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# 236th Annual Report



CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

March 2003

Cover Photo

Fourth grade students from Cornish Elementary attend the opening of the Blow-Me-Down Bridge.

L-R Trevor Wilkie, Graham Scott, Brent Wilkie, Cassidy Michalenoick, Julia Borchert, Daniel Lyon, Justin King-Childs, Nikki White, Kimberly Lemieux, Linda Fuerst, Tyler Dunham, and Bob Maslan

*Photo by Larry Dingee*

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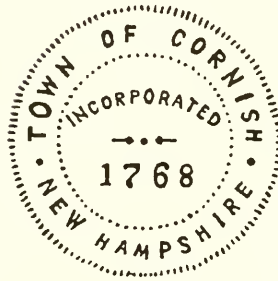
# **236th Annual Report**

of the

## **Selectmen**

and other

## **Town Officers**



## **CORNISH NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **Year Ending December 31, 2002**

## NOTICE

*Please Read*

### TO DOG OWNERS:

RABIES CLINIC – MARCH 29, 2003, 10:00-11:30 A.M.  
\$9.00 PER ANIMAL – CORNISH FLAT FIRE STATION

Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier and bring a previous rabies certificate

- All Dogs over three months of age must be licensed by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Legal rates: male and females - \$9.00, neutered males \$6.50, spayed females \$6.50. Owner over 65, \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- **State Law requires all dogs to have rabies shots.**
- Rabies certificates are required for licensing.
- **Failure to license makes owners liable for a \$25.00 fine and a \$1.00 penalty per month after June 1<sup>st</sup>. It's the law!!**
- Owners are liable for free running dogs. If in doubt, check the State statues RSA:466. The penalties are severe.

### • TO PROPERTY OWNERS:

- The law provides that those who do not return their inventory forms by April 15<sup>th</sup> not only lose their right to appeal their taxes but also are now subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 but up to and not over \$50.00.

### TO THOSE BUILDING NEW OR MAKING CHANGES:

- The Town building code requires permits to construct or remodel any building. There are exceptions. Check first with the Selectmen.

### TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLAND OR WATERWAYS:

- RSA 438-A a Dredge & Fill application must be filed with the Town Clerk before commencing work. Fines can be assess for noncompliance.

*Your cooperation in the above matter will save time and money for you  
And cut costs of Town government.*

### ALL EMERGENCIES – DIAL 911

#### NON-EMERGENCIES:

FIRE – 675-2221

POLICE 543-0535

AMBULANCE-RESCUE SQUAD – 675-2221

SELECTMEN – 675-5611

TOWN CLERK – 675-5207

TAX COLLECTOR – 675-5221

HIGHWAY GARAGE – 675-2205

FAX – 675-5605

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# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Town Clerk – 3 years

Reigh Helen Sweetser(2004)  
Paula Harthan , Deputy

### Town Treasurer – 1 year

William Caterino  
Brent B. Edgerton, Deputy

### Moderator – 2 years (2004)

Peter H. Burling

### Selectmen – 3 years

Robert F. Maslan, Chairman (2004)  
Larry Dingee (2005)  
William Gallagher (2003)

### Tax Collector – 1 year

Reigh Helen Sweetser  
Paula Harthan, Deputy

### Supervisors of Checklist – 6 years

Ruth G. Rollins (2006)  
Leland E. Atwood (2008)  
Robin Monette (2004)

### Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years

Willis Reed (2005)  
Cynthia K. Wegner (2004)

### Trustees of George H. Stowell Library - 3 years

Pamela Gendron (2005)  
Bernice Johnson (2003)  
Kathryn H. Patterson (2004)

### Overseer of Welfare

Connie Kousman  
Martha Zoerheide, Assistant  
Judy Kaufman, Assistant

### Highway Agent – 1 year

Thomas Spaulding

### Sexton – 1 year

Albert F. Earle

### Fence Viewers – 1 year

Alan Penfold  
Kay Wegner  
Gary Wegner  
Leo Maslan  
Fred Sullivan  
Kay Kibbie  
Jack Rock  
Clark Rockerfeller

### Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber – year

Gwyn Gallagher Reyer Jaarsma  
Leo Maslan James Neil  
Robin Waterman Fred Weld  
Dillon Gallagher

### Hog Reeves – 1 year

Everett & Sue Cass  
John & Lara Mather  
Kevin & Stacie Labore

### Representative to the General Court – 2 years

Constance Jones (2004)  
Peter H. Burling

### New Hampshire Executive Council – 2 years

Raymond S. Burton (2004)

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### Police Officers – by Selectmen

E. Douglas Hackett – Sargent  
Michael Boutillier  
Crystal Dole

### Librarian – by Trustees of the Library

Emily Cromwell

### Fire Chief – by Selectmen – 3 years

Nathan Cass (2005)

### Planning Board – by Selectmen – 3 years

Peter Storrs, Chairman (2003)  
John Hammond, Vice Chair (2004)  
Cheston Newbold, (2004)  
Connie Kousman, (2005)  
Gail McKenzie, (2004)  
Anne Hier (2003)  
Larry Dingee, for Selectmen  
Bill Lipfert, Alternate  
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary

### Zoning Board of Adjustment – by Moderator – 3 years

Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair/Clerk (2004)  
Karim Chichakly, Chairman (2005)  
Keith Beardslee (2003)  
William S. Balch, Alternate  
Bruce Tracy (2005)  
Dale Rook, Alternate  
Suzanne Lupien  
Molly Young

# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **Conservation Commission – by Selectmen – 3 years**

Herrika W. Poor, (2005)  
Don Snowdon (2003)  
Michael M. Yatesvich (2003)  
William Gallagher, for Selectmen  
Donna Bleazard (2003)  
Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate (2004)  
Nancy Newbold (2003)  
Gar Hier, Chairperson (2004)  
William Ladd (2004)  
Ned Swanberger, Alternate (2005)

## **Solid Waste Representatives – by Selectmen – 3 years**

William Gallagher (2003)  
Tim Schad (2003) Alternate

## **Finance Committee – by Moderator – 3 years**

William Caterino ex-officio  
Alan Penfold (2003)  
Fred Sullivan (2004)  
Susanne Lupien (2003)  
Robert Bladen, Chairperson (2004)  
Michael Monette (2003)  
Carol Rennie

## **Town Forest Committee – by Selectmen**

Virginia Prince, Chairman  
Dale O'Connor  
James Fitch  
Gar Hier  
William Gallagher (Selectmen)

## **Capital Equipment Committee – by Selectmen**

Larry Duval (Chairman)    Larry Dingee  
Don MacLeay                Scott Baker  
James Fitch                 Gerry Baillageron

## **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional**

### **Planning Commission – by Selectmen**

J. Cheston Newbold  
Gail McKenzie

## **Records Preservation Committee – by Selectmen**

Michael Yatsevitch        MayBelle Rock  
Hannah Schad             Bernice Johnson

## **Ct. River Resource Comm-Local River Subcommittee**

### **- By Selectmen**

Jeremiah Evarts

## **Overseer of Covered Bridges – by Selectmen**

Leo Maslan

## **Liaison to 911 Emergency Office – by Selectmen**

Dale O'Connor

## **Emergency Management Civil Defense**

**Director – by Selectmen**        Robert Maslan

## **Spirit Committee – by Selectmen**

Nancy Newbold                Dale O'Connor

## **Selectmen's Special Agent – by Selectmen**

Robert Maslan

## **Auditors – by Selectmen**

Plodzick and Sanderson

## APPOINTMENTS BY STATE

### **Health Officer – Virginia Prince**

### **Forest Fire Warden – Nate Cass**

### **Forest Fire Deputy Wardens**

Dale Rook                        Leland Atwood  
Larry Dingee                    Dale O'Connor  
Leo Maslan                        Bill Harthan  
Lee Baker

### **Ballots Clerks – by respective parties – 2 years**

Marion Stone®                 Alma Jacklin ®  
Judy Rook (D)                    Sally Budlong (D)

### **River Commission – by Governor**

J. Cheston Newbold

2003 WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 11<sup>TH</sup> of March, at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. Articles 2 through 20 will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

(a)	Town Office.....	70,900
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics.....	2,800
(c)	Audit Town Books.....	4,500
(d)	Revaluation of Property.....	5,000
(e)	Legal Expenses.....	4,500
(f)	Planning Board.....	1,500
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	500
(h)	Building & Grounds.....	18,400
(i)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care.....	22,285
(j)	Insurance (excluding medical).....	30,000
(k)	Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC).....	1,595
(l)	Town Records Preservation.....	2,500
(m)	Spirit Committee.....	1,000
(n)	Police Department.....	45,746
(o)	Rescue Squad.....	4,400
(p)	Ambulance.....	15,133
(q)	Fire Department.....	28,875
(r)	Emergency Management.....	50
(s)	Septage.....	2,500
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets.....	8,000
(u)	Recycling.....	5,250
(v)	Hazardous Waste.....	750
(w)	Health Services.....	8,830
(x)	General Assistance.....	2,500
(y)	Parks and Recreation....(CREA).....	3,750
(z)	Patriotic Purposes.....	1,000



(z1)	Conservation Commission Expenses.....	600
(z2)	Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000
(z3)	Public Library Fund.....	10,488
(z4)	County Tax.....	Necessary Amount

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$352,300 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$254,418 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$97,882 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 11: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to purchase additional assessing services; and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw an amount not to exceed \$7,500 from the Appraisal Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$2,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditures of gifts, grants or proceeds of a timber

harvest for this purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 13: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to replace the Veterans Memorials that need replacement in Cornish Flat and to allow the Selectmen to receive and expend any donations received for this purpose. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 14: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to repair the sills and construct a new foundation on the building known as Little Town Hall. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 15: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,500 for heating upgrades and repair for the Town Hall and Town Office. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 16: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000 for the purchase of a Pickup with plow equipment for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$42,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Any funds are to be derived from the sale or trade-in of the Town's existing equipment are to be used to offset the withdrawn amount. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the use by the Planning Board to complete the update of the Town's Master Plan. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 18: To Authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of no more than five people to investigate the options available for the town to be able to provide housing for our senior citizens, and to report back at next year's Town meeting. (Submitted by petition.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 20: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Resolution: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution:

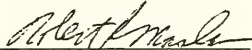
**Whereas**, New Hampshire residents pay the 12<sup>th</sup> highest cost of insurance in the country; and  
**Whereas**, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and  
**Whereas**, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and  
**Whereas**, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small business cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore to be resolved

That we, the citizens of CORNISH, New Hampshire, call on our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

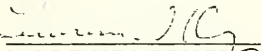
- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care. (This resolution is non-binding and represents no fiscal impact).

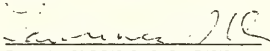
Article 21: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

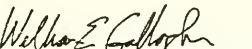
Given under our hand and seal this <sup>14<sup>th</sup></sup> day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Two.

  
ROBERT F. MASLAN

  
ROBERT F. MASLAN

  
LAWRENCE S. DINGEE

  
LAWRENCE S. DINGEE

  
WILLIAM E. GALLAGHER

  
WILLIAM E. GALLAGHER

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

SELECTMEN OF CORNISH

CORNISH, NH

TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 12, 2002

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held Tuesday the 12th of March 2002. Merilyn Bourne, Acting Moderator for the Town of Cornish, opened the polls at 10:00 am to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. Moderator Bourne accepted a nomination from Reigh Sweetser that The Town Warrant not be read in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Paula Harthan and was voted on in the affirmative. Moderator Bourne noted that the Warrant was properly certified by the Selectmen and that all the Selectmen's signatures were displayed on the back of the Warrant. Supervisors of the Checklists signed both checklists and were sworn in by Town Clerk, Reigh Helen Sweetser. All names therein were in order being Marion Stone, Alma Jacklin, Judy Rook and Sally Budlong. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. The results of the voting are as follows:

Selectmen for 3 years: Larry Dingee received 191 votes, Larry Duval received 3 votes, Harold Morse received 1 vote, Jim Fitch received 1 vote, Doug Thayer received 1 vote, Ara Cardew received 1 vote, Anne Hier received 3 votes, Jon Woodhull received 1 vote, Jean Duval received 1 vote, John Rand received 1 vote, Mike Yacono, received 1 vote, Kate Freeland received 1 vote, Mike Yatsevitch received 1 vote, Merilyn Bourne received 1 vote, Emily Cromwell received 3 votes, Fred Sullivan received 1 vote, Dan Charland received 1 vote, Ray Evans received 1 vote, Polly Rand received 1 vote, Albert Earle received 1 vote, David Champney received 1 vote Jon Woodhull received 1 vote and Jim Strout received 1 vote. Larry Dingee was declared the winner.

Town Treasurer for One Year: William F. Caterino received 215 votes and Anne Hier received 1 vote. William F. Caterino was declared the winner.

Sexton for One year: Albert F. Earle received 113 votes, Marcia Paradis received 92 votes, Harold Morse received 1 vote, George Abbott received 11 votes and Larry Duval received 1 vote. Albert F. Earle was declared the winner.

Trustee/Trust Funds for three years: Willis S. Reed received 209 votes and Peter Storrs received 1 vote. Willis S. Reed was declared the winner

Library Trustee for three years: Pamela Gendron received 208 votes, Nancy Newbold received 2 votes, Kate Freeland received 1 vote, Gretchen Holm received 1 vote and Emily Cromwell received 1 vote. Pamela Gendron was declared the winner.

Overseer of Welfare for one year: Connie Kousman received 218 votes and Chuck Sullivan received 1 vote. Connie Kousman was declared the winner.

Highway Agent for one year: Thomas E. Spaulding received 199 votes, Mike Duval received 5 votes, Harold Morse received 3 votes, Donna Bleazard received 3 votes, Dave Champney received 2 votes, Sharon Tribou received 1 vote, Nate Cass received 1 vote, Dillon Gallagher received 1 vote, Everett Cass received 1 vote, Cecil Laclair received 1 vote, Larry Dingee received 1 vote and Dale Rook received 1 vote. Thomas E. Spaulding was declared the winner.

Moderator for two years: Peter Hoe Burling received 203 votes, Merilyn Bourne received 6

votes, Carol Rennie received 1 vote, Bob Bladen received 1 vote, Willis Reed received 1 vote, Kurt Wyman received 1 vote, Jim Strout received 1 vote, Chuck Sullivan received 1 vote, Gar Hier received 1 vote and Ray Evans received 1 vote. Peter Hoe Burling was declared the winner.

Supervisor of the checklist for six years: Leland Atwood received 220. Leland Atwood was declared the winner.

Tax Collector for one year: Reigh Helen Sweetser received 224 votes and Paula Harthan received 1 vote. Reigh Helen Sweetser was declared the winner.

Article 3: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

(a) Town Office - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$61,350. The motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher. Reigh Sweetser, Town Clerk/Tax Collector requested that the Town help with a portion of her health insurance. It was a sense of the meeting that the Selectmen put together a package for part-time employees and report back during Town Meeting 2003. The motion was then voted upon in the affirmative.

(b) Election, Registration, Vital Statistics - Ruth Rollins moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,300. The motion was seconded by Anne Hier and voted upon in the affirmative.

(c) Audit Town Books - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted upon in the affirmative.

(d) Revaluation of Property - Janet Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and voted upon in the affirmative.

(e) Legal Expenses - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Jim Strout and voted upon in the affirmative.

(f) Planning Board - Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Anne Hier and voted upon in the affirmative.

(g) Zoning Board of Adjustment - Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$500. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Storrs and voted upon in the affirmative.

(h) Buildings & Grounds - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$15,286. The motion was seconded by Jan Lord and voted upon in the affirmative.

(i) Cemeteries and Perpetual Care - Dale Nicholas moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$21,935. The motion was seconded by Jim Strout and voted upon in the affirmative.

(j) Insurance (excluding medical) - Jim Strout moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted upon in the affirmative.

(k) Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC) - Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,595. The motion was seconded by Jan Lord and voted upon in the affirmative.

- (l)) Town Records Preservation - Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (m) Spirit Committee - Nancy Newbold moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Chuck Sullivan and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (n) Police Department - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$44,846. The motion was seconded by Dale Nicholas and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (o) Rescue Squad - Jim Strout moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,400 . The motion was seconded by Joyce LaClair and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (p) Ambulance - Dale Nicholas moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$15,133. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (q) Fire Department - Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$28,875. The motion was seconded by Kurt Wyman and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (r) Emergency Management - Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$50. The motion was seconded by Nancy Newbold and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (s) Septage - Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (t) Transfer Station Tickets - Will Reed moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$9,000. The motion was seconded by Dan Poor and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (u) Recycling - Jan Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,250 . The motion was seconded by Jim Strout and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (v) Hazardous Waste - Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$750. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (w) Health Services - Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$7450. The motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (x) General Assistance - Jan Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Karen Woodbury and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (y) Parks and Recreation - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,750. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (z) Patriotic Purposes - Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$300. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (z1) Conservation Commission Expenses - Carol Rennie moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$600. The motion was seconded by Will Reed and voted upon in the affirmative.
- (z2) Principal-Long Term Debt - Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted upon in the affirmative.

(z3) Interest -Long Term Debt - Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$826. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted upon in the affirmative.

(z4) Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes - Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted upon in the affirmative.

(z5) Public Library Fund - Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,488. The motion was seconded by Karen Woodbury and voted upon in the affirmative.

(z6) County Tax - Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate the necessary amount. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted upon in the affirmative.

