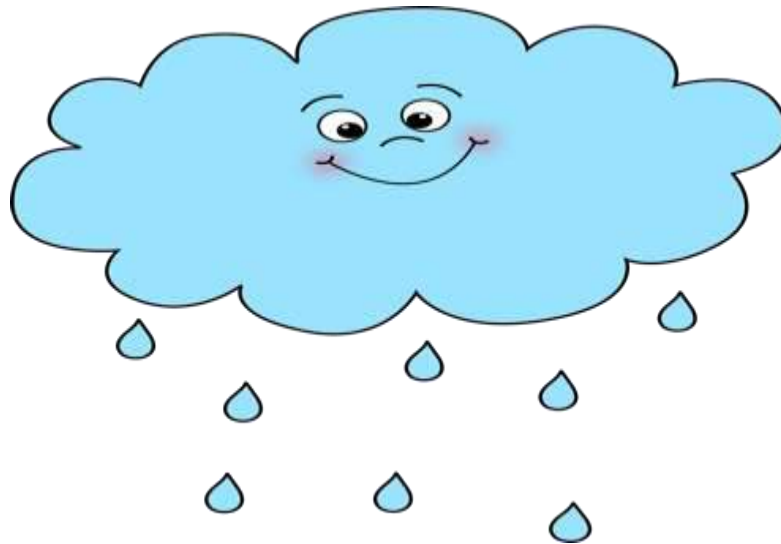
Salaries	160,000.00
A Simple Life	54.86
Accountant Fees (H & R Block, Limerick)	576.00
Anderson Septic Pumping	740.00
At Your Pace Online	137.50
Big Apple (gas & diesel)	486.79
Call's Shop n Save	42.48
Central Maine Power	13,149.35
Chalmers Insurance Group	3,946.00
Consolidated Communications	2,927.10
Core & Main LP	660.13
Cornish Auto Parts	32.45
Cornish Hardware	411.99
Cornish Service Center	901.79
CUSI (Billing Software)	2,000.00
Dana Batchelder (mowing)	2,199.96
Dead River Company	3,317.00
Dig Safe	25.00
FEDEX	172.50
Fletcher, Selser & Devine	7,950.00
Hanover Insurance	284.00
Harcros Chemicals	12,560.25
HETL Water Program (lab for H2O testing)	825.00
Horton, McFarland & Veysey LLC (Audit)	5,300.00
Inkwell	424.03
Intuit	684.70
IRS	37,060.63
John Turner Consulting Inc	2,808.60
Johnson Control Fire Protection LP	260.23
Maine DOT	23,092.50
Maine Drinking Water Program	456.80
Maine PUC	859.00
Maine Rural Water Association	581.25
Maine Water Utilities Association	411.00
MEMIC	2,770.00
Pace Analytical Services Inc	275.00
Pratt & Sons	1,788,402.00
Public Advocate Office	70.00
Rural Development USDA (loans)	12,613.00
Sacopee Scholars	100.00
Sanford Radiator	487.20
Sofia's	21.55
Staples	494.02
Swisco	70.89
Ti Sales	5,909.31
Tom's Water Solutions	10,000.00
Town of Cornish (registration)	329.90

Treasurer, State of Maine, Water Operator License Renewal	75 .00
Treasurer, State of Maine (Sales Tax)	2,022.78
Treasurer, State of Maine (Withholdings)	4,844.63
USA Blue Book	632.30
USPO (includes stamped envelopes)	2,544.15
Water Specialties Company	110.00
Wal-Mart	64.36
WL Sturgeon (plowing, hydrants, general contract)	8,051.25
Wright Pierce	235,675.69
Your Weekly Shopping Guide	860.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2,353,453.34