Article 3: Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 4: Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Bob Bladen and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 5: Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Nate Cass and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 6: Dale Nicholas moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 7: Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Harold Morse and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 8: Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Karen Woodbury and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 9: Dale Rook moved the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 10: Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$346,231 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$249,899 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$96,332 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. Helen Lovell seconded the motion and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 11: Helen Lovell moved to authorize the Selectmen to deposit any unexpended funds from Patriotic Purposes into the Veteran's Memorial upkeep trust fund. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 12: Cheston Newbold moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of

\$2,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditures of gifts, grants or proceeds of a timber harvest for this purpose. No part of the appropriation will come from tax dollars. The motion was seconded by Jim Strout and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 13: Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to replace the Veterans Memorials that need replacement in Cornish Flat and to allow the Selectmen to receive and expend any donations received for the purpose. The motion was seconded by Polly Rand and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 14: Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to repair the sills and construct a new foundation on the building known as Little Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell. Jim Strout moved to table this motion but to allow the Selectmen to accept gifts and also see if any grants are available for historic buildings. The building is the only old school house that is still owned by the Town. The motion was seconded by Kathy Scheuer. A hand vote was taken with 60 - yes and 45- no. Moderator Bourne stated the results to be in the affirmative.

Article 15: Bill Fitts moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to share the cost of a new generator for use at the school. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee. Larry Dingee then moved to amend the amount to \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Kurt Wyman and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 16. Tom Spaulding Jr. moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,000 for the purchase of a Road Grader or a Dump truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$155,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Any funds to be derived from the sale or trade-in of the Town's existing equipment are to be used to offset the withdrawn amount. The motion was seconded by Nate Cass. Larry Duval moved to amend the motion by removing the words "or a dump truck" from the purchase. Nate Cass seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative. The amended motion was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 17: Ruth Rollins move to see if the Town will agree to authorize the Selectmen to accept a gift to the Town of approximately one acre parcel of land currently owned by the Cornish School District abutting the Town Highway Department and to authorize the Selectmen to take all necessary action to effectuate the same. The motion was seconded by Kurt Wyman and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 18: Bernice Johnson moved that the Town vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 19: Ruth Rollins voted to accept the reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen. The motion was seconded by Alan Penfold and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 20 : To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. Cheston Newbold moved to add Jack Rock and Clark Rockerfeller names to the same list of previous Fence Viewers. The new list would read as follows: Jack Rock, Clark Rockerfeller, Alan Penfold, Kay Kibbie, Leo Maslan, Gary & Kay Wegner and Fred Sullivan. The motion was seconded by Nancy Newbold and voted on in the affirmative.

Cheston Newbold moved that the Surveyors of Wood, Bark & Lumber be as follows: Reyer Jaarsma, James Neil, Robin Waterman, Fred Weld, Leo Maslan, Gwyn Gallagher and Dillon Gallagher. The motions were seconded by Polly Rand and voted on in the affirmative.



Polly Rand moved that the following be appointed as Hog Reeves: Everett & Susan Cass, John & Lara Mather and Stacie & Kevin Labore. The motion was seconded by Fred Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.

Kurt Wyman wanted the Selectmen to review the amount of the Veterans credit. It presently is at \$100. Reigh Sweetser stated that there is legislation pending which would increase the amount to \$500.

Fred Sullivan said he did not approve of the wording "Submitted by the Selectmen" - "The Selectmen recommend passage of this article" which was placed after each article. He felt it was not appropriate unless all three members of the board were in agreement.

Pat Blaine asked how long a person has to be a resident to be eligible for the veterans exemption. The Selectmen told her it was five years.

Lois Fitts asked if the \$100 veterans credit was taken off the valuation or the dollar amount of the tax bill. The Selectmen informed her it was a dollar amount taken off.

Gar Hier presented the Cornish Conservation Commission award to Janice and Suzanne Lupien for their years of organic gardening and also for the Farmers Market that is open every Saturday from May through October.. The award was a steel ornamental framed picture of the Conservation logo. The frame was made by James Smith.

Buz Lord presented plaques to both Bob & Shirley Bladen for their years of dedicated work and listed several of their accomplishments for the Cornish Fair Association.

Bill Gallagher presented Jack Rock with a plaque for his 14 years of dedicated service to the Town of Cornish for Sexton. Ruth Rollins had previously stated how wonderful the cemeteries always looked and what a good job was done.

Anne Hier had earlier in the meeting recognized Teenie Rock for all her hard work on the preservation and organization of old records and the cemetery book that took several years of work.

A quilt raffle was drawn with the proceed to be used towards the barn on the CREA property. The quilt was made by the Cornish Quilters and was a Log Cabin Barn Raising design. The winner was Evelyn Snow from Charlestown who had spent several summers visiting Cornish. The raffle made \$1241.

Lois Fitts made a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted on in the affirmative at 3:15 pm.

Respectively Submitted:

Reigh Helen Sweetser

2003 BUDGET  
Town of Cornish, New Hampshire  
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

2003 Warrant Article	2002 Final Approp.	2002 Actual Expend	2002 (Over) Under	2003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)	
<b>2</b>	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>					
(a)	Town Office Salaries/Exp	61,350	62,629	(1,279)	70,900	9,550
(b)	Elections/Reg/Vital Stats	4,300	3,274	1,026	2,800	(1,500)
©	Audit Town Books	4,500	4,500	0	4,500	0
(d)	Revaluation of Property	5,000	4,507	493	5,000	0
(e)	Legal Expenses	5,000	2,466	2,534	4,500	(500)
(f)	Planning Board	1,500	2,508	(1,008)	1,500	0
(g)	Zoning Board	500	409	91	500	0
(h)	Building and Grounds	15,286	19,224	(3,938)	18,400	3,114
(i)	Cemeteries/Perpetual Care	21,935	19,993	1,942	22,285	350
(j)	Insurance	30,000	26,414	3,586	30,000	0
(k)	Regional Assn (UVLSRPC)	1,595	1,595	0	1,595	0
(l)	Town Records Preservation	3,000	1,925	1,075	2,500	(500)
(m)	Spirit Committee	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>154,966</b>	<b>150,444</b>	<b>4,522</b>	<b>165,480</b>	<b>10,514</b>
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
(n)	Police Department	44,846	43,135	1,711	45,746	900
(o)	Rescue Squad	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
(p)	Ambulance	15,133	15,133	0	15,133	0
(q)	Fire Department	28,875	31,104	(2,229)	28,875	0
®	Emergency Management	50	23	27	50	0
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>93,304</b>	<b>93,795</b>	<b>(491)</b>	<b>94,204</b>	<b>900</b>
	<b>Highways, Streets, &amp; Bridges</b>					
10	Class V Highways	346,231	334,668	11,563	352,300	6,069
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>346,231</b>	<b>334,668</b>	<b>11,563</b>	<b>352,300</b>	<b>6,069</b>
	<b>Sanitation</b>					
(s)	Septage	2,500	2,491	9	2,500	0
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets	9,000	7,000	2,000	8,000	(1,000)
(u)	Recycling	5,250	3,815	1,435	5,250	0
(v)	Hazardous Waste	750	32	718	750	0
	<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>13,338</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
	<b>Health &amp; Welfare</b>					
(w)	Health Services	7,450	7,296	154	8,830	1,380
(x)	General Assistance	2,500	360	2,140	2,500	0
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>9,950</b>	<b>7,656</b>	<b>2,294</b>	<b>11,330</b>	<b>1,380</b>
	<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>					
(y)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	3,750	3,750	0	3,750	0
(z)	Patriotic Purposes	300	489	(189)	1,000	700
	<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; REC.</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>(189)</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>700</b>
	<b>Conservation</b>					
(z1)	Conservation Comm	600	537	63	600	0
	<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Department Service</b>					
	Principal - Long Term Debt	30,000	30,000	0	0	(30,000)
	Interest - Long Term Debt	826	826	0	0	(826)
(z2)	Interest - Tax Anticip Note	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0

2003 BUDGET  
Town of Cornish, New Hampshire  
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

2003 Warrant	2002 Final Approp.	2002 Actual Expend	2002 (Over) Under	2003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>32,826</b>	<b>30,826</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>(30,826)</b>
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>					
(z3) Library Fund	10,488	10,488	0	10,488	0
3 Conservation Fund	3,000	3,063	(63)	3,000	0
4 Highway Capital Res Fund	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
5 Fire Capital Reserve Fund	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
6 Police Capital Res Fund	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
7 Appraisal Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
8 Library Capital Reserve	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0
9 Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT</b>	<b>87,488</b>	<b>87,551</b>	<b>(63)</b>	<b>87,488</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Before Capital/Other</b>	<b>746,915</b>	<b>723,054</b>	<b>23,861</b>	<b>734,652</b>	<b>(12,263)</b>
<b>Capital Outlay &amp; Other Articles</b>					
00-15 Prop Assess Update	0	9,005	(9,005)	0	0
01-13 Master Plan	0	1,197	(1,197)	0	0
01-14 Bridge Repair	0	61,711	(61,711)	0	0
02-12 Town Forest	2,500	0	2,500	0	(2,500)
02-13 Veteran's Memorial	15,000	16,221	(1,221)	0	(15,000)
02-15 Generator	7,000	7,000	0	0	(7,000)
02-16 Grader	165,000	110,000	55,000	0	(165,000)
11 03-11 Assessing Services	0	0	0	7,500	7,500
12 03-12 Town Forest Improvements	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
13 03-13 Veteran's Memorial	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
14 03-14 Little Town Hall	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
15 03-15 Heating Town Hall/Offices	0	0	0	9,500	9,500
16 03-16 Pickup - Highway	0	0	0	42,000	42,000
17 03-17 Master Plan	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL &amp; OTHER</b>	<b>189,500</b>	<b>205,134</b>	<b>(15,634)</b>	<b>96,500</b>	<b>(93,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>936,415</b>	<b>928,188</b>	<b>8,227</b>	<b>831,152</b>	<b>(105,263)</b>
<b>County Appropriation</b>	<b>347,102</b>	<b>347,102</b>	<b>0</b>		

2003 BUDGET  
Town of Cornish New Hampshire  
Statement of Revenues

	2002 Estimate	2002 Actual	2002 Over(Under)	2003 Proposed	Estimate Over(Under)
<b>TAXES</b>					
Land Use Change Taxes	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
Yield Taxes	14,000	13,650	(350)	14,000	0
Paymt in Lieu of Taxes	1,907	1,907	0	1,907	0
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	29,000	23,586	(5,414)	25,000	(4,000)
Excavation Tax	1,575	908	(667)	1,575	0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>					
Motor Vehicle Permist Fees	235,000	253,592	18,592	250,000	15,000
Building Permits	500	935	435	500	0
Dog Licenses	1,600	2,072	472	2,000	400
Other Permits and Fees	200	230	30	200	0
<b>STATE OF NH &amp; FEDERAL</b>					
Federal Grants/Reimburse					
Shared Revenues-Rooms	47,886	47,800	(86)	47,886	0
Shared Revenue-BPT	11,939	11,939	0	11,939	0
Highway Block Grant	96,333	96,333	0	97,882	1,549
Railroad Tax & Other	1,894	1,891	(3)	1,894	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
Zoning Board Fees	150	427	277	200	50
Planning Board Fees	1,590	1,763	173	700	(890)
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sales	85	38	(47)	50	(35)
Burial Fees	1,500	640	(860)	1,500	0
Highway Dept. Income	50	0	(50)	50	0
Police Dept. Income	5,000	6,766	1,766	6,000	1,000
Fire Dept. Income	200	0	(200)	200	0
Recycling Income	200	505	305	500	300
Transfer Station Ticket Sales	9,000	8,120	(880)	8,000	(1,000)
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES</b>					
Sale of Town Property	10,000	0	(10,000)	0	(10,000)
Insurance Dividends	4,000	2,202	(1,798)	3,000	(1,000)
Rental of Town Property	750	1,125	375	1,000	250
Interest on Investments	6,000	10,765	4,765	8,000	2,000
Town Forest	2,500	0	(2,500)	2,500	0
Other Sources	4,000	5,704	1,704	1,000	(3,000)
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
Trust & Special Revenue	5,100	5,253	153	5,700	600
Capital Reserve Funds	155,000	110,000	(45,000)	49,500	(105,500)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Use of Fund Balance	45,826	0	(45,826)	15,000	(30,826)
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>693,785</b>	<b>608,151</b>	<b>(85,634)</b>	<b>558,683</b>	<b>(135,102)</b>

Source MS-4

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET  
*Town of Cornish, New Hampshire*

	December 2002	December 2001
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Short Term Investments	947,266.92	692,363.22
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Due from State of New Hampshire	0.00	6,340.00
Uncollected Property Taxes	228,048.59	212,662.41
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	1,035.00	0.00
Uncollected Yield Taxes	2,063.00	1,876.00
Unredeemed Taxes	52,734.97	63,951.06
Allowance for Tax Refunds	(46,913.81)	(13,411.24)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,184,434.67</b>	<b>963,981.45</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Due to Conservations Fund	1,793.00	3,075.50
Due to School District	781,919.00	570,206.00
Deferred Tax Revenue	3,000.00	8,005.31
Deferred Burial Revenue	80.00	0.00
Payroll Withholding	0.00	(23.07)
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	0.00	28,137.56
Undesignated	397,642.67	354,580.15
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,184,434.67</b>	<b>963,981.45</b>

Source MS-5 Part 2

DETAILED STATEMENT OF BUDGET EXPENSES  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2,002 Final Approp.	2,002 Actual Expend	2,002 (Over) Under	2,003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Salaries & wages	27,100	27,048	52	30,200	3,100
Salary - Town Clerk	1,100	1,100	0	1,100	0
Salary - Tax Collector	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0
Salary - Treasurer	600	600	0	1,000	400
Salary - Deputy Treasurer	100	100	0	100	0
Salary - DepClerk/Tax Coll	1,000	273	727	500	(500)
FICA(SS) - Town portion	3,700	5,426	(1,726)	4,000	300
Advertising	300	688	(388)	500	200
Memberships	850	978	(128)	1,000	150
Postage	2,000	1,579	421	2,000	0
Software lease & service	2,500	1,689	811	3,000	500
Computer. Maint. & expense	1,000	531	469	4,650	3,650
Copier Lease	0	0	0	1,700	1,700
Office supplies	4,000	4,706	(706)	3,500	(500)
Town Clerk Ref. Books	400	70	330	400	0
Town report costs	2,200	2,061	139	2,400	200
Mileage	1,700	1,674	26	1,700	0
Training & education	500	518	(18)	500	0
Town Clerk fee - vehicles	3,300	3,909	(609)	3,300	0
Town Clerk fee - various	100	126	(26)	100	0
Tax Collector Fee - Tax Liens	100	1,054	(954)	100	0
Registry of deeds costs	350	273	77	350	0
Telephone - Selectmen	750	618	132	1,000	250
Telephone - Tax Collector	600	522	78	700	100
Telephone - Town Clerk	800	820	(20)	800	0
Miscellaneous expenses	300	266	34	300	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,350</b>	<b>62,629</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>70,900</b>	<b>9,550</b>
<b>ELECTION/REGISTRATION/VITAL</b>					
Salaries & Wages	2,350	2,433	(83)	1,100	(1,250)
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	218	13	205	85	(133)
Advertising	880	144	736	800	(80)
Postage	120	68	52	105	(15)
Office Supplies	0	84	(84)	0	0
Mileage	132	62	70	110	(22)
Misc. Expenses	300	294	6	300	0
Vital Statistics Fees	300	176	124	300	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,300</b>	<b>3,274</b>	<b>(1,026)</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>(1,500)</b>
<b>AUDIT TOWN BOOKS</b>					
Audit fee	4,500	4,500	0	4,500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>0</b>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF BUDGET EXPENSES  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2,002 Final Approp.	2,002 Actual Expend	2,002 (Over) Under	2,003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>					
Legal fees & damages	5,000	2,466	2,534	4,500	(500)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>(2,534)</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>(500)</b>
<b>REVALUATION OF PROPERTY</b>					
Reappraisal expenses	5,000	4,507	493	5,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,507</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
Salaries	500	500	0	500	0
Advertising	400	933	(533)	400	0
Postage	300	646	(346)	300	0
Mileage	100	86	14	100	0
Training & Education	100	125	(25)	100	0
Misc. Expenses	100	218	(118)	100	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>2,508</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD</b>					
Advertising	300	210	90	300	0
Postage	150	168	(18)	150	0
Training & Education	50	31	19	50	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>					
Salaries	4,465	5,182	(717)	5,000	535
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	346	386	(40)	400	54
Mileage	75	0	75	0	(75)
Electricity-Town Office	2,000	1,847	153	2,000	0
Electricity-Town Hall	1,500	2,188	(688)	2,000	500
Heat-Town Office	1,500	2,465	(965)	2,250	750
Heat-Town Hall	2,500	3,476	(976)	3,250	750
Rubbish Removal	1,200	317	883	500	(700)
Misc. Expenses	500	1,453	(953)	500	0
Maintenance-Pickup	200	0	200	0	(200)
Building Maintenance	500	1,532	(1,032)	2,000	1,500
Maintenance-supplies	500	378	122	500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,286</b>	<b>19,224</b>	<b>(3,938)</b>	<b>18,400</b>	<b>3,114</b>
<b>CEMETERIES/PERPETUAL CARE</b>					
Salaries	9,600	8,822	778	10,000	400
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	1,200	1,156	44	1,150	(50)
Office Supplies	85	(19)	104	85	0
Mileage	400	248	152	300	(100)
Equipment, Tools, Supplies	650	804	(154)	1,000	350
Gasoline	1,000	347	653	500	(500)
Diesel Fuel	150	0	150	150	0
Hired Equipment	150	120	30	150	0
Misc. Expenses	200	237	(37)	450	250
Maintenance-Pickup Truck	400	267	133	400	0
Equipment Repair&Maint	500	1,041	(541)	500	0
Maintenance Supplies	925	873	52	925	0
Perpetual Care Expenses	5,000	5,068	(68)	5,000	0
Sanderson Fund Expenses	175	185	(10)	175	0
Burial Expenses	1,500	844	656	1,500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,935</b>	<b>19,993</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>22,285</b>	<b>350</b>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF BUDGET EXPENSES  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2,002 Final Approp.	2,002 Actual Expend	2,002 (Over) Under	2,003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>INSURANCE(EXCLUDING MEDICAL)</b>					
Property/Liability	30,000	26,414	3,586	30,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>26,414</b>	<b>3,586</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>REGIONAL ASSOCIATION</b>					
UVLSRPC	1,595	1,595	0	1,595	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION</b>					
Preservation Expenses	3,000	1,925	1,075	2,500	(500)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,925</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>(500)</b>
<b>SPIRIT COMMITTEE</b>					
Spirit Project Expenses	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Salaries	22,500	16,054	6,446	21,852	(648)
Salaries-Special	4,500	4,403	97	4,500	0
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	2,000	1,569	431	2,003	3
Postage	30	29	1	30	0
Computer Cost&Expenses	1,500	1,194	306	1,500	0
Office Supplies	300	358	(58)	300	0
Training & Educations	300	93	207	1,500	1,200
Telephone	2,856	2,277	579	2,496	(360)
Uniforms	750	3,603	(2,853)	1,250	500
Equipment Purchases	300	4,632	(4,332)	420	120
Dispatch	6,910	7,038	(128)	6,995	85
Gasoline	1,000	760	240	1,000	0
Misc. Expenses	100	121	(21)	100	0
Equipment Repair&Maint	500	50	450	500	0
Radio Repair & Maint	300	233	67	300	0
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000	721	279	1,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,846</b>	<b>43,135</b>	<b>1,711</b>	<b>45,746</b>	<b>900</b>
<b>RESCUE SQUAD</b>					
Rescue Squad Contribution	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b>					
Town of Windsor	7,548	7,548	0	7,548	0
Golden Cross	7,585	7,585	0	7,585	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,133</b>	<b>15,133</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,133</b>	<b>0</b>



DETAILED STATEMENT OF BUDGET EXPENSES  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2,002 Final Approp.	2,002 Actual Expend	2,002 (Over) Under	2,003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Subscriptions	75	0	75	75	0
Memberships	1,000	318	682	500	(500)
Postage	50	20	30	50	0
Mileage	400	0	400	400	0
Training & Educations	200	0	200	200	0
Telephone	1,100	1,026	74	1,100	0
Electricity-Route 120	350	394	(44)	350	0
Electricity-Town House Rd	1,300	1,322	(22)	1,300	0
Heat-Route 120	800	1,226	(426)	1,050	250
Heat-Town House Rd	1,000	1,356	(356)	1,250	250
Fire Equipment Purchases	4,000	2,782	1,218	4,000	0
Protective Clothing	2,000	381	1,619	2,000	0
Radio&Pager Equipment	1,500	277	1,223	1,500	0
Hose Replacement	750	340	410	750	0
Forest Fire	1,000	630	370	1,000	0
Dispatch	3,200	3,280	(80)	3,200	0
Gasoline	600	386	214	600	0
Diesel Fuel	500	147	353	500	0
Misc. Expenses	150	921	(771)	150	0
Insurance Reimbursement	0	(2,667)	2,667	0	0
Equipment Repair&Maint	1,000	137	863	1,000	0
Radio Repair & Maint	1,000	123	877	1,000	0
Maint Sta 1-Town House Rd	1,750	2,300	(550)	1,750	0
Maint Sta 1-Route 120	750	101	649	750	0
Maintenance-Engine 1	1,000	2,542	(1,542)	1,000	0
Maintenance-Engine 2	1,000	1,270	(270)	1,000	0
Maintenance-Tanker	1,000	1,507	(507)	1,000	0
Maintenance-Forestry Truck	500	34	466	500	0
Maintenance-Utility Truck	500	780	(280)	500	0
Maintenance-SCBA	400	10,171	(9,771)	400	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28,875</b>	<b>31,104</b>	<b>(2,229)</b>	<b>28,875</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>					
Civil Defense	50	23	27	50	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF BUDGET EXPENSES  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2,002 Final Approp.	2,002 Actual Expend	2,002 (Over) Under	2,003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>HIGHWAY &amp; STREETS</b>					
Salaries	121,000	118,155	2,845	128,000	7,000
Salaries-Part time	3,000	2,338	662	3,000	0
Salaries-Overtime	14,000	18,810	(4,810)	16,000	2,000
FICA(SS)-Town Portion	10,500	10,798	(298)	11,500	1,000
Retirement-Town Portion	5,100	5,818	(718)	6,500	1,400
Medical Ins-Town Portion	31,344	25,541	5,803	28,700	(2,644)
Telephone	600	569	31	600	0
Electricity-Parsonage Rd	2,200	2,060	140	2,200	0
Heat-Parsonage Rd	2,100	1,467	633	2,500	400
Uniforms	6,000	6,075	(75)	6,000	0
Gasoline	400	466	(66)	400	0
Diesel Fuel	14,000	14,674	(674)	14,000	0
Oil & Lubricants	1,700	1,062	638	1,300	(400)
Asphalt & Tar	48,687	41,745	6,942	46,000	(2,687)
Gravel	23,000	28,513	(5,513)	23,000	0
Sand	10,000	8,486	1,514	10,000	0
Salt	1,000	951	49	1,000	0
Chloride	500	94	406	500	0
Culverts	4,500	830	3,670	4,500	0
Road Supplies	11,500	17,745	(6,245)	11,500	0
Shop Supplies	0	0	0	4,000	4,000
Hired Equipment	11,000	10,418	582	11,000	0
Rubbish Removal	600	330	270	600	0
Dodge Van	0	0	0	500	500
1995 Pickup	1,000	2,790	(1,790)	2,000	1,000
2002 International Truck	1,000	824	176	3,500	2,500
1996 International Truck	1,000	1,473	(473)	3,500	2,500
1983/2002 Grader	2,000	1,738	262	1,000	(1,000)
1999 Loader	1,000	860	140	1,000	0
1990 International	1,000	1,386	(386)	4,500	3,500
Roadside Mower	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Sweeper	0	0	0	500	500
Insurance Reimbursement	0	(9,480)	9,480	0	0
Equipment Repair&Maint	15,000	16,098	(1,098)	0	(15,000)
Radio Repair & Maint	500	1,231	(731)	500	0
Building Maintenance	1,000	803	197	1,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>346,231</b>	<b>334,668</b>	<b>11,563</b>	<b>352,300</b>	<b>6,069</b>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF BUDGET EXPENSES  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2,002 Final Approp.	2,002 Actual Expend	2,002 (Over) Under	2,003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Septage Charge-Clmt	2,500	2,491	9	2,500	0
Transfer Tickets Costs	9,000	7,000	2,000	8,000	(1,000)
Recycling	5,250	3,815	1,435	5,250	0
Hazardous Waste	750	32	718	750	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>13,338</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Health Dept. Expenses	50	0	50	50	0
Animal Control-Dogs	480	376	104	480	0
Visiting Nurse	3,270	3,270	0	3,650	380
Comm. Youth Advocates	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0
Sullivan Cty Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
SW Community Service	500	500	0	500	0
Volunteers In Action	400	400	0	400	0
W. Central Health	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>7,296</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>8,830</b>	<b>1,380</b>
<b>WELFARE</b>					
General Assistance	2,500	360	2,140	2,500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>					
CREA Maintenance	3,750	3,750	0	3,750	0
Memorial Day	300	489	(189)	1,000	700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>4,239</b>	<b>(189)</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
Conservation Commission	600	537	63	600	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Principal-Long Term Debt	30,000	30,000	0	0	(30,000)
Interest-Long Term Debt	826	826	0	0	(826)
Interest-Tax Anticip Note	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,826</b>	<b>30,826</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>(30,826)</b>
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>					
Library Fund	10,488	10,488	0	10,488	0
Conservation Fund	3,000	3,063	(63)	3,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Fire Capital Reserve	13,000	13,000	0	13,000	0
Police Capital Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Library Capital Reserve	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	0
Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>87,488</b>	<b>87,551</b>	<b>(63)</b>	<b>87,488</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN EXPEND BEFORE ARTICLES</b>	<b>746,915</b>	<b>723,054</b>	<b>23,861</b>	<b>734,652</b>	<b>(12,263)</b>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF BUDGET EXPENSES  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2,002 Final Approp.	2,002 Actual Expend	2,002 (Over) Under	2,003 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>ARTICLES</b>					
00-15 Prop Assess Update	0	9,005	(9,005)	0	0
01-13 Master Plan	0	1,197	(1,197)	0	0
01-14 Bridge Repair	0	61,711	(61,711)	0	0
02-12 Town Forest	2,500	0	2,500	0	(2,500)
02-13 Veteran's Memorial	15,000	16,221	(1,221)	0	(15,000)
02-15 Generator	7,000	7,000	0	0	(7,000)
02-16 Grader	165,000	110,000	55,000	0	(165,000)
03-11 Assessing Services	0	0	0	7,500	7,500
03-12 Town Forest	0	0	0	2,500	2,500
03-13 Veteran's Memorial	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
03-14 Little Town Hall	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
03-15 Heating Repairs - Town Hall/Office	0	0	0	9,500	9,500
03-16 Pickup-Highway	0	0	0	42,000	42,000
03-17 Master Plan	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>189,500</b>	<b>205,134</b>	<b>(15,634)</b>	<b>96,500</b>	<b>(93,000)</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN EXPEND</b>	<b>936,415</b>	<b>928,188</b>	<b>8,227</b>	<b>831,152</b>	<b>(105,263)</b>
County Appropriation	347,102	347,102			

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION  
Town of Cornish, New Hampshire

	2002 Acres	2002 Assessed Valuation	2001 Assessed Valuation	2000 Assessed Valuation
<b>Value of Land Only</b>				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	22,650.640	2,340,795	1,960,507	2,208,110
Residential	3,084.648	20,493,600	30,854,671	28,946,764
Commerical/Industrial	5.540	188,800	413,500	413,500
<b>TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND</b>	<b>25,740.828</b>	<b>23,023,195</b>	31,268,171	31,568,374
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>				
Residential		7,268,870	53,012,873	51,901,912
Manufactured Housing		2,293,300	101,000	1,001,000
Commerical/Industrial		632,300	1,250,500	1,250,500
<b>TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS</b>		<b>75,594,300</b>	54,364,373	53,253,412
<b>Public Utilities-Electric</b>				
Central Vermont Public Service		170,100	74,101	74,101
Connecticut Valley Electric		681,800	419,874	419,874
Granite State Electric		212,400	119,942	119,942
New England Power		88,300	390,795	390,795
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		18,000	672,192	672,192
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>		<b>1,965,300</b>	1,676,904	1,676,904
<b>GRAND TOTAL VALUATION</b>				
<b>BEFORE EXEMPTION</b>		<b>100,582,795</b>	87,309,448	86,498,690
<b>Less Exemptions:</b>				
Blind(3)		(45,000)	(30,000)	0
Elderly (33)		(1,000,000)	(1,018,700)	(1,048,700)
Disabled (4)		(158,750)	(75,000)	(133,750)
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH</b>				
<b>TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b>		<b>99,379,045</b>	86,185,748	85,301,240

**Current Use Report For 2002**  
**Acres with**  
**Current Use**  
**Assessment**

Farm Land	2,326.750
Forest Land	20,014.590
Unproductive Land	166.010
Wetland	143.290
<b>TOTAL ACRES IN CURRENT USE</b>	<b>22,650.640</b>

Source MS-1

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT AS OF 12/31/2002

	2002	2001
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - START OF YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES		212,662.41
LAND USE CHANGE		1,876.00
YIELD TAXES		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	2,665,073.00	2,308.00
LAND USE CHANGE	2,828.00	
YIELD TAXES	15,713.00	
	908.02	
OVERPAYMENT		
PROPERTY TAXES	20.94	49.19
REFUNDS REFUNDS		473.74
CR/DB	(492.00)	12.27
INTEREST COLLECTED	2,488.42	14,536.48
CHECK CHARGES	140.04	40.04
	2,686,679.42	231,958.13
REMITTED TO TREASURER		
PROPERTY TAXES	2,439,895.41	215,031.87
LAND USE CHANGE	1,793.00	
YIELD TAX	13,650.00	1,876.00
INTEREST	2,488.42	14,536.48
EXCAVATION TAX	908.02	
CHECK CHARGES	140.04	40.04
ABATEMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	6,663.00	473.74
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	228,048.59	
LAND USE CHANGE	1,035.00	
YIELD TAX	2,063.00	
TOTALS	2,696,684.48	231,958.13

I Hereby certify that the above accounting is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectively Submitted,

Reigh Sweetser, Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT  
12/31/2002

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1995 TO 1998</u>
BALANCE OF UNREDEEMED TAX LIENS		40,326.44	18,619.13	5,005.49
LIENS EXECUTED DURING THE YEAR	49,319.52			
INTEREST & COSTS COLLECTED AFTER LIEN	5,547.39	3,851.00	3,949.66	26.97
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$54,866.91</b>	<b>\$44,177.44</b>	<b>\$22,568.79</b>	<b>\$5,032.46</b>
FUNDS REMITTED TO TREASURER	17,412.87	24,818.64	18,619.77	814.18
INTEREST & COSTS AFTER LIEN	227.03	3,851.00	3,949.66	26.97
ABATEMENTS			(1995) 246.04 (1996) 3,945.27	
CREDIT BALANCE	-.16		-.64	
UNREDEEMED LIENS BALANCE 12/31/2001	37,227.17	15,507.80		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$54,866.91</b>	<b>\$44,177.44</b>	<b>\$22,568.79</b>	<b>\$5032.46</b>

I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct to the best of knowledge and belief.

Respectively Submitted,

Reigh Helen Sweetser, Tax Collector

TAX RATE COMPUTATION  
Town of Cornish, NH

	2003E	2002	2001
Total Town Appropriations	831,152	936,415	894,134
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	15,000	45,004	14,213
War Service Credits			
All Other Veterans @ \$100	11,500	11,500	11,400
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(558,683)	(693,785)	(637,458)
State Shared Revenues	(9,090)	(9,090)	(9,090)
<b>Town Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>289,879</b>	<b>290,044</b>	<b>273,199</b>
School Tax Assessment	2,779,057	2,805,464	2,747,298
Less: State Shared Revenues	(796,827)	(786,045)	(762,092)
State Educations Taxes)	(481,938)	(481,938)	(484,101)
<b>School Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>1,500,292</b>	<b>1,537,481</b>	<b>1,501,105</b>
<b>State Education Tax To Be Raised</b>	<b>481,938</b>	<b>481,938</b>	<b>484,101</b>
County Tax Assessment	347,102	347,102	403,059
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(3,928)	(3,928)	(3,928)
<b>County Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>343,174</b>	<b>343,174</b>	<b>399,131</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2,615,283</b>	<b>2,652,637</b>	<b>2,657,536</b>
Divide By Assessed Valuation	99,379,045	99,379,045	86,310,848
Assessed Valuation without Utilities	97,413,745	97,413,745	84,507,600
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION</b>	<b>25.40</b>	<b>26.79</b>	<b>30.91</b>
 <b>TAX RATE BREAKDOWN</b>	 <b>2,003</b>	 <b>2002</b>	 <b>2001</b>
Town Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	2.92	2.92	3.17
State Education Tax Per \$1,000 of Valuation	4.95	4.95	5.73
School Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	14.08	15.47	17.39
County Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	3.45	3.45	4.62
 <b>TOTAL RATE</b>	 <b>25.40</b>	 <b>26.79</b>	 <b>30.91</b>

Source: New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration



TREASURER'S REPORT  
Town of Cornish, NH  
Year Ending December 31, 2002

**Reconciliation - Checking Account**

Balance 12/31/2001		692,363.00
	Add Receipts:	
	Tax Collector	2,756,002.26
	Town Clerk	274,947.50
	Selectmen	426,468.61
	 Total Available	 4,149,781.59
	Less Payments During Year	
	School	1,805,162.00
	County	347,102.00
	Town	1,050,250.67

**Balance 12/31/2002** **947,266.92**

Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2001		72,683.44
	Add Deposits in Transit	20,509.00
	Add Uncollected Chargebacks	0.00
	Add Short Term Investments	977,391.67
	Less Outstanding Checks	123,317.39

**Checkbook Balance 12/31/2002** **947,266.92**

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer				
	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	End Of Year
Conservation Fund	24,673.38	6,755.30		31,428.68
CREA Fund	7,905.70	118.43	66.60	8,024.13
Rodney Palmer Fund	15,323.10	225.84	500.00	15,048.94
CREA Barn Fund	0.00	4,000.24	150	3,850.24

Respectfully submitted  
William Caterino  
Town Treasurer

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES  
DECEMBER 31, 2002

	2000	2001
Aldrich, George/Joyce	1550.43	1737.14
Bladen, Robert/Shirley (Store)		7485.29
Bulkeley, Sherrie M.	2325.50	2609.33
Depalo, Joseph		52.72
Eastman, Daniel		4525.65
Feeney, Jonathan C.		476.41
Jewell, Susan	191.86	2168.24
Johnson, Harry L/Elizabeth	1844.32	2062.07
Laclair, Cecil/Joyce	2039.36	1745.91
Laflam, Robert J. Jr.		448.52
Mitchell, Edward J.		31.94
Nelson, James H.		2248.43
Orogi, Parviz/Susan	3731.83	4186.94
Reynolds, Joan E.		767.49
Rock, Seward	984.62	1115.43
Shambo Robert/Lorraine	646.13	1853.93
Smith, John		652.22
Strout, James/Karen		553.52
Whitehead, Charles Jr.		30.00
Wilkie, Steven	2193.75	2475.99

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\$15,507.80    \$37,227.17

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amounts due from each taxpayer for unredeemed taxes for the levies for 2000 and 2001 as of December 31, 2002 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh Helen Sweetser

Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2002

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION ISSUED	\$259,461.50
DOG LICENSES ISSUED/ANIMAL CONTROL	2,592.50
DOG PENALTIES AND FINES	403.50
MARRIAGE LICENSES SOLD	509.00
LANDFILL TICKETS SOLD	7660.00
MISC (COPY USE, CHECKLISTS ETC.)	321.00
FILING FEES FOR TITLES	946.00
UCC FEES/WETLANDS	1131.00
FISH & GAME	1560.50
VITAL STATISTICS	336.00

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TOTAL MONEY REMITTED TO THE TREASURER \$274,921.00

MONEY RECEIVED IN THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE INCREASED BY  
A RECORD AMOUNT OF \$28,287.50 THIS YEAR.