CHECKBOOK BALANCE 12/31/24 12,616.89

2,102,685.13 of the income shown was SRF Funds for Water Main Project



Proposed Cornish Sewer Annual Budget - 2025

Name	Usage-H2O Gallons	Usage-H2O Cubic Ft.	Minimum Annual Fee	Revised Annual Fee	1/2 year Fee
Erin Mardas – 26 Main St	8,976		430	984	491.77
Vaillancourt	37,175		430	2,723	1,361.25
Libby Antiques – 30 Main St	5,984		430	799	399.51
35 Main Street /Josh Gurley	0		430	430	215.00
Cynthia Libby - 6 Main St	4,488		430	707	353.38
Village Jewelers	8,976		430	984	491.77
Smith Co	4,488		430	707	353.38
Parsonage	2,992		430	615	307.26
Church	2,992		430	615	307.26
The Inn at Cornish - 2 High Rd	42,636		430	3,059	1,529.64
KND Developers	8,976		430	984	491.77
Library	8,976		430	984	491.77
Cornish Historical Society	1,496		430	522	261.13
M. Harding	13,464		430	1,260	630.15
The Coffee Joint - 22 Main St	28,976		430	2,217	1,108.45
Full Circle Artisans Gallery	5,236		430	753	376.45
Cornish Trading Company	2,244		430	568	284.19
Public Restrooms / Town	1,496		430	522	261.13
Little River Building	8,228		430	937	468.70
Kristas	352,308		430	22,156	11,078.07
TOTAL	550,107		8,600	42,524	21,262.00

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 – 2025

Billing	550
Capital Expense	3,000
D.E.P.	445
Sewer Management	4,000
Pumping	18,000
Insurance (July)	1,054
Field Maintenance	2,000
Bookkeeper	550
Postage / Box Rent	165
Supplies	100
CMP	650
Emergency Repairs	6,000
Capital Reserve	6,000
TOTAL	42,524



SACOPEE RESCUE UNIT, INC

P. O. Box 367
Parsonsfield, Maine 04047
SacopeeRescue.com
(207) 625-3088

2024 Town Reports

2024 has been another active year for Sacopee Rescue. Our total number of calls fell slightly from 1040 on December 28th in 2023 to about 993 runs as of December 23, 2024. We hope that this shows a healthier Sacopee Valley during the last year. We rolled our ambulances 944 times for 923 runs including calls in Baldwin, Standish, Limington, Limerick, Gorham and Denmark.

The second crew is now staffed 7 days a week, 9am to 5 pm. This additional crew has enabled us to cover more calls without mutual aid from other towns as well as dispatch a second truck to a call when extra hands are needed. They were dispatched 152 times.

We took delivery of a new 4WD ambulance in May of 2024 which gives us three units we can call our own. This enables us to have a more consistent maintenance schedule keeping both crews in service all the time. The new unit has an autoloader stretcher system that makes loading and unloading a patient much safer.

We once again covered medical needs at the Sacopee Valley Fair with a truck and crew that was dedicated to the fair and was able to man it without having to leave the grounds. This was a vast improvement. We initiated a program with the Sacopee Valley High School's Extended Earning Opportunities program which allows students to explore the world of EMS. We are in hopes that this will spur interest in a career in EMS with young residents in our area. We also started a medical closet that collects medical equipment in excellent condition from those who no longer need it and lend it to people in need. The annual toy drive for the Spirit Tree program collected a record number of toys from donors. The hundreds of toys, clothing and almost \$500.00 in cash helped many Valley children have a Merry Christmas.

We are now able to give full-time employees a benefits package which makes it much easier to attract and retain good responders. This year also saw one driver become an EMT and two more drivers enrolled in EMT classes. We also provided several CPR classes to businesses and will continue to offer more classes to increase citizens life-saving skills,

The call numbers for 2024 (as of December 24th) are as follows:

Cornish	248
Hiram	264
Parsonsfield	233
Porter	244
Out of town	25
Total calls for 2024 (as of December 24th)	992

Mike Hatch, Chief

Serving Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield and Porter Maine
Since 1969

Parks and Flags Committee

Thompson Park

1. Kiosk repaired and painted honoring the Veterans Memorial Plaque at the kiosk.
2. Wreaths and Flags placed on the Veterans Memorial rock.
3. Wreaths and Flags placed on the kiosk for Veterans.
4. A sign is being created to match the décor of the park with the name "Thompson Park."
5. New electrical boxes were placed by the fountain.
6. Christmas in the Park celebration was held on December 6th.
7. Flower gardens are planted in season.