AS ALWAYS - IT IS A PLEASURE TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF  
CORNISH. HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY YEAR.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,  
REIGH HELEN SWEETSER  
TOWN CLERK



## Capital Reserve Funds/2002

Date Created	Fund Name	Principal				Income				
		Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expended	Yr End Balance	Available Funds
1985	Appraisal	\$46,000.00	\$10,000.00		\$56,000.00	\$11,771.86	\$876.56		\$12,648.42	\$68,648.42
1995	Bridges	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,655.23	\$660.98		\$7,316.21	\$17,316.21
1970	Fire Truck	\$91,000.00	\$13,000.00		\$104,000.00	\$17,894.75	\$1,827.17		\$19,521.92	\$123,521.92
2000	Library	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$6,000.00	\$136.25	\$68.26		\$204.51	\$6,204.51
1967	Highway Equip.	\$84,619.65	\$37,745.00	\$110,000.00	\$12,364.65	\$35,079.90	\$1,556.04	\$436.40	\$36,199.54	\$48,564.19
1982	Police Cruiser	\$8,155.97	\$4,000.00		\$12,155.97	\$1,981.60	\$163.46		\$2,145.06	\$14,301.03
1979	Schl Bldg/ Site Imp.	\$20,500.00	\$8,600.00		\$29,100.00	\$4,766.65	\$447.35		\$5,214.00	\$34,314.00
1986	Schl. Block Funds	\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00	\$101.01	\$102.48		\$203.49	\$7,203.49
2002	Schl. Gen. Repairs		\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00		\$38.49		\$38.49	\$4,038.49
2002	Schl Heating/Vent.		\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00		\$28.86		\$28.86	\$3,028.86

All Capital Reserve Funds are invested with Citizens Bank.

The information contained in this report is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief. C. Kay Wegner & Willis S. Reed

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY  
As of December 31,2002

**Description**

Town Hall, Lands and Building	\$192,100
Furniture and Equipment	7,000
Library, Land and Building	149,000
Furniture and Equipment	10,000
Police Department Equipment	46,000
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	146,900
Equipment	265,000
Highway Department, Lands and Building	200,000
Equipment	506,000
Materials and Supplies	19,000
Selectmen's Old Office	50,000
New Town Office, Land and Building	154,400
Furniture and Equipment	11,000
Meeting House, Flat, Land and Buildings	175,100
CREA Land and Buildings	157,550
School Land and Buildings	1,465,250
Contents	171,400

**All Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax  
Collector's Deeds, and Other:**

Weld Park	5,000
Hodgdon Lot	5,900
Woodlot on Skyline Drive	24,150
Butman Lot	13,250
Recycling Center	37,450
Cemeteries, Vault Hearse House	5,000
Fire Pond, School Street	1,150
Jackson Road Gravel Pit	9,300
Fire Pond, Town House Road	2,500
Map 6, Lot 102 (.4 acre)	3,900
Map 12, Lot 39 (7 acres)	8,250
Map 7, Lot 86 (3 acres)	26,700
Map 7, Lot 65B (9.1 acres)	21,950
Map 6, Lot 3A (5 acres)	58,950
Bridge Parking Lot, Rte 12A	12,500
Town Forest Map 5, Lot 6 (270 acres)	166,100
Siegel Map 6, Lot 89 (36 Acres)	39,050

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,166,800</b>
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**TOWN OF CORNISH  
SALARIES, PAYROLL TAXES, BENEFITS  
2002**

	FTE/ HRS	WKS	2002 SALARY	FICA	RTMT	HEALTH	TOTAL SAL/BENEF.
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>							
Caterino, Bill		52	600	46	0	0	646
Dingee, Larry		52	1,571	120	0	0	1,691
Gallagher, Bill		52	1,473	113	0	0	1,586
Harthan, Paula			1,077	8	0	0	1,085
Kolenberg, Marge	28	52	17,299	1,323	0	0	18,622
Maslan, Bob		52	6,412	491	0	0	6,903
Sweetser, Reigh	15	52	20,789	1,590	0	0	22,379
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>							
Monette, Mike			1,200	92	0	0	1,292
<b>CEMETERIES</b>							
Abbott, George	21	30	5,659	433	0	0	6,092
Earle, Albert	21	30	7,322	560	0	0	7,882
Rawson, John	21	30	5,772	442	0	0	6,214
<b>POLICE</b>							
Boutilier, Mike			4,644	355	0	0	4,999
Dole, Crystal			961	74	0	0	1,035
Hackett, Doug			12,459	953	0	0	13,412
<b>HIGHWAY</b>							
Cass, Nate			780	60	0	0	840
Champney, David			3,798	291	161	291	7,211
Goewey, Paul	40	52	28,308	2,166	1,200	3,134	34,808
Gusha, Wilbur	40	52	26,116	1,998	1,107	3,134	32,355
Kibbie, Bob	40	52	30,662	2,346	1,300	6,269	40,577
Pearson, Wayne	40	32	17,755	1,358	753	5,642	25,508
Spaulding, Tom	40	52	33,890	2,593	1,435	6,263	44,181
<b>LIBRARY</b>							
Cromwell, Emily	10	52	4,863	372	0	0	5,235

Wages totaling less than \$600 are not included in the above.

**PLODZIK & SANDERSON**

193 North Main Street  
Concord, NH 03301

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Cornish  
Cornish, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Cornish for the year ended December 31, 2001, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased to report that, during the course of our review of internal controls, no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records were identified. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or recordkeeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to applicable individuals during the course of our audit fieldwork.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

June 3, 2002

Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2002

This has been a banner year for the Town of Cornish with many new and exciting events happening town wide.

With the help of volunteers, the Town Hall received a much needed facelift with a fresh coat of paint. This building is widely used and an integral part of our community. The little Town Hall was not neglected as new plexiglass windows were installed to help with preservation.

The Highway Department purchased a 2002 Galion grader which went on the road in August and replaces the 1983 grader.

This past spring the statistical review of properties by Avitar of Chichester, NH was completed. The review brought properties in line with fair market values which resulted in the lowering of the property tax rate to \$26.79 for 2002. It is hoped that this trend will continue.

The State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue has required that all towns be certified and the Town of Cornish will be facing certification in 2004. Many of you will be receiving mailings on this requesting information and the Board hopes that you will assist the town in this endeavor.

Thanks to the diligent work of Dale O'Connor the 911 Enhanced Emergency system went into effect on October 15, 2002. This system will enable fire, ambulance, and police personnel to respond in a timely manner. There have been name changes of some of the roads and the Town hopes to have a new town map available soon. If you have not yet posted your house number please do so.

The Town of Cornish and the Cornish School Board is working together and hopefully will procure a Federal Grant for an emergency generator. The generator is portable and stored in the school and is prepared for use should an emergency arise. This will be a savings of \$11,250 to the taxpayers.

After being closed for many years the Blow-Me-Down Bridge was officially opened on October 25, 2002. Many thanks to Richard Thompson of Sunrise Woodworks and his crew for the renovations that were done.

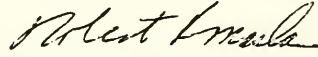
In a very moving ceremony and through the generosity of the townspeople, the Cornish Veterans Memorial honoring veterans from the Korean, VietNam and Persian Gulf wars was unveiled on November 11, 2002. The monument which is located on the green in Cornish Flat is carved from Vermont Granite and lists 106 names of veterans who served their country from Cornish.

The Town Forest Master Plan was completed and presented to the Selectmen on December 20, 2002. A copy of the plan and trail maps are available at the Town Office.

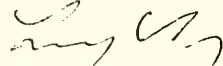
The Board of Selectmen would like to thank the Highway, Building & Grounds, and Cemetery Departments, all Town employees and community volunteers for all their hard work and dedication through out the year.

To you, the townspeople of Cornish a heartfelt thanks for supporting the Town this year and throughout the years. You are what makes Cornish special.

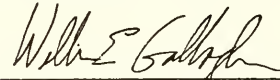
Sincerely,  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Robert F. Maslan



Larry Dingee



William E. Gallagher

**Selectmen's Special Agent  
2002 Report**

In 1989 the Selectmen created the Selectmen's Special Agent position for the purpose of confirming excavation information and soil suitability at potential new septic installation. Currently, the position is not funded by the Town, but by user fees, the average cost being \$20.00.

Results of Septic Digs in Cornish for 2002

January 23	Cynthia/John Schell	Burr Rd	1 dig Successful
April 5	Tom/Kate Barber	Harrington Rd	1 dig Successful
May 1	Richard Royce	Root Hill Rd	1 dig Successful
May 2	Brian Sicard	Route 120	1 dig Successful
May 22	Bruce Resnicoff	No. Parsonage Rd	1 dig Successful
May 23	Steve Sechow	Beechwood Acres	1 dig Successful
June 10	Stephen Wright	Sunset Strip	1 dig Successful
June 14	Stephen Jameson	Center Rd	1 dig Successful
June 14	Guest Trust	Jackson Rd	1 dig Successful
September 30	Robert Rice	Burr Rd	1 dig Successful
September 30	Charles Sullivan	East Rd	1 dig Successful
September 30	Allie Hodgdon	Town House Rd	1 dig Successful
October 1	Frank Woodbury	West Pass Rd	1 dig Successful
October 1	Michael Lemieux	Mace Rd	1 dig Successful
October 2	Keith Weed	Wayside Ln	1 dig Successful
October 2	Winfield Call	Log Cabin Dr	1 dig Successful
October 25	Cornish Fire Dept.	Route 120	1 dig Successful
October 31	Mark/Alan Tewksbury	Tandy Brook Rd	1 dig Successful
December 3	Gar Hier	East Rd	1 dig Successful

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT 2002

After fifteen years of diligent labor caring for all of the Cornish cemeteries Sexton Jack Rock retired. Many thanks must be given to Jack and his crew of George Abbott and John Rawson.

Elections were held and Albert Earle was voted Sexton to replace Jack. Albert was able to maintain the same crew and they should be credited for keeping the cemeteries looking so well.

Huggins Cemetery saw a facelift with gravestones being up righted, additional soil to level the ground was added, new grass planted and a fence around the perimeter of the cemetery was installed.

All cemetery fences received a new coat of paint. It is the hope of the crew to continue the work done at Huggins cemetery at all the cemeteries in town.

A thanks goes out to the Scouts who have once again put all the flags on the Veteran's graves in preparation for Memorial Day to honor all those who served our country.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Earle, Sexton



New fence around Huggins Cemetery

*Photo by Albert Earle*

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF HUMAN SERVICES  
ANNUAL REPORT – 2002**

The Community Alliance of Human Services, Children and Youth Services Program would like to thank the Town of Cornish for all its support. We continue to have residents from Cornish participating on our Diversion Committee. It is wonderful to see individuals such as these dedicating their time to the youth and families of Sullivan County.

We have served one Cornish youth through our Sullivan County Youth Court Diversion Program. Our diversion program continues to receive the most referrals. This youth had the opportunity to access our Resource Center. The Resource Center houses many different forms of information pertaining to youth and families. We have pamphlets, brochures, books, and videos. It is open to the public and offers the availability to view the materials on site through the use of a TV, VCR, and internet access. The family may also take home materials for their viewing.

We served one Cornish youth through our Community Service Program. We have approximately 23 sites around the county that youth are referred to. Some youth decide to stay at the sites after their hours are completed in a voluntary capacity due to the positive experiences they have had.

We continue to offer further outreach services such as a tobacco program and a shoplifting program. One of our newest initiatives this past year is the STARD Program. This is a teen group that is offered within the schools or can be community based. The topics that are covered consist of substance use, peer pressure, anger management, theft, and the criminal justice system. We have served 45 youth within Sullivan County.

We would like to thank the Town of Cornish for its assistance. Without your support our programs could not be a successful. It is important that we work together to serve the youth of Sullivan County in order to help promote healthy and successful futures.

If you have any questions regarding the services we offer, please do not hesitate to contact me at 543-0427 ext. 422.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Cooney  
Children and Youth Services Director

## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2002

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have looked at issues as wide-ranging as management of wild trout in the river's headwaters to recreational trails on abandoned rail lines. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river and its valley.

This year we hosted public presentations by the states and EPA on a major study of contamination in the river's sediments. Following up on widespread public concern for riverbank erosion, we have restored two priority sites identified by our technical team and the county conservation districts on the mainstem. A third will be completed next summer. We have assisted the Army Corps of Engineers with a reconnaissance of other major erosion sites.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, we were able to provide \$145,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including grants for citizen water quality monitoring on Mill Brook in VT and the Ashuelot River in NH, a bi-state Milk Marketing Study Group, and the Connecticut River Birding Trail guide.

We continue to work to bring the attention of federal and state agencies to the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, to give local people new influence in the decisions of their government when it comes to their river. For example, our local subcommittees called for better local protection of shoreland, valley farms, and floodplains. We encourage towns to adopt the *River Plan* into their town's master plan.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we created exhibits for each of them, and provided staff and coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

Our five local river subcommittees are an active voice for river issues in their regions. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at [www.crijc.org](http://www.crijc.org) for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, or see our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT 2002

The efforts to conserve the natural resources of Cornish continue by both the Conservation Commission and by private individuals throughout Cornish. The Conservation Award for 2002 was presented to Suzanne Lupien/Farmers Market and everyone who makes it possible. This group along with all those who buy at the market help farming to be viable, to keep land in production and to maintain the rural character of our town. Many individuals have placed conservation easements on their property to ensure that their land will remain undeveloped in the future. Both these endeavors are strongly encouraged and endorsed by the Commission which is working closely with the Upper Valley Land Trust and the Land Conservation Investment Program, a New Hampshire state agency.

The Commission has attended and participated in meetings and conferences keeping current and learning of new issues and ways to conserve resources. We participated in the annual conference of the New Hampshire Conservation Commission Association where the experiences of the commission from all New Hampshire towns are shared and new methods are discussed. Other such meetings were the *New Hampshire law lecture series*, the implementation of New Hampshire's new tax incentive for historic barn preservation, and meetings with the Upper Valley Land Trust, and Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

The Commission has undertaken a project to help control beaver activity in certain areas by installing baffles within their dams to control water levels and still permit the beavers to live in the area. We continue to work to maintain safe housing for the bats at the town locations, monitor and make recommendations to the Department of Environmental Services regarding dredge & fill permit applications, walk and monitor conservation easement lands throughout Cornish, financially support the Riverfest program for the Cornish School, organize Green-Up day for the cleaning of sides of Cornish roads each spring which will be held this year around the third week of April, support the efforts of the town forest committee, and work in conjunction with other town boards to keep Cornish the town in which we all want to live.

We wish to thank Gar Hier and Donna Bleazard for their years of service on the Commission.

Don Snowden, Vice Chair  
Michael Yatsevitch  
Rickey Poor  
Mary Beth Heiskell  
Betty Miller

Bill Gallagher, Selectmen  
Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate  
Nancy Newbold, Alternate  
Bill Ladd, Alternate  
Ned Swanberg, Alternate

## CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION

The Cornish Fair Directors wish to thank our dedicated volunteers and sponsors, whose help and contributions make it possible to continue to provide this successful community event. We remain committed and steadfast in our efforts to continue the tradition of providing an activity of education and recreation for the community, of raising money for educational and other purposes, and encouraging an interest in agriculture and the arts and crafts.

In 2002 we began work on a new project—a blacksmith museum to be located in the tree line between the pulling ring and the sand pit area where the horse/ox pullers park during the pulls. We plan to do this through the generous donations of time and materials from several craftsmen, tradesmen and other interested folks from the community. We expect the project to take another three years and we will be demonstrating many of the building phases during the fair as the project proceeds. Once complete, we will be showcasing and demonstrating various types of blacksmithing during the Fair.

2002 also saw the return of the Queen Contest where large crowds gathered to watch contestants from several local communities in talent, interview and evening gown competition. Contestants competed for ribbons, trophies, and cash prizes.

The shallow dug well that supplied water to the Fair rental property and the office (mobile home) ran dry after the Fair and did not come back even after the rains in the Fall. The solution—a new 600-foot artesian well was put in at a cost of \$10,000.

Although we have a very dedicated group of volunteers for whom we are extremely grateful, they, and we would appreciate additional help. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact us. There are many volunteer opportunities—we can accommodate almost any amount of time you have to give before, during, or after the Fair. We also have openings on the Board of Directors; applications must be received by September 8, 2003 and are available from the Secretary.

Current Fair Directors include: Selden “Buz” Lord, President; Wayne Gray, Vice President; Steve Corliss, Treasurer; Jan Lord, Secretary; Marcia Clark, Assistant Treasurer; Ruth Ferland, Assistant Secretary; Jan Abbott, Leland and Eric Atwood; Brad Churchill, Bob Demars; Marie Edwards, Reverend Nicholas, and Marcia Paradis.

Although the Fair ended its fiscal year with a loss, once again many, community non-profit organizations were paid directly by the Fair for services they performed for the Fair. They included:

4-H Premiums	\$7065
Boy Scout Troop 332 (Rubbish Removal)	\$ 700
Claremont Firefighters Assn. (Parking)	\$2924
Cornish Rescue Squad (First Aid Station)	\$1300
Cornish SCIP (Admission Ticket Sales)	\$4045



Meriden Volunteer Fire Department (Ride Ticket Sales)	\$3015
NH Antique Tractor Club (Tractor Pull)	\$2000
Sugar Valley Snow Riders (Parking)	\$2924
Windsor High School Soccer Club (Litter Removal)	\$ 500

Many other non-profit groups raised money through booth sales and fund raising events during the fair. They included: Parks Grange, Blow-Me-Down Snowmobile Riders, Sullivan Country Sportsmen, Enfield/Mascoma Lions, Cornish 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Windsor Coon Hunter Assn., American Legion Post 22, Sullivan County 4-H Leaders Association, Twin State Trail Busters, Windsor Elks, Cornish Fire Department, Fall Mountain FAA, Cornish Elementary French Club, and the CREA Barn Committee.

THIS YEAR'S FAIR DATES ARE AUGUST 15-17, 2003. SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!

Submitted by,

Jan Lord, Secretary

**CORNISH FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2002 REPORT**

Last year Cornish answered 102 calls:

Auto Accident.....	37	911 Hang Ups.....	1
Fire Alarm Activation....	12	Medical Assist.....	1
Conn. River Search.....	2	Mutual Aid.....	19
Other Fire.....	30		

At this time the Cornish Fire Department has two projects in the works. The first, which we hope to have done by the time of this report, is a New Mini Pumper. Houses are now being built in places that are harder to get to with a full size pumper so the department felt a new mini pumper would better serve these locations. The cost of this new truck is around \$85,000; this money has been raised through fundraising and donations.

The second, more long-range project that we are saving towards is to replace the fire station in the Flat. We have a good start towards this project and welcome any support.

In order to stay compliant with the new regulations concerning air packs we had to do a major upgrade to our air packs. The upgrade deals with the alarm system on the packs, it warns the person wearing the pack of low air, and also if a fire fighter goes down it sends a loud alarm to attract other fire fighters. This upgrade cost \$9,000 and I thought I had covered this within the budget. There were some end of December bills that I did not expect and that is why the budget is over.

I hope that you never need the services of the Cornish Fire Department or the Cornish Rescue Squad, but both of these organizations are staffed with the best people you can find anywhere and they stand ready to respond anytime, so don't hesitate to call.

Early detection is a key to any emergency. Be sure to have smoke detectors and be sure they are working

**SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!**

Special thanks to all that make the Cornish Fire Department and Cornish Rescue Squad what they are.

Nathan Cass  
Cornish Fire Chief

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs

A NEW LAW EFFECTIVE January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning (RSA 125-N). Contact New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your local fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of forests and Lands website at [www.nhdfi.com](http://www.nhdfi.com) or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

### ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

#### 2002 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported through November 10, 2002)

#### TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	52	13.5
Carroll	80	10.5
Cheshire	39	17
Coos	3	2.5
Grafton	53	21
Hillsborough	108	54.5
Merrimack	94	13.5
Rockingham	60	25.5
Strafford	31	23
Sullivan	20	6

#### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Illegal	7
Misc*	356
Smoking	32
Children	32
Campfires	31
Rekindle of Permit	3
Arson	43
Lightning	36
Misc*	158

\*(Misc: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

## OVERSEERS OF GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Most people think of the Overseers of General Assistance as the welfare department, governed by State and Town eligibility criteria, and organized to help provide the basic needs of food and shelter for those who meet the established guidelines.

However, this department also serves as a resource for people who just need a helping hand. We had several requests for assistance by Senior residents, and we were able to provide necessary services or help them access the proper resources in a timely manner. Thanks to caring individuals and a strong social service network, a number of referrals were handled with no impact on the budget.

Volunteers In Action, a Windsor-based organization, has extended its services to Cornish. The Millar Fund, established by the late Mr. and Mrs. David Millar of Meriden, has contributed \$700 to subsidize our Senior Luncheons, which are held at the Masonic Hall on School Street, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The Food Pantry, organized by the United Church of Cornish, is available to all in need, and was again stocked with many bushels of potatoes and other vegetables donated by Edgewater Farm.

Our thanks to all whom have contributed time, money, and effort to help make our program one that encompasses a broad range of services, issues and concerns.

Overseers of General Assistance  
Connie Kousman  
Judith Kaufman  
Martha Zoerheide

**HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT  
2002**

2002 was a typical year for the Health Department. Ginny Prince and Jenny Schad (Deputy Health Officer) inspected 23 food booths at the Cornish Fair. Other routine activities included inspection of respite care and daycare facilities. Jenny Schad created a file of public health information which is available at the library.

Aging and failing septic systems continue to be a problem. Malfunctioning and failed septic systems pose risks to human health as well as to the health of the environment. If you have concerns about septic systems in town, contact, Ginny Prince, the selectmen, the state Department of Environmental Services Subsystems Bureau (271-3501 or [www.des.state.nh.us/ssb/](http://www.des.state.nh.us/ssb/)) or a licensed septic system installer.

Funding from the USDA in the form of very low interest loans and grants is available annually for the elderly and others unable to afford health related home costs such as well drilling, septic system replacement and repair, heating system repair and home winterizing. For information contact Ginny Prince or the USDA Rural Development Office at 756-3230.

Ginny Prince, DVM

## CORNISH HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2002 REPORT

The year 2001-2002 has been a busy year for the Highway Department. March brought heavy snowfalls with three large snowstorms in two weeks time. The road crew worked hard to keep up with the snow accumulation and keep roads passable.

We put down 900 yards of Bank Run Gravel during the spring mud season. New culverts were installed on Lang Road and Clark Camp Road. Stage Road was also chipped sealed. Pike Paving of Lebanon, NH shimmed School Street and one mile of Jackson Road.

Plans for this summer include chip sealing and laying down 2500 yards of crushed gravel on roads where needed.

The new Galeon Grader was delivered on September 25<sup>th</sup> and has been a tremendous benefit with the grading of roads and pushing back the snow during the past few storms this winter.

I would like to thank the Selectmen for all the help they have given to me this year, to the road crew who have done a tremendous job and to the townspeople of Cornish who have supported me.

Thomas E. Spaulding  
Road Agent



## CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### 2002 Report To The Town

The Society's most important project continues to be the rehabilitation of the former Selectmen's Office on School Street. We are very pleased that of the building's three rooms two are ready for us to use; they look beautiful. They will serve as an exhibition space for the Society's collections. We were awarded a grant from the Lane and Elizabeth Dwinell Charitable Trust to help us purchase a security system to protect these collections. Since it complements earlier grants from the James Tasker Covered Bridges Fund and the town's Spirit Committee, we are extremely grateful for these votes of confidence in our mission. Because we have not yet reached our financial goal, we are still depending on the community's continuing generosity in our fundraising efforts. We hope to be able to have an Open House this spring to show you what we have accomplished.

The focus of our several meetings is primarily on the contributions Cornish has made to the arts and the crafts in America. Our September meeting, "The Women of the Cornish Colony," was led by Alma Gilbert-Smith in conjunction with the exhibition at the Cornish Colony Gallery and Museum about the creative activity of the women connected with the Cornish Colony. Jim Atkinson talked briefly about Louise Saunders's *The Knave of Hearts* and Lydia Parrish's *Slave Songs of the Georgia Sea Islands*. The following month, in response to many requests for our get-togethers to be held during the daylight hours and on other than a weekday, we opened up the second floor of the Meetinghouse to show lovely quilts done and collected by local residents--including one donated by Winnie Brooks with the names of her pupils on it. (For those who don't recognize her name, she was a schoolteacher in Cornish for many years--with many devoted students.) The donors were present to provide more information about these quilts to those attending.

Our first meeting in 2003 will continue the craft theme as local artist Desirée Shafman will tell us "How To Create A Mural" by describing what a mural painting is and how you go about creating one. She will also elaborate on the Cornish Elementary School's Mural Project. The May meeting will be somewhat of a departure. It will be held at Kathy and Larry Welker's interesting house on Route 12-A, the Jonathan Chase house, to hear about how they unearthed a Colonial penny on the very site of the discovery.

Attempting to maintain the annual June focus on gardens, Jim Atkinson will present an illustrated talk about the gardens pictured in books by Charles A. Platt, his *Italian Gardens*, published in 1894, and those Maxfield Parrish illustrated for Edith Wharton's 1904 book, *Italian Villas and Their Gardens*. In many cases his photographs are taken from the same vantage points as the ones used by Platt and Parrish.

We should again like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who participated in our bake sales on Memorial Day and over the Columbus Day weekend. Thanks to you we were able to fulfill our self-imposed contribution to the Town so that it can pay the increased fire insurance premium on our covered bridges as well as to benefit our Restoration Fund.

Our meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend. Furthermore, the Society welcomes new members who share our interest in the town's past.

Jim Atkinson, President  
Betty Caterino, Vice President  
Bernice Johnson, Secretary  
Beth Lum, Corresponding Secretary  
Hannah Schad, Treasurer



## CORNISH HONOR SOCIETY YEAR 2002 REPORT

Our program of financial support for our local Boy Scout Troop 332 continued through 2002 with positive results. Specifically, our assistance has made it possible for more scouts to participate in their "Big" trips (approximately 17 events overall in 2002) and to maintain a Troop strength of 17 boys and 18 registered adult leaders. Three more boys, and possibly 2 more adult leaders, are expected to be added during 2003. In other good news, one of the Scouts recently completed the Eagle Scout Program, the first in several years. We plan to continue to support Troop 332 again in 2003.

Anyone who would like more Scouting information can contact Scoutmaster John M. Bailey at [jbailey19@fcgnetworks.net](mailto:jbailey19@fcgnetworks.net).

Anyone wanting to contact the Cornish Honor Society can do so through any of the Trustees listed below or at the following email address: [johnwhite@MySun.com](mailto:johnwhite@MySun.com).

### Trustees of the Cornish Honor Society

John White, Chair

Joanne Ardinger, Vice Chair

Bernice Johnson, Secretary

Bill Ardinger, Treasurer

Mike Yatsevitch

Ann Neidecker

Joanne Miller

## UVLSRPC HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ANNUAL REPORT – 2002

During 2002, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) organized four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events in three different locations throughout the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region. The events covered thirteen New Hampshire communities, the ten member communities of the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District—which co-sponsors events held in Hartford—and three additional Vermont communities. Eight hundred and five households, together with a small number of local businesses, brought over 9,000 gallons of hazardous waste to the collections. (Although collections are for residents only, businesses may pre-arrange to bring their waste to a collection). New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services grants, acquired by UVLSRPC for Participating NH communities, saved over \$12,000 for NH towns. The collections have continued to be successful and four (with one additional event currently being negotiated) are schedule for the summer and fall of 2003. Cornish residents may participate in the July 12<sup>th</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> collections being held at the Hartford Hazardous Waste Facility from 8:00 am to Noon.

As part of the collection events, UVLSRPC provides promotional flyers to participating towns and advertises the event in local newspapers. Additionally, flyers detailing oil collection sites, computer recycling, and other topics are available to interested households or municipalities.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee (UVHHWC), acting as the “educational arm” of the HHW project, provides support at collection events held at the Hartford Hazardous Waste Facility site. The UVHHWC is a volunteer committee working to reduce harm to the environment and human health caused by the use and improper disposal of household hazardous waste in the Upper Valley. The Committee aims to:

- Educate the public to the dangers of hazardous waste.
- Encourage the use of less hazardous products in the home.
- Promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste.
- Support local agencies which reflect/promote their mission.

Although the Committee serves only the core Upper Valley region, the interactive exhibits and educational materials managed by them are available to all UVLSRPC member towns.

**CORNISH MEETINGHOUSE  
2002 REPORT**

The Farmer's Market and Cornish Historical Society were again the most frequent users of the Meetinghouse. The Cornish Historical Society had their schedule of events take place in the Meetinghouse with their last meeting of the Fall being a quilt display in the upper second floor meeting room. The Farmer's Market used the Meetinghouse lawn and occasionally the building when the weather was inclement. The Memorial Day service again takes place on the lawn of the Meetinghouse with many school children as well as townspeople participating.

The foyer was scraped and painted this summer since it is difficult to keep paint because of the moisture and cold. We continue to plan to eventually do a more extensive repair on the slate roof and if anyone is interested in contributing to this fund, please send a check to George Edson, Clark Camp Rd., Cornish, NH 03745.

Caroline Storrs, Chairperson  
Susan Chandler, Secretary  
George Edson, Treasurer  
Orville Fitch.

**FINANCIAL REPORT 2002**

	Balance on hand 1/01/02	\$6,703.62
Income		
	Interest Income	\$ 119.00
	Contributions	<u>75.00</u>
	Total	\$ 194.00
Expenses		
	Fuel	\$ 65.21
	Electricity	95.82
	Repairs	<u>394.96</u>
	Total	\$ 555.99
	Balance on hand 12/31/02	\$6,341.63

**MT. ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**Connecticut River Joint Commissions**  
**Annual Report 2002**

This year, the Subcommittee continued to provide information, advice and assistance to the states, towns, and to local landowners on projects on or near the river, including transportation and development projects near the river, and riverbank stabilization.

We distributed the Connecticut River Joint Commissions' guide to "Boating on the Connecticut River" as well as the new "Explorations Along the Connecticut River Byway of Vt and NH" map and guide. These are free and available to the public.

Towns in our region are reviewing the many tools and recommendations in our *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*. Several communities are actively moving to incorporate them as they update their existing town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly to improve shoreland protection.

Cornish is presently unrepresented on the subcommittee. Citizens interested in representing the Town are encouraged to contact the Selectmen. The public is welcome to join in our meetings, at the Windsor House on the second Tuesday evening of every other month. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, is on the web at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org).

Cheston Newbold,  
Connecticut River Commissioner

**CORNISH PLANNING BOARD  
2002 ANNUAL REPORT**

Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month, in 2002 the Cornish Planning Board held eight hearings on various actions; all eight were approved. The Board has been compiling your responses to the Master Plan Questionnaire and looks forward to further community involvement in the next stage of the Master Plan update. If you have not returned your questionnaire, it is not too late.

2002 ACTIONS

<u>Major Subdivisions</u>	Duane and Evelyn Allen	Burr Road
<u>Minor Subdivisions</u>	Perry and Kathleen Coombs Guest Family Trust	Whitewater Road So Parsonage Road
<u>Annexations</u>	Richard and Janet Avery New Branch Properties, LLC Anthony and Valerie Newton Trustee of Joan Queneau Fred and Charles Weld	Meriden Stage Road East Road School Street Burr Road Root Hill Road

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2002 Members

Peter Storrs, Chair  
John Hammond, Vice Chair  
Cheston Newbold, Secretary  
Anne Hier  
Connie Kousman  
Gail McKenzie

Larry Dingee, Selectman  
Bill Lipfert, Alternate  
Heidi Jaarsma, Alternate

**CORNISH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2002 REPORT**

The year 2002 brought continued staffing shortages at the Police department. We have ended the year fully staffed. This was accomplished with the hiring of Officer Crystal Dole, a full time officer for the Claremont Police Department, and Corey Stevens, a Cornish resident. Officer Stevens will be attending the Part Time Police Academy during the months of January and February 2003. This is a tough course schedule and we appreciate his family's patience while he attends school and studies during his time at home.

During 2002, the Cornish Police Department handled 804 calls. This is an almost 11% increase over 2001. Our burglaries increased 30%, but with the help of the NH State Police, Windsor Police, Claremont Police, Plainfield Police, and some very observant Cornish residents, I am happy to report that 90% of those cases were solved with arrests. I urge all Cornish residents who witness suspicious activity to call the Police department and make us aware. You never know when you may be holding the missing key to our case.

The number of motor vehicle accidents also increased 30% during 2002. A vast majority of these occurred during inclement weather. We would like to remind you to take extra time when traveling in bad conditions, and leave plenty of space between you and other vehicles. A major focus of the Cornish Police Department will be traffic enforcement in 2003. We will continue to do speed enforcement in areas of town that are identified as problem areas.

In August of 2002, the Town received almost \$10,000 of digital radio equipment through a Federal grant program called NH LAWnet. In late October, after all the police departments in Sullivan County had their equipment installed, the Sullivan County Police Radio system turned on the digital capability and left all of scanner land with an annoying whine whenever police units talk. While this may inconvenience some scanner enthusiasts, it has been a great help to law enforcement.

Lastly, we would like to take a moment to thank the residents of Cornish for their continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time to voice a concern or pass along information.