Eagle Park

1. Was not used because of Rt 25 road construction.
2. Reopened with new landscaping.

Veterans Park at the Riverside Cemetery

1. Ceremonies are held each year to honor Veterans.
 - a. Memorial Day
 - b. Veterans Day
 - c. Wreaths Across America
2. Addition to the Veterans Park this year
 - a. Two urns with slate foundations, donated by Jessica Larson.
 - b. Flagpoles with the American, State, and POW flags.
 - c. Landscaping consists of geraniums, marigolds, bidens, coleus and silver tails.

The intersection of Route 25 and South Hiram Road

1. Flagpole, with an America and State Flag.

Pike Hall

1. Kiosk repaired and painted
2. Landscaping consists of a variety of flowers.

The committee meets on a regular basis. The committee is especially proud of the increasing participation of the town's people at our events. Christmas in the park celebration drew over 65 people to our beautiful Thompson Park. The Memorial Day parade and ceremony and Veteran's Day ceremony were a huge success. All are welcome to attend our meetings to help encourage all our parks celebrations.

Mission

The Parks and Flag Committee shall maintain the gardens and trees, within the boundaries of Thompson Park, Eagle Park, Veterans Park and all flags that are on Cornish Town property. The beauty recognized at each property will bring joy and relaxation to the public.

Parks and Flags Committee members:

M. Angel Eastman, Katherine Blake, Cynthia & Gary Mason, Sandra & John Watts, Nancy Perkins, Diann W. Perkins, Adam Craig and Ryan Lane.

Cornish Planning Board

Who we are:

The Planning Board consists of seven members, all citizens of Cornish. There are five “Regular” members (able to vote on issues) and two “Associate” members (unable to vote on issues unless required to make a quorum). All Planning Board members serve a three-year term and are selected by the Selectpersons. Organizationally, the Planning Board reports to the Selectpersons. We meet twice monthly (usually 1st and 3rd Mondays) at Town Hall at 5:30pm. All meetings are open to the public.

Who we work with:

Some of the resources we use in our work are:

- MDEP (Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection)
- MDOT (Maine Dept. of Transportation)
- MMA (Maine Municipal Association)
- SMRPC (Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission)
- SRCC (Saco River Corridor Commission)

What we do:

The Planning Board is responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Town of Cornish Land Use and Development Ordinance, as well as all other ordinances enacted by the citizens of Cornish.

The Planning Board is also responsible for reviewing and integrating any State “mandated” ordinances (i.e. FEMA Floodplain Management Ordinance, LD2003 Affordable Housing Initiative, etc.) into the Town’s jurisdiction.

The Planning Board makes decisions regarding Conditional Use, Change of Use, Subdivision review and tries to maintain the historical and rural nature of the Town, as directed in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Board is usually the first stop in the process to resolve local zoning issues.

Cornish Planning Board Members:

- Les MacMaster – Chair
- Eve Bergstrom – Vice Chair
- M. Angel Eastman – Secretary
- Adam Craig
- Robert Plourde

Associate Members:

- Nancy Perkins
- Ryan Lane

CORNISH FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY BOARD 2024 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 fundraisers:

- March 15, 2024 Food Sale – Town Meeting
- June 2, 2024 Motorcycle Swap Meet
- July 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2024 Saco River Festival Bandstand Summer Concert Series
- July 2, 2024 Trucks at the Track
- August 6, 9 & 20, 2024 Trucks at the Track
- September 7, 2024 Kezar Falls Fire Department Car Show and Flea Market
- September 10 & 24, 2024 Trucks at the Track
- September 14, 2024 25th Annual Horsemen’s Day
- September 15, 2024 Motorcycle Swap Meet
- September 27, 2024 Cruise-In Benefit for Andrew Faulkner
- September 28, 2024 Community Family Fun Day
- October 15, 2024 Trucks at the Track
- November 5, 2024 Food Sale – General Election
- May to November The Grateful Undead Wednesday Walks