Yours in Safety,

Sgt. E. Douglas Hackett  
Officer Crystal Dole

Officer Michael Boutilier  
Officer Corey Stevens

**CORNISH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2002 STATISTIC REPORT**

DESCRIPTION	02 YTD	01 YTD	DESCRIPTION	02 YTD	01 YTD
Abandoned Property	7	4	Lockouts	3	7
Accident	86	61	Lost Property	1	1
Alarms	77	62	Manner of Operation	9	12
Animal	29	26	Medical Emergency	12	8
Arson	0	1	Message Delivery	11	3
Assist Fire Dept	8	15	Missing Adults	2	1
Assist Other Depts	20	21	MV Stops	110	72
Bad Checks	3	0	Noise Complaints	2	2
BOL	11	16	OHRV	4	2
Building Checks	0	9	Open Door/Windows	2	1
Burglary	10	7	Outside Detail	2	0
Check Well Being	6	3	Parking Problem	7	4
Civil Matters	5	4	Pistol Permits	1	3
Community Service	9	7	Police Informationq	23	19
Criminal Mischief	13	13	Public Hazards	2	4
Criminal Threatening	2	3	Request Officer	38	17
Trespass	1	3	Request Transport	5	5
Dept. Requests	0	10	Ride-A-long	0	2
Disabled Vehilces	16	17	Serve Paperwork	18	15
Dog Complaints	54	57	Sexual Assault	2	0
Domestic Disturbances	16	8	Shots Fired	4	7
Driving while Intoxicated	1	1	Simple Assault	3	4
Drugs	3	0	Suicide Attempt	1	0
Escorts	1	0	Suspicious Activity	28	40
Fingerprints	5	3	Temp Restrain Order	2	1
Fish & Game Matters	2	5	Thefts	19	13
Found Property	3	7	Town Office Requests	4	0
Harassment	11	5	Traces 911	8	16
Highway Matters	17	3	Traffic Problems	10	15
House Checks	7	3	Untimely Death	3	0
Illegal Dumping	4	4	VIN Checks	25	24
Juvenile Complaints	7	30	Wanted Persons	4	4
Keep the Peace	5	6			
			<b>NUMBER OF CALLS</b>	804	716
			<b>CRUISER MILEAGE</b>	10976	8573

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS  
2002

During the year 2002, the Zoning Board heard six cases, resulting in four Special Exceptions, one Variance, and one Appeal.

The Zoning Board meets at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month at the Town Offices unless no hearings have been warned and no new business has been brought to the Board.

Karim Chichakly, Chairman  
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chairman and Clerk  
Bruce Tracy  
Suzanne Lupien  
Molly Young  
Bill Balch  
Dale Rook

RECORDS PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

THERE WAS A TOTAL OF TWO BOOKS RESTORED THIS YEAR: VOLUME 14 OF THE TOWN RECORDS AND THE TOWN REPORT BOOKS THAT NEED TO BE BOUND ABOUT EVERY FIVE YEARS WERE DONE. THERE IS ONLY THREE BOOKS LEFT THAT NEEDS TO BE RESTORED. VOLUMNES 15, 16 AND 17 OF THE TOWN RECORDS. THE PRICE QUOTE RECEIVED AT THIS TIME IS: VOLUME 15 = \$1500, VOLUME 16 = \$2200 AND VOLUME 17 = \$1800 WITH THE TOTAL BEING \$5500. OUR PLAN IS TO DO ONE BOOK EVERY YEAR OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT. IT REALLY SHOWS HOW RESPECTFULL THE CITIZENS OF CORNISH ARE CONCERNING THE PRESEVERATION OF OUR OLD RECORDS.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

TEENIE (MAYBELLE) ROCK  
REIGH H. SWEETSER



**CORNISH RECYCLING**  
**2002**

The Recycling Center, located on Route 120, continues to be utilized by the townspeople of Cornish more and more. The Highway Department has taken over the hauling of the materials collected to Keene, NH. Recycling Center where there are no tipping fees.

In 2002 the Highway hauled to Keene the following:

6940 lbs. of Plastic, Tin, & Aluminum Cans  
6300 lbs. of Cardboard  
8220 lbs. of Mixed Glass  
48380 lbs. of Mixed Paper  
69840 lbs. Total

Payroll expenses for the Recycling Center were \$3705 which covered the cost of hauling to Keene and Saturdays when the Recycling Center is open. Miscellaneous expenses were \$110 but we did realize revenue of \$505.

At this time I would like to remind the people of Cornish that the Recycling Center is only open on Saturdays until noon and is closed on Holiday weekends and when the weather is such that the Highway needs to be out plowing roads.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Spaulding  
Road Agent

Ladies and Gentlemen of District 3:

The second year of the Session passed very quickly and regrettably the education funding issue eluded a solution. Unfortunately in an election year tough decisions are not made, especially, if they might be unpopular. Something I have never worried about.

The BROAD BASE STATE WIDE PROPERTY TAX is still in place and there are those of us who have, and will continue to fight until we rid ourselves of this onerous tax. I am very concerned that the property tax will bear an even greater burden as more costs are passed down from State government. The property tax cannot withstand all the demands that are and will be placed on it. Never forget that this tax is not based on a persons ability to pay, making it the most unfair of all. The message was loud and clear in November that the citizens do not want a sales or income tax, and I agree. However, I say that the BROAD BASE STATE WIDE PROPERTY TAX should enjoy the same status. It is enough that this tax must fund our municipal and county governments.

I look forward to a productive session with a new Captain at the helm of this grand Ship of State. We were given a mandate from the people to solve the education crisis and I am confident that if we stay the course we will be well on our way to reaching our goals. This will take a unanimous effort by the entire Legislature, Republican and Democrat and all factions in between.

Once again, I am sitting on the Criminal Justice & Public Safety Committee and House Rules. Criminal Justice has over 90 bills and each one must have a public hearing. This is a very busy and interesting committee. The word is that the Legislature will have well over one thousand bills to deal with this term.

This will be my last report for District 3 and the five towns that I have represented for the past four years. My new District 19, which I share with Representative Burling, takes in the towns of Grantham, Plainfield, and Cornish. At this time I wish to thank the citizens of Springfield and Sunapee for all their past support. I will miss them. To the citizens of my new District 19, as before, I pledge to do my best to support my constituents and their needs.

As always I welcome your input on any issue which is of interest or concern to you. Please feel free to call or write me at 863-8395 or PO Box 975, Grantham 03753.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Constance Jones

## SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

The highlight of the year was completion of the Collections Storage Building and Curatorial Offices. The congressional funded project in 2001 cost \$461,559 and the building was occupied by July 4, 2002. The work was done by Wesfield Construction of West Chesterfield, NH. In August 2002 work began on the rehabilitation of the former maintenance building as a visitor facility with an addition for sanitary facilities. The contract in the amount of \$484,475 was let to the same contractor, Wesfield (the sole bidder on the project). The building should be ready by March and provide the only on site accessible toilet facilities, a small office for the ranger staff; a bookstore and visitor computer terminal area as well as an enclosed viewing area for an orientation video and a park library office.

A Curriculum Package for use in elementary and secondary classes (K-12) was completed in 2002. The funding for this project in the past two years came from a grant from the Putnam Advisory fund of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial. The funding also provides for a limited number of resources such as publications in print and multi-media available to teachers and curriculum specialists to borrow in conjunction with classroom use. A new Junior Ranger program was completed this past year. The program booklets-exercises for young people to complete during their visit to the site - participants are awarded a Junior Ranger Patch/Badge following successful completion of the exercises.

There were 34,170 visitors in calendar year 2002. Fees were increased to \$5.00 per person this past year. Overall visitation decreased by 9% in 2002 over the previous year.

One of our VIPs, Irmis Snowden of Cornish, NH has been working over the past few years on a project to computerize our black and white photographs. Now she is working on the color slides.

The Saint-Gaudens Memorial provided nine concert programs on Sundays during the summer season. A total of 3,000 people attended the concerts. The August 4, 2002 concert featured the composers of the Cornish Art Colony in a special program performed by Silverwood. There were three art exhibitions in the Picture Gallery produced by the Saint-Gaudens Memorial.

During this past year the collections benefited from \$29,500 spent on conservation. The Saint-Gaudens Memorial donates \$10,000 annually for these purposes. In 2002 we were able to work on a 17<sup>th</sup> century tapestry exhibited in "Aspet" as well as a portrait relief of Anne Parrish by Saint-Gaudens assistant Frances Grimes, exhibited at the Cornish Gallery & Museum.

A thirteen museum tour of over seventy works by Saint-Gaudens will open at the North Carolina Museum of Art in February and will remain on travel through the end of 2005. Over sixty works are from the park collections.

As a result of a successful grant from the Wellborn Ecology Fund of the Upper Valley Community Foundation, the park developed and produced a series of eight environmental education programs. Presentations by professional specialists, ranged in subject matter from Bears, to Breeding Birds to Raptors, winter wildlife and the geological forces that shaped the Connecticut River Valley. The very serious threat: Hemlock Woolly Adelgid was the subject of an evening lecture, as well as the hopeful presentation on the return of the American Chestnut tree in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In May of 2002, the park biologist presented *water quality* workshops at the Cornish elementary School for approximately 75 students.

Cyclic Repairs to the Saint-Gaudens Farmhouse (park Quarters) are being carried out including reshingling the exterior, replacing the deck and repair and repainting of the trim and shutters.

The hemlock hedge on the north side of the house had been let go over the past ten or twelve years and was cut back December 2002 to a manageable height.

John Dryfhout  
Superintendent

## SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dear Residents of Cornish:

Southwestern Community Services would like to thank the residents of Cornish for your continued support of our efforts to serve the needs of our local communities.

During the past year we have delivered a variety of direct services to 109 residents of the Town of Cornish. The value of these services totaled **\$26,247**.

These were comprised of Head Start, Women Infants & Children (WIC), Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, Eldercare, Homeless Services, and The Commodity Food Program.

It is due to the local support, which we receive that we are able to conduct the outreach that is necessary to deliver these services. Southwestern Community Services welcomes any comments or inquiries and invites you to call and schedule a visit to our offices to learn more about what we are all about.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

David W. Osgood, Deputy Director  
Southwestern Community Services.

**George H. Stowell Free Library  
2002 Report**

It has been an active year at the Cornish Town Library. The biggest news to report is the installment of a new computer system that connects all the libraries in the state for the purpose of inter-library loans. Librarians throughout New Hampshire have gone through extensive training in preparation for this major transition. Kinks in the system continue to arise, and the state is doing its best to address them. The good news is that I am adjusting to the change-over successfully. This is not always easy given I am on my own without colleagues to problem solve with.

Inter-library loan allows patrons to borrow titles that are not a part of our collection from other libraries in the state. We continue to make good use of this system. The amount of books we borrow through inter-library loan has increased steadily over the years due to the demands of our successful monthly book discussion group and knowledge on the community's part about the existence of this terrific system. This year we borrowed 190 books and loaned 25. Even though our library is small, books we own are utilized by other libraries in the state.

An enthusiastic group of Cornish children signed up for the summer reading program in 2002. A highlight was our trip to the Claremont Opera House for a children's production about Fairy Tales, followed by complimentary ice cream cones, thanks to the grandparents of summer reading program participant Mercedes West, who operate an ice cream parlor in Claremont. Those involved also learned about "Valley Quest", a resource containing "a collection of 89 treasure hunts across Vermont and New Hampshire." The group followed Cornish's own quest to the Jonathan Wyman Sawmill. Many thanks to Kathleen Maslan for leading one of our get togethers and to Vicki West and Karen Jameson for carpooling as well as their support.

If you are interested in joining our monthly book discussion group, contact the library. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Book choices are a combination of fiction and nonfiction, selected by members of the group. Also, do not forget the bookmobile. Ginny Gage and Bernice Johnson, our bookmobile volunteers deliver books, videos and audio books to people in the community who are unable to make it to the library. Get in touch with us if this sounds appealing.

A big thanks to our regular volunteers. 2002 was a success because of your efforts. Many others have donated money and materials, and to you we are truly grateful. Thank you all for your support. See you in 2003

Emily Cromwell, librarian

2002 Circulation Statistics

People 2851	Books 3059	Tapes 770
Magazines 323	Copier 107	Computer 123

GEORGE STOWELL FREE LIBRARY  
BUDGET REPORT 2002

**INCOME (ACTUAL)**

	2002	2001	CHANGE
Beginning Balance	1143.59	583.56	560.03
Trust funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Town Funds	10,486.70	10,691.00	(204.30)
Interest	15.27	26.83	(11.56)
Book Fines	141.95	117.75	24.20
Book Sale	15.00	186.47	(171.47)
Donations	1,200.00	215	985.00
Fund Drive Transfer	475.00	0	475.00
			0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,977.51</b>	<b>13,320.61</b>	<b>1,656.90</b>
Less Expenses 2001	13,492.96	12,177.02	1,315.94
Balance December 31	1,484.55	1,143.59	340.96

**INCOME (ESTIMATED)**

	2003	2002	CHANGE
Beginning Balance	1,484.55	1,143.60	340.95
Trust Funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Requested Town funds	10,335	10,488	(153.30)
Interest	15	27	(12.00)
Book sale, fines, donations	350	350	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>13,684.25</b>	<b>13,507.90</b>	<b>176.35</b>
			0
2003 Budgeted Expenses	13,684.25	13,507.90	176.35

APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOWN      10,488.00      10,488.00      0

Librarian's salary: \$9.35/hr	10hrs/wk
Janitor's salary: \$8.67	5.75hrs/month

## SPIRIT COMMITTEE 2002

The Spirit Committee's project for 2002 was the painting of the Town Hall. We had a good turnout of volunteers and managed to get the lower part of the Town Hall Painted along with the Window trim. The upper portion was painted in early fall along with the replacement of the plexiglass covering the windows.

For 2003 we would like to wash and repaint the shutters for the Town Hall and scrape and paint the Little Town Hall. A sign up for volunteering for our 2003 project will be available at Town Meeting.

If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact either Nancy Newbold @ 675-2394 or Dale L. O'Connor @ 542-1280.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Newbold  
Dale L. O'Connor



Volunteers help paint the Town Hall on a warm summer day

*Photo by Nancy Newbold*



## SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE 2002 REPORT

Sullivan County Hospice has been existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a 12 member Board of Directors, all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

Our mission is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of the individuals we serve are home hospice patients, who have decided to remain at home under the care of their families. It is in this setting that we provide most of our services. However, we have the flexibility to follow and serve our patients and their families in a hospital or nursing home setting, as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, the grieving process, active listening and universal precautions. A few of the ways our volunteers provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands and light meal preparation. Our volunteers also provide emotional support to both the patient and their family, by being available to listen and offer reassurance and encouragements.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, as well as from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services, Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group. This group is scheduled for six sessions a year, each lasting a period of five weeks. These groups are open to anyone working through the grieving process.

We hope that you will continue to support our work as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Sincerely yours,

Annie Alcorn  
Director, Sullivan County Hospice

**SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (SCRDD)  
2002 REPORT**

The Selectmen have responded to a survey from the NH/VT Solid Waste Project (NH/VT SWP) concerning Cornish's future relationship with the controversial Wheelabrator trash incinerator in Claremont.

The Board informed the NH/VT SWP that we believe the Sullivan County towns should manage our solid waste independent of the Vermont district in order to avoid continued controversy. The Board also informed the SWP that we have no interest in a new contract with Wheelabrator and that our continued involvement with the SCRDD will be based on the District's ability to make recycling more efficient. Cornish's contract with Wheelabrator expires in 2007.

The New Hampshire Supreme Court ruled in 2002 that an action by the NH/VT SWP to keep legal invoices secret was illegal. The court decision came as a great relief to me because the procedure had always seemed un-democratic.

In my 2001 report I told of the results of a NH Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC) investigation into Wheelabrator's sale of electricity to the Connecticut Valley Electric Co. (CVEC). Since my report, the size of the overcharge has been increased from six to ten million dollars. The NHPUC said Wheelabrator overcharged CVEC and CVEC overcharged its customers. Public hearings have been held, but the case has not been resolved. A number of Cornish residents buy CVEC electricity.

The debate over whether the public or Wheelabrator will pay the two million dollars to repair the incinerator smokestack is apparently over, with Wheelabrator accepting responsibility, although no work has been done and mercury pollution continues.

Cornish residents are to be congratulated for the dramatic increase in recycling. Recycling coordinator Paul Goewey and Road Agent Tom Spaulding report the following totals for 2002:

Glass.....	8220 lbs	Cardboard.....	3700 lbs
Mixed paper.....	24160 lbs	Mixed containers.....	6480 lbs

Recycling saves money, energy and natural resources while dramatically reducing pollution.

Respectfully submitted,  
William E. Gallagher  
Cornish SCRDD Representative  
Tim Schad, Alternate

## TOWN FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2002 REPORT

On December 20th the Selectmen approved the management plan for the town forest. This followed more than 2 years of discussion and research by the management committee and interested residents and professionals, as well as review by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (easement holder) and a town wide meeting and review period. Many thanks to all who participated!

The management plan is a tool which has been designed “to protect undeveloped land for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of Cornish.” In order of importance, specific management priorities include:

1. insuring that residents have minimum impact access to natural, healthy lands;
2. protection and preservation of unique natural habitats such as vernal pools, mesic forests, wetlands and near “old growth” woods;
3. recognition and protection of the existing and potential natural systems of flora and fauna;
4. access and educational programs to foster appreciation of these natural resources;
5. minimum impact sustainable forest harvest in selected areas for improved forest health as well as cash income to finance town forests projects.”

Travel by motorized wheeled vehicles is restricted to non-mud season, and to Root Hill Road, the logging loop road and the powerline service road. The entire property is open to licensed hunters in season.

The committee has identified a small portion of the property (20 out of 270 acres) that we feel would benefit from active thinning and would be a suitable demonstration area for sustainable timber harvesting in the future. No logging is currently planned. Management activities on the “to do list” now include ‘weeding and thinning’ of the overstocked stands near Root Hill Road, placement of plank bridges to cross several wet spots on trails, and signing to clarify trail junctions, indicate trails on private lands and prevent 4-wheeler traffic from leaving motor vehicle travel corridors.

Please visit your town forest, participate in work days (starting in late spring) and feel free to discuss any issues with the committee members: Jim Fitch, Bill Gallagher, Gar Hier, Dale O’Connor, and Ginny Prince. Trail maps are available at the Town Office, and copies are also fixed at the major trailheads within the forest.

Cornish Town Forest Management Committee

Jim Fitch	Bill Gallagher
Gar Hier	Dale L. O’Connor
Ginny Prince	

## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002

The UVLSRPC is a nonprofit, voluntary association of 30 communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. Our service area is based on clusters of communities united by a long history of employment, transportation and education connections as well as by other issues of common concern. We serve Sullivan County and its Claremont-Newport socioeconomic center, the Towns of the Lake Sunapee area, and the Upper Valley. Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each of these three areas, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Your community's membership in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in both regional and statewide decision-making that affects the future of your community.

We provide the communities of the region with a mechanism to work together toward balanced growth, in part by developing and implementing a comprehensive regional plan. In 2002, we began an update of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan, incorporating and responding to what we have learned from 2002 Census data and the Upper Valley Housing Needs Analysis. Among other activities, we:

- Worked with area organizations and businesses to increase awareness of the serious housing shortage in the Upper Valley, and worked with communities to address the problem.
- Helped several communities obtain grant funds for a variety of projects, including planning for economic development, protection of watersheds, wildlife habitat, scenic resources and agricultural land, and building visitor facilities and bike paths.
- Provided guidance to the Sullivan County Economic Development Council on organizational issues; explored a possible new partnership with the North Country Economic Development District for Grafton County communities; continued work on the East-Central Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in partnership with Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation to ensure business growth meets the needs of our communities; and helped launch the Eastern Vermont Gateway Regional Marketing Organization to support tourism in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 11 communities with updates of the master plans and 10 with local land use regulations.
- Utilized special-purpose grants to develop a plan for Hartford's Route 5 South corridor that balances resource protection and industrial development goals; for Hartland's Three Corners area that improves the safety of the pedestrian and bicycle circulation; and for the areas surrounding Hartland's Interstate 91 interchange to maintain scenic vistas while facilitating appropriate development.

- Continued our assistance to watershed organizations planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including the Sugar River, Cold River, Mascoma River and Lull's Brook.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections that gave 805 households a way to keep approximately 9,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater.
- Began re-addressing in Claremont to improve emergency response; completed hazard mitigation plans in Lebanon and Enfield, and arranged funding to complete six more in the coming year, as well as integrate those in the core Upper Valley communities.
- Participated in the review of several proposed developments with potential regional impacts including the expansion of the Mt. Sunapee ski area, a proposed new boat ramp on Lake Sunapee, the new visitors' center and Vermont Institute for Natural Science museum at Quechee Gorge, and several telecommunications towers in our Connecticut River valley communities.
- Collected traffic data in 20 communities, and mapped new roads in 14 communities to qualify for state aid for maintenance.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to five communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Held 12 training sessions for local officials on land use regulations, natural resource protection, and the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on many issues including: improvements for roads and intersections, unmaintained road policies, management of excavations, preservation of historic resources, future school enrollment projections, capital improvement programming and impact fees, interpretation of local land use regulations, hiring consultants, and planning and zoning board procedures.
- Continued to increase the ability of our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analysis and natural resource planning; provided GIS services to 21 communities and partner organizations.
- Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; incorporated 2000 Census information into a new digital regional socioeconomic profile as it became available; and responded to

numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming years. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, and from local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603)448-1680 or [info@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:info@uvlsrpc.org) to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford  
Executive Director

VETERANS MEMORIAL  
2002

November 11, 2002 at 11:00 A.M. saw the unveiling and dedication of the new granite Veterans Memorial take place replacing the deteriorated Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wooden monument.

Over 150 adults and school children witnessed and participated in the unveiling during a ceremony which included Willis Reed singing "America". Delicious refreshments were provided and served by Suzanne Lupien, Janice Orien and several helpers.

The committee is in anticipation that the people of Cornish will approve the replacement of the old World War II wooden monument with another granite one similar to the new one.

A special thanks should go to Teenie Rock for all her time and effort given to this project.

The Veterans Monument Committee

Teenie Rock  
Reigh Sweetser  
Robert Maslan  
Stuart Hodgeman



Teenie and Jack Rock stand next to the new Veterans monument located on the green in Cornish Flat

**VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC  
REPORT – 2002**

Your Visiting Nurse Alliance services are like your police and fire departments. We are a vital part of your community safety net – with services that must be continuously available for you or anyone else who might need them – and the need can vary dramatically from year to year.

As a nonprofit agency, we are very appreciative of the continued support that the Town of Cornish provides to help us meet your residents’ home care, hospice and family health service needs.

- Town funds enable your family, friends and neighbors to remain at home and to receive skilled clinical services during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, short-term and chronic illness. Town funds provide support and symptom control during terminal illness, community wellness and important assistance to families at risk.
- Town funds help provide a comprehensive range of necessary care (determined by hospital discharge planners and attending physicians) for person of all ages and economic backgrounds including those who are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.

The Visiting Nurse Alliance of VT and NH provided the following services in the Town of Cornish this past year:

*Visits (July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002)*

Skilled Nursing	125	<i>Family Support Services</i>	
Physical Therapy	37	Families Served	1
Speech Therapy	37	Individuals Served	3
Occupational Therapy	4	Home Visits	1
Medical Social Worker	4	Fatherhood Program	
Home Health Aide	75	Dads served	1
Homemaker	50		
Hospice and Private Duty	32	<i>Clinic Attendees</i>	
		Flu	17
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>364</b>		
		<i>MCH</i>	
<i>Hospice VNH</i>			
Patient Families served	2	Children	1
Volunteer Hours	13.25		

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA



**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION**  
**Connecting neighbors with needs and people who care**  
**REPORT 2002**

Volunteers in Action bring together caring volunteers of all ages with neighbors in need of a helping hand, in Cornish and in adjacent towns in the Mt. Ascutney area.

There are currently six ViA volunteers in the Town of Cornish and over 100 volunteers in the Mt. Ascutney area. During the past year, seven Cornish residents received a total of 525 hours of service. Two Cornish residents are members of the Volunteers in Action Advisory Council and contribute their skills and experience in this manner.

Neighbor-to-neighbor volunteer services to Cornish residents include transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, help with chores, friendly visiting, telephone check-in and short term respite to relieve a caregiver.

Transportation to medical appointments is a personal door-to-door service, with the volunteer waiting for the person during the appointment and offering other assistance as needed.

Requests for help come through the visiting nurses, from Mt. Ascutney Hospital, from individuals themselves, friends and family members.

We appreciate the support of the Selectmen and the voters of Cornish in 2002. It is very important to the continuation of these essential services.

ViA has been affiliated with Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center since November 1, 2001. They provide partial funding that covers one third of our budget. ViA still has to rely on town funds, grants, local fundraising and donations from churches and individuals.

To request service or to consider volunteering, please call Margaret Campbell or Jannice Ellen at 674-5971. ViA has an office in the Historic Windsor House.

We welcome your inquiries.

Margaret Campbell  
Coordinator

Jannice Ellen  
Coordinator

**WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
**2002**

Board of Selectmen:

West Central Behavioral Health requests an appropriation from the Town of Cornish what will enable us to continue offering free or low cost services to residents of the community who are uninsured or underinsured. In FY 2002, West Central Behavioral Health provided residents of Cornish with \$6,855 of free or reduced cost mental and behavioral health services for which we received no reimbursement. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay to all communities in our service area, and are asking the cities and towns we serve to help us sustain that commitment to many of our most vulnerable neighbors. .

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Cornish, as well as Sullivan and southern Grafton Counties. Our mission is: “to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services.” Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing but highly treatable, conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, jails, nursing homes, schools, and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling psychiatric services, case management, and emergency consultations.

Some of the services provided to residents of Cornish this year include:

- 11 children and their families received 153 therapy sessions at our outpatient clinics in Newport, Lebanon, and Claremont.
- 32 Adult residents received 168 sessions of outpatient counseling for depression, anxiety, addictions, family issues, and other critical issues.
- 8 Residents contact our Emergency Services, available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

We hope you will help us provide quality mental health care to all who need it.

Sincerely,

Jesse D. Turner, Ph.D  
CEO & President

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2002**

<b>DATE OF MARRIAGE</b>	<b>BRIDEGROOM</b>		<b>BRIDE</b>	
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
01/15/2002	Limoges, William F.	Cornish, NH	Graham, Donna L.	Cornish, NH
02/22/2002	Fielder, David F.	Cornish, NH	Malone, Sonya L.	Cornish, NH
04/14/2002	Cohen, Marc E.	Cornish, NH	Copp, Linda G.	Cornish, NH
05/11/2002	Stone, Jeremy S.	Cornish, NH	Heroux, Holly A.	Cornish, NH
06/11/2002	Brown, Dawson S.	Missoula, MT	Meduffle, Elissa B.	Missoula, MT
06/15/2002	Hier, Gary L.	Cornish, NH	Durst, Carolyn C.	Cornish, NH
06/28/2002	Davis, Arthur E.	Cornish, NH	Covell, Gayle C.	Cornish, NH
07/06/2002	Berry, Christopher F.	Cornish, NH	Holloway, Lauren A.	Cornish, NH
07/13/2002	Gravel, John Hyatt	Woodstock, VT	Besaw, Deborah Anne	Woodstock, VT
07/27/2002	Lane, David Randolph	Natick, MA	Hornberler, Ch'uyasonqo	Natick, MA
09/14/2002	Reilley, Donald P.	Greenwich, CT	Rosen, Emily Robeson	Greenwich, CT
10/19/2002	Boutilier, Michael J.	Cornish, NH	Morse, Holly Ann	Cornish, NH
10/19/2002	Hofmann, Andrew M.	Cornish, NH	Porter, Annette M.	Cornish, NH
10/25/2002	Resnicoff, Bruce	Cornish, NH	Townsend, Rebeca L.	Cornish, NH
11/16/2002	Stannard, Neil P.	W. Lebanon, NH	Whittington, Elizabeth	Cornish, NH

I hereby certify that the above list is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Reigh H. Sweetser**  
Town Clerk

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 2002**

<b>CHILD' NAME</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>FATHER'S NAME</b>	<b>MOTHER'S NAME</b>
Mather, Grace Elizabeth	02/05/2002	Lebanon, NH	Mather, Jonathan	Mather, Lara
Merritt, Aanan Saskia	02/23/2002	Cornish, NH	Merritt, Jeremy	Cosgriff, Karrie
Strout, Meredith Olivia	03/05/2002	Lebanon, NH	Strout, James	Strout, Karen
Heim, William David	03/12/2002	Claremont, NH	Heim, Richard	Heim, Abigail
Hall, Isabella Marie	04/14/2002	Lebanon, NH	Hall, Joshua	Hall, Angie
Jones, Lindsey Susan	04/19/2002	Lebanon, NH	Jones, Kevin	Jones, Christina
Kibbie, Abigail Eliza	05/01/2002	Lebanon, NH	Kibbie, Robert	Kibbie, Carrie
Crawford, Tyler Jonathan	07/01/2002	Claremont, NH	Crawford, Joshua	Crawford, Barbara
Meeker, Brianna Rose	08/24/2002	Lebanon, NH	Meeker, Marc	Meeker, Nikki
Peck, Kylee Elizabeth	09/07/2002	Lebanon, NH	Peck, Andrew	Peck, Andrea
Passage, Mikayla Mary	10/17/2002	Lebanon, NH	Passage, Christopher	Passage, Kimberly
Mcgranaghan, Joseph A.	10/19/2002	Lebanon, NH	Mcgranaghan, Billy	Mcgranaghan, Sharon
Simino, Jacob Henry	11/16/2002	Lebanon, NH	Simino, Troy	Simino, Alicia
Fielder, Emily Jessica	12/20/2002	Claremont, NH	Fielder, David	Fielder, Sonya
Freak, Camdyn Marie	12/27/2002	Lebanon, NH	Freak, Shawn	Freak, Shannon

The above list is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Sweetser  
Town Clerk

**DEATHS AND BURIALS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 12/31/2002**

<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>NAME OF FATHER</u>	<u>NAME OF MOTHER</u>
01/02/2002	S. Royalton, VT	Rogers, Helen C.	Cheever, Horace	Hilliard, Hazel
01/22/2002	Claremont, NH	Morse, Rachel E.	Johnson, Harry B.	Waterman, Ida
02/14/2002	Lebanon, NH	Jones, Roland	Jones, Harry	Strong, Susan M
03/02/2002	Unity, NH	Cheever, Horace E.	Cheever, Fred	Gee, Grace
03/22/2002	Claremont, NH	Kidder, Marjerie Ida	Thompson, Leonard	George, Flossie
04/11/2002	Windsor, VT	Dennis, Marilyn (Pru)	Walker, Lee	Craig, Mary
04/12/2002	Cornish, NH	Chapin, George H.	Chapin, George	Masters, Mary
04/19/2002	Claremont, NH	Rawson, Barbara D.	Eastman, Willard	Lear, Dorothy
04/19/2002	Cornish, NH	Redland, Dora M.	Philbrick, Burtel	Kimball, Josie
04/28/2002	Cornish, NH	Wood, Ruth B.	Bugbee, Wm. Gates	Kellogg, Esther
05/06/2002	Cornish, NH	Hodgdon, Albert G.	Hodgdon, Porter	Lumbra, Reba
05/09/2002	Lebanon, NH	Marsh, Grace L	Cutler, Judson	Mann, Myrtle
05/12/2002	Tucson, AZ	Garten, Richard	Unknown	Unknown
05/26/2002	Lebanon, NH	Moynihan-Stevens, Daunte	Stevens, David M.	Fortin, Marion
05/28/2002	Hartford, CT	Raupach, Kathleen L.	Unknown	Unknown
05/30/2002	Cornish, NH	Rollins, Paul L.	Rollins, James	Butterfield, Lizzie
06/05/2002	Lebanon, NH	Drohan, Mary C.	Fitzgerald, William	Megarr, Julia
06/27/2002	Cornish, NH	Welch, Perley C.	Welch, Leander	Lapet, Josephine
07/25/2002	White River, VT	Blaine, David A.	Blaine, Curtis	Blain, Alice
08/08/2002	Cornish, NH	Shambo, Robert	Shambo, John	Beers, Helen
09/28/2002	Concord, NH	Rollins, Donald J.	Rollins, Paul L.	Green, Ruth
10/28/2002	Unity, NH	Rawson, Grace	McFadden, John A.	Cooper, Alice
11/04/2002	Hanover, NH	Leyds, Maria W.	Unknown	Unknown
11/12/2002	Concord, NH	Blair, Patrick D.	Blair, Douglas	Travers, Kathleen
11/24/2002	Northridge, CA	Palmer, Harvey D.	Palmer, Ernest H.	Campbell, Irene
12/06/2002	Cornish, NH	Thibault, Anna E.	Perron, Cleophas	Lessard, Mary J.

My Beloved Mother, Ruth V. Sweetser, died this year and although she is not buried in Cornish, her heart was filled with love for Cornish. She lived in Town for 45 years and always thought of it as home and visited here often. She died on October 13, 2002 in Claremont, NH and will be missed forever.

The above list is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Reigh H. Sweetser, Town Clerk



# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## Cornish School District

March 2003

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### **Officers of the School District**

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Terri Rondos
Moderator	Ray Evans

### **School Board Members**

Brent Edgerton	Term Expires 2003
Sandra Gee	Term Expires 2003
Curt Wyman	Term Expires 2004
Susan Borchert	Term Expires 2005
Theresa Scott	Term Expires 2005

### **Auditors**

Plodzik & Sanderson

# Cornish School Board Annual Report

## March 8, 2003

### *Planning for the Future*

The following is the preamble from the Cornish School Board draft goals adopted this past year:

“Cornish Elementary School students must prepare for lifelong learning. Research indicates that with the right kinds of support and standards, all students can learn. The Cornish Elementary School must challenge all students to reach their potential - academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.

Our students must meet the increasing demands of a technological society, one that is globally linked, rapidly changing, and information based. Our school will be judged by the ability of our students to move forward into high school and beyond, using the skills and habits our school has taught them.

To educate our children for success, all segments of our community must work together. Parents, students, educators, business people, and interested adults can create partnerships to meet the needs of our children.

We recognize that our children are our future. We also recognize that we must wisely invest the funds trusted to us in order to maximize the value of the education they receive.”

The board envisions that the following goals will serve as a long-term foundation for action plans which are renewed annually or as needed by the administration and staff.

- Goal A: Provide an enriching and meaningful curriculum, maximizing every student’s potential and promoting academic excellence for each child.
- Goal B: Establish a powerful culture of continuous improvement.
- Goal C: Develop new strategies for connecting parents, community, business, staff, and students to improve student achievement.
- Goal D: Provide adequate and safe physical facilities which meet the educational and operational needs of the district.



- Goal E: Implement organizational practices that respond to change and to facilitate transitions caused by those changes.

The school board invites you to attend a community forum on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 pm in the school gym to discuss these goals and the administrative and staff strategies for reaching them. What do you like? What don't you like? What would you like to see added or deleted? Please join us for what we hope will be a lively and informative evening.

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### ***The 2003-05 Proposed Agreement between the Cornish School Board and the Cornish Education Association***

The Cornish School Board has negotiated a two-year agreement with the Cornish Education Association for the period July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005. The financial impact of this proposed agreement, calculated using today's costs as a base, will be included as a separate warrant article for consideration at the annual school district meeting on March 8, 2003. Copies of the proposed agreement can be obtained from the superintendent's office.

The new salary schedule starts in 2003-04 with a 3.6% salary increase for teachers, partly as a result of increasing the length of the school day by fifteen minutes. As people may recall, a school day increase was discussed when meetings were held with representatives of the New England School Development Council last year. This increase in the length of the school day adds an additional forty-five hours of instructional time or nearly seven additional days annually.