The Trotting Park Exhibit Hall, located under the Grandstand, is open during major events. It is historically significant because it is the only harness racing exhibit hall of its kind in New England. On May 1, 2024 the following article was on the Special Town Meeting Warrant *“To see if the Town will allow an “Exhibition Hall” under the Cornish Grandstands after the State Fire Marshall has inspected and deemed the space safe for public use.”*

On June 13, 2024 Criterium Engineers of Freeport, Maine did a limited structure evaluation. The grandstand is in generally good condition and the recommendations and minor repairs were made in August. On July 17, 2024 Scott Cyr from the State Fire Marshall’s office inspected the Grandstand and made a list of violations. All violations were corrected, and the Town of Cornish was given permission to use the Grandstand.

The Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board meets on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. throughout the year. All town citizens are welcome and encouraged to drop by and provide input, feedback and/or ideas. Our by-laws, plans, goals and mission statement are available for review at the Town Office. All interested person(s) is urged to join the Board. We are always looking to host more events and activities at the Fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds continue to add fencing and lighting for security purposes.

The Trucks at the Track this year have made a positive impact in the Town of Cornish. We look forward to many more dates in the coming years.

We extend our gratitude to the area businesses, volunteers, several community service groups, and the town of Cornish for all your support and help over the past year. The Board’s mission wouldn’t be possible without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board:

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

Board Members:

Elizabeth Birchfield
Katherine Blake
M. Angel Eastman
Glenn Rankin

Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Cornish Fairgrounds Advisory Board started February 1, 2024, with \$15,664.70 in the committee's account.

The breakdown of the year's income and expenses are as follows:

<u>Income</u>	
House rental	\$11,220.00
Fundraising	\$14,014.00
Total Income	\$25,234.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
House Maintenance	\$1,801.09
Grounds Maintenance	\$13,276.68
Fundraising Expense	\$8,616.04
Total Expenses	\$23,693.81

The year closed January 31, 2025, with a balance of \$18,695.89 in the Cornish Fairground's Advisory Committee's account.



Town of Cornish Budget Analysis FY 2025 vs 2024

Recommendations	2025 Budget	2025 Surplus	2024 Budget	Difference	Percentage Difference	Notes
Article 4-Salaries	\$152,345.00		\$143,125.00	\$9,220.00	6.44%	
Article 5-MainePERS	\$7,042.00		\$6,590.00	\$452.00	6.86%	
Article 6-FD Payroll	\$18,000.00		\$14,000.00	\$4,000.00	28.57%	
Article 7-Audit	\$10,000.00		\$11,500.00	-\$1,500.00	-13.04%	
Article 8-Assessing Update	\$0.00		\$25,000.00	-\$25,000.00	-100.00%	Completed
Article 8-Computer	\$30,000.00		\$22,000.00	\$8,000.00	36.36%	
Article 9-Pike Hall Comm	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 10-MMA Dues	\$3,224.00		\$2,879.00	\$345.00	11.98%	
Article 12-Town Maps	\$0.00		\$1,400.00	-\$1,400.00	-100.00%	Change to diff.prgm.
Article 11-GIS Mapping	\$14,300.00		\$0.00	\$14,300.00	100.00%	
Article 12- Office Expense	\$17,000.00		\$16,000.00	\$1,000.00	6.25%	
Article 13-Utility Cost	\$13,500.00		\$13,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 14-Town Prop. Maintenance	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 15-Insurances	\$31,750.00		\$30,500.00	\$1,250.00	4.10%	
Article 16-Misc. Expenses	\$3,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	50.00%	
Article 17-Solid Waste	\$298,000.00		\$262,000.00	\$36,000.00	13.74%	
Article 18-Bulky Waste	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 19-Tire Recycle	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 20-TextMyGov	\$3,000.00		\$0.00	\$3,000.00	100.00%	
Article 21-Discout (3%)	\$60,000.00		\$57,000.00	\$3,000.00	5.26%	
Article 22-Pl Bd Admin	\$9,000.00		\$10,300.00	-\$1,300.00	-12.62%	
Article 23-Econ & Comm Dev		\$6,000.00		\$0.00		
Article 24-So ME Plan & Devl Dues	\$607.00		\$589.00	\$18.00	3.06%	
Article 25-Saco River Corr	\$950.00		\$650.00	\$300.00	46.15%	
Article 26-Legal Fees	\$7,000.00		\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00	16.67%	
Article 27-Animal Shelter	\$1,508.00		\$1,508.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 28-Animal Control	\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 29-Observance of Holidays	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 30-Sacopee Rec Comm	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 31-Saco River Festival Assoc	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 32-Cornish Rec Comm	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 33-Cornish Parks	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 34-Bonney Mem. Library	\$22,000.00		\$17,000.00	\$5,000.00	29.41%	
Article 35-Flag Project	\$1,000.00		\$1,500.00	-\$500.00	-33.33%	

Article 36-Historical Society	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 37-New Flagpole	\$5,500.00		\$0.00	\$5,500.00	100.00%	
Article 38-FD Maintenance	\$54,000.00		\$48,000.00	\$6,000.00	12.50%	
Article 39-Updating Fire Equip.	\$20,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	33.33%	
Article 40-Fire Dept PPE	\$5,500.00		\$4,500.00	\$1,000.00	22.22%	
Article 41-Bonds	\$80,850.17		\$37,308.00	\$43,542.17	116.71%	
Article 42-New Fire Apparatus	\$20,000.00		\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	33.33%	
Article 43-Fire Hydrant Rental	\$90,500.00		\$76,275.00	\$14,225.00	18.65%	
Article 44-RCFP Grant		\$2,000.00		\$0.00		
Article 45-Fire Dept Dispatching	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 46-Comm. Tower	\$35,000.00	\$33,250.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	100.00%	
Article 46-2010 Fire Truck	\$0.00		\$80,485.00	-\$80,485.00	-100.00%	Completed
Article 47-Major Fire Payroll		\$5,000.00		\$0.00		
Article 48-Sacopee Rescue Unit	\$138,838.00		\$101,808.00	\$37,030.00	36.37%	
Article 49-Rescue Capital Reserve	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 50-Streetlights	\$13,000.00		\$13,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 51-Roads & Bridges	\$190,000.00		\$185,000.00	\$5,000.00	2.70%	
Article 52-Street Signs	\$2,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.00%	
Article 53-Back Street	\$0.00		\$3,000.00	-\$3,000.00	-100.00%	Completed
Article 53-Snow Removal/Sand	\$215,000.00		\$215,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 55-General Assistance	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 56-York County Comm. Action	\$1,000.00		\$750.00	\$250.00	33.33%	
Article 57-MaineHealth Care at Home	\$0.00		\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	-100.00%	Didn't pass last year
Article 58-So ME Agency on Aging	\$0.00		\$1,400.00	-\$1,400.00	-100.00%	Didn't submit paperwork
Article 57-LifeFlight	\$754.00		\$754.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 58-Cemetery	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 59-Caring Unlimited	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 60-Grateful Undead	\$550.00		\$500.00	\$50.00	10.00%	
Article 63-York County Shelter	\$0.00		\$1,500.00	-\$1,500.00	-100.00%	Didn't submit paperwork
Article 61-Smooth Feather Youth	\$600.00		\$600.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Article 62-Maine Public	\$100.00		\$100.00	\$0.00	0.00%	
Totals	\$1,665,918.17	\$46,250.00	\$1,534,521.00	\$131,397.17	8.56%	

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