Our base salary is perennially one of the lowest in the area, although salaries for more experienced teachers are more competitive. Accordingly, the board negotiated an increase in starting salary, from the present \$22,544 to \$25,000. This increase is phased in throughout the salary grid, so that staff members whose salaries are more in line with area salaries will receive increases between 2.8% and 3% in the second year of the agreement.

At the end of the 2003-04 school year, the school district will lose to retirement the services of two long time and valued teachers, Mrs. Ruth Little and Mrs. Susan Russo. Historically, the Cornish School District has voted to encourage and support teacher retirements. For at least eight years, the retirement stipend cap has been set at \$15,000, provided certain

conditions were met. Without changing these conditions, the board agreed during this year's negotiations to adjust the cap to \$17,500.

Our challenge, both as a board and as a community, is determining how our classes in each grade should be staffed. Will classes be combined due to the small number of students in each grade or will we continue to support separate classrooms for each grade? Answers to that and related questions will determine how many teachers we as a district need to hire to replace retiring teachers.

We believe that we have negotiated a good contract for the community that we are elected to serve which includes a competitive beginning teachers' salary while maintaining the integrity of the present salary grid and which provides for a longer school day. We have begun the process by which the school district will plan for declining enrollment by setting goals and initiating discussions with school staff and the community regarding issues of education and class sizes. We urge you to attend the annual school district meeting on March 8 and the community forum on April 24 to keep the conversation going.

Respectfully submitted by the Cornish School Board

# A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 2003

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members:

This is my first Annual Report letter as Superintendent of Schools for Cornish, Claremont, and Unity. I have completed seven months as the Superintendent of Schools in SAU #6. In that time and with much help from many people, I have been working to learn about, listen to, and observe in the schools in the three districts. I have met with the staffs, many of the students and their families, and a number of the businesses and various stakeholders who make up our entire community. One thing is clear already – there are many caring and giving people in these school districts and their supporting communities. These people do all they can to help deliver high quality, efficient, effective, and caring education for children from birth to age 21. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work here in these communities for the benefit of our children.

In Cornish the initiatives continue. A new after school program just started after the holiday break. We hope that the program will meet or exceed its first year goals by providing quality after school programs in the form of homework and enrichment activities. This was made possible through some federal start-up grant dollars, but your principal, Scott Kalter, has created a business plan that looks to the future in terms of making the programs sustainable without federal financial support.

In Cornish another grant was awarded by the State of NH that has allowed us to begin about \$46,000.00 of building and technology projects. How exciting for Cornish!

As of this writing, the teachers' contract has been settled in Cornish through some hard and selfless work on the part of Terrie Scott, Curt Wyman, Sandy Gee, and the educators' group members. The contract represents the School Board's attempt to reach a financially prudent settlement with employees who are valued and who give so much to and for the students. Board and association members alike worked diligently and in good faith to settle a contract that they hope the community can support. We need to continue to attract and retain high quality employees who will commit to Cornish for the long term – especially in the next few years when Cornish will be faced with several staff members retiring and lower enrollments potentially. This contract will go a long way in helping to do that.

Another large set of tasks that loom ahead of Cornish come from the new federal legislation entitled “No Child Left Behind” – NCLB. This was passed in January 2002 and has yet to really be fully understood by any of the Departments of Education at the state level. This legislation is about 1200 pages long – termed the most sweeping piece of federal legislation in the field of education ever passed. Its full impact will have both educational and financial implications for the Cornish community over the next few years.

In order to continue to move forward with the positive momentum exhibited throughout the Cornish community and by the Cornish School Board and staff, we must continue to improve our schools and to celebrate the successes we are experiencing already. We must implement the plans that the Cornish School Board has worked so hard on over the past 18 months with the guidance and leadership of Assistant Superintendent Allen Damren. The course set is powerful, child-centered, and important.

Thank you for so warmly welcoming me to SAU #6. I look forward to working with you for a long time to come.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline E. Guillette, Superintendent of Schools  
School Administrative Unit #6  
jguillette@sau6.k12.nh.us

## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### School Administrative Unit 6

After reading the wonderful reports from Terrie Scott, Jacqueline Guillette, and Scott Kalter, I'm left wondering what I can possibly add to the discussion. Each of these three school leaders has discussed a variety of issues, either completed or pending. In large part, none of the issues are new. There is, however, one point that hasn't been adequately discussed. That is the need for Cornish staff, administration, and board members to plan a program of visits to other school districts that have already dealt with the issues surrounding declining enrollment. There are numerous questions that your school board and administration will be wrestling with during the coming year as enrollment continues to decline. What is an optimum class size? Is the answer different depending upon the grade? If two classes are combined for a year, can that combined class go through the remainder of the K-8 education process combined? Using what curriculum? Is there an increased level of staff development required? With a declining enrollment, are certain extra-curricular activities at risk? Facilities usage? Is it worthwhile to seek to attract tuition students and if so for what grades? How will we remain competitive so as to attract new teachers? I could carry this questioning process forward for many more lines on this paper. My point, though, and one that was made by NESDEC as they completed their study, is that other school districts have already dealt with these and other questions. We do not need to reinvent the wheel. Utilizing a planned program of visitations and fact-finding, answers can be found. Through board and community meetings, these answers can be tailored to fit the needs of Cornish. The school board and administration understand the need for this effort and it is my intent to begin this effort this school year.

It will be increasingly important for the Cornish School District to continue to develop and nurture partnerships with state colleges and universities, area businesses, and of course the community and surrounding towns. With tight budgets and declines in enrollment, we have to be creative in continuing to deliver a quality education. The school already has a relationship with Dartmouth through the French program and with UNH through other professional development areas. In addition, the Cornish community has volunteered countless hours in support of its school. A good example of this community support is in the areas of building maintenance and technology. Regarding technology, Superintendent Guillette mentioned in her report the award of an amount of money to be used for technology improvements at the school. Initially,

the thought had been for satellite communication for internet access. We now believe this would be an unreliable option. Also, school personnel and volunteers have done a great deal of work to get the school building wired, making our initial plans somewhat obsolete. Attention has now turned to the phone system for a host of reasons, not the least of which is school security and safety. We are working with a vendor to see if it is possible to fit a phone system- one having phone access in each room, an intercom system, and voice mail- into the financial award granted to the Cornish School District. As of this writing, February 11, an answer is not known. I hope to know more by district meeting.

The Town of Cornish is fortunate to have wonderful teachers and staff members, a good administrative team headed by your new superintendent and, perhaps most important, caring and supportive community members. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your assistant superintendent.

Allen R. Damren  
Assistant Superintendent

# STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Elementary School (1/23/03)

Kindergarten	15	5th Grade	10
1st Grade	16	6th Grade	18
2nd Grade	16	7th Grade	24
3rd Grade	20	8th Grade	18
4th Grade	11	TOTAL ENROLLMENT:	148



## PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS Elementary School

Scott Kalter	Principal
Linda Coolidge (0.5)	Kindergarten
Susan Russo	Grade 1
Dawn Crary	Grade 2
Rosamond Seidel	Grade 3
Linda Fuerst (half time job share)	Grade 4
Sara Doolan (half time job share)	Grade 4
Ruth Cassedy	5, 6 Language Arts
Caroline Storrs	7 Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Ruth Little	7 & 8 Language Arts, Soc. Studies
Jeffrey Taylor	6, 7 & 8 Math, 8 <sup>th</sup> Algebra
Sandra Redlands-Poland	5, 6, 7 & 8 Science
Bruce Pollard	Foreign Language
Judith Maule	Special Educator
Jane Finlay	Special Educator
Priscilla Paul	Special Educator
Drewanne Reed	Reading Specialist
Tecla McCann (0.6)	Art
Constance Filbin (0.7)	Guidance
Lois Buchan (0.6)	K-8 Music, Instrumental Music
Carlton Hurd (0.4)	Physical Education
Kathryn Patterson (0.2)	Media Generalist

## Public High School Enrollments (01/27/03):

	Claremont	Hanover	Hartford	Lebanon	Windsor	Total
9th Grade	1	3	11	-	13	28
10th Grade	-	2	6	-	15	23
11th Grade	-	1	8	1	14	24
12th Grade	2	4	2	2	13	23
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>98</b>



### School Support Staff

Dale O'Connor	Administrative Assistant
Diane Prior	Para – Secretary
Mary Lynch	Nurse
Michael Monette	Maintenance/Custodian
Marie Edwards	Part-time custodian
Kathryn Patterson	Librarian
Jane Brodeur-Smith	Para - Lower Wing
Lori Prue-Bertone	Para – Special Education - Upper Wing
Mary Gilmore	Para - Special Education
Rebecca Brown-Morrie	Para – Upper Wing
Cheryl Ryan	Para - Special Education
Kimberly Phillips	Para - Library / Tutor - Title I
Linda Santulli	Title I Coordinator & Teacher
Norma Garcia	Lunch Manager
Catherine Dunham	Lunch Assistant
Penny Robinson	Part-time C.O.T.A./SPLA
Michelle Ackerman	Para – Special Education
Pat Mushlin	Para – Special Education
Timothy Frisch	Tutor – Special Education
Jeffrey Thomas	Para – Special Education
Jennifer Wishnefsky	Before & After School Program Director
Paul Whalen, Sr.	Athletic Director
<b><u>Contracted Support:</u></b>	
Barbara Chase	Part-time School Psychologist
Donna Jenkins	Part-time O.T.R.
Mary Ann Barbee	Speech



# CORNISH TUITION STUDENTS

As of January 30, 2003

## CLAREMONT

Grade 9 Lee Parry  
Grade 12 Brian Demars  
Danielle Parry

## HANOVER

Grade 9 Will Ladd  
Christopher Picard  
William Sharff  
Grade 10 Thomas Nicol  
Colin Storrs  
Grade 11 Audrey Rudolph  
Grade 12 Jessica Bunnell  
Leah Condon  
Caitrin Nicol  
Nicholas Storrs

## HARTFORD

Grade 9 Ryan Blain  
Rigel Cable  
Ashley Charland  
Mary Durant  
Richard Gratacos  
Haley Herschel  
Hannah Humpal  
Rebecca Katchen  
Emily Miller  
Christopher Proehl  
Isaiah Witham  
Grade 10 Nathaniel Charland  
Courtland Fitch  
Laura Harthan  
Courtney Merrill  
Katrina Pinkson  
Melissa Ramsay  
Grade 11 Jessica Clifford  
John Gagne  
Andrew Kuhre  
Nicole Mardanes  
Tiana Pinkson-Burke  
Nicholas Robbins

## HARTFORD

(continued)  
Grade 11 J. Cassidy Scott  
Rhiannon Witham  
Grade 12 Nicole LaClair  
Shauni Pinkson-Burke

## LEBANON

Grade 11 Chantelle Blair  
Grade 12 Brooke Kubiak  
Samantha Mitchell

## WINDSOR

Grade 9 Michael Ackerman  
Joshua Bean  
Katherine Chiappetta  
Jennifer Follensbee  
Kelley Grace  
Kayla Johnson  
Amanda Jones  
Andy LaClair  
Kelsey O'Connor  
Angela Perron  
Bryan Sicard  
Natasha Sullivan  
Megan Tracy  
Grade 10 Asha Bond  
Sophie Cardew  
Jesse Demars  
Emily Drury  
Jessica Gray  
Matilda Hammond  
Amanda Jones  
Tonya Lamoureux  
Ross Marsh  
Katy Nelson  
Katrina Punt  
Danielle Rafus  
Ashley Sicard  
Shanna Sullivan  
Kirsten Swamp

## CORNISH TUITION STUDENTS

(continued)

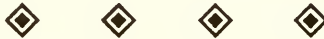
### WINDSOR (continued)

Grade 11

Michael Ayers  
David Bean  
Brandon Bond  
Justin Clark  
Travis Dube  
Zachary Dworak  
Robert Edgerton  
Kevin Guillette  
Nicholas Jewell  
Justin Johnson  
Joshua Jones  
Daniel Monette  
Bethany Perron  
Katelyn Tracy

Grade 12

Richard Adams  
Duane Call  
Christopher Chilton  
Nathaniel Jordan  
Monica Lamoureux  
Erin Lewis  
Josh Martell  
Joshua Monette  
Ashley O'Connor  
Juliann Osterlund  
Jessica Perron  
Mitchell Smith  
Molly Wood



## School Administrative Unit #6

Jacqueline E. Guillette  
Allen Damren  
Maren Ardell  
Wendy Siebrands  
Ann Dieter  
Debra Lafko  
Carol Amell  
Kelly Poisson  
Penny Derosier  
Louise Schultz  
Genevieve Gallagher  
Donald Johnson

Superintendent  
Assistant Superintendent  
Director of Special Education  
Director of Curriculum  
Accounting & Benefits Supervisor  
Administrative Assistant  
Administrative Assistant  
Payroll Clerk  
Business Office Clerk  
Administrative Assistant  
Administrative Assistant  
Building Technician

# Principal's Report 2003

**The Big Picture:** The 2002/2003 school year has provided the Cornish School and community with both challenges and opportunities. Perhaps the one area that typifies this is our continuing enrollment decline. We started this school year with 150 students, down from last year's enrollment of 174. We anticipate another decline, though smaller, for next year. The School Board, administration and teaching staff have been working together to establish a set of goals that will drive the decisions we make to address this phenomenon.

I believe that Cornish will succeed at developing a plan that will be responsive to the enrollment decline without compromising the excellent programs that currently are in place. To do this, we will need to be creative and forward thinking. We will need to try new and well researched methods of configuring our instruction. We will look at our own practices as well as those of other schools that have faced similar challenges and have been successful at maintaining a high standard of instruction and achievement.

**Emergency Planning:** Speaking of planning, the school completed its new Emergency Procedures Manual this year. This manual represents a collaborative effort, throughout Cornish, to create a set of procedures that will ensure an appropriate and effective response to almost any emergency situation. The selectmen and the school worked together to write a grant that brought over \$2000.00 to the school to support further emergency planning. Stop by and borrow a copy of our manual. Let us know what you think.

**Technology Planning:** The development of a comprehensive technology plan was high on our list this year. We completed, and submitted to the State, a three-year Technology Plan that provides a vision for the future while establishing specific goals and target timelines. This plan also provides a platform for the writing of any number of grants. The first of these was a \$1500.00 grant to support professional development for Cornish teachers and staff. We now have an active Technology Committee made up of teachers, parents and community members. If you would like to know more about this group, and how you might join us, please call the school.

**Before and After School Programs:** In October, the Cornish School received a \$19,000.00 grant for the creation of after school programs that support children. Through a parent survey, we established that there was a need for both after and before school programs. We hired a program director in November and have been up and running since January. These programs provide homework and instructional support (Homework Club), as well as enrichment and exploration within a childcare setting.

As you can see, the critical tasks of setting goals and creating plans for reaching those goals have been a major priority for the school this past year. This is work that could not be done without the concerted effort and collaboration of many within the broader school community.

On behalf of the school's staff I would like to thank the Cornish community for its support and guidance. We hope that many of you will visit us during our "working hours", to see first hand your school in operation. Stop by and we would be happy and proud to give you a tour.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott O. Kalter, Principal



## **HOT LUNCH REPORT For the 2001-2002 School Year**

We served a total of 11,959 lunches during the school year. 1,206 were free, 1,008 were reduced and staff lunches totaled 591.

Cathy and I would like to thank all that participated in our Hot Lunch Program. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
Norma Garcia, Hot Lunch Manager

## CCPTO Annual Report 2001/02

The CCPTO stands for the Cornish Community Parent Teacher Organization. It is named Cornish Community because our philosophy is that it takes an entire community to raise children, not just the school community.

The following list represents programs and activities with which the CCPTO has had some kind of involvement. We also list the primary type of involvement to the right of the activity:

- \* The Cornish Fair – main fundraiser
  - \* Chinaberry Books – fundraiser
- \* Innisbrook Wrapping Paper - fundraiser
  - \* Kindergarten Welcome – sponsor
- \* Holiday Sing – provide refreshments
- \* Peach Poetry Publishing Program - sponsor
- \* Michael Zerphy Artist-In-Residence - sponsor
  - \* Staff Appreciation Luncheon - sponsor
  - \* Image Making Art Exhibition – sponsor
    - \* Open House Receptions - sponsor
    - \* Principal's Coffees - sponsor
- \* 9/11 Disaster Relief Fund Drive - sponsor
- \* TV Turn-Off Week – provide financial support
- \* Hulburt Outdoors Center – provide financial support
  - \* Riverfest – provide financial support
- \* Audubon Presentation – provide financial support
- \* Field Trip Transportation – provide financial support
  - \* New Eighth Grade Hot Dog Maker – purchased
  - \* Fall Contra Dance – volunteer support

Goals 2002/03:

- Continue fundraising with the primary fundraiser being the Cornish Fair.
- Continue to support the various enrichment programs listed above.
- Establish goals that support the school's goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lynch  
President, CCPTO

## Building Maintenance Committee Report: 2003

Two projects drew the focus of the BMC this past year. The addition of the parking area at the bottom of the school's driveway has helped to resolve some of the parking problems we have experienced in the past. Loading and unloading of students is certainly safer and we have fewer cars trying to turn around in the driveway. We have plans for this summer to re-work the entrance to our driveway off Townhouse Road so that water will run off more efficiently, and cars, trucks and busses will not have the kinds of bottoming out problems they have had in the past. We will be sealing our blacktop this summer. This should extend its life considerably.

The second project was the planning, purchase and installation of an 80KW generator. The school now has automatic back up when power is interrupted. The generator was sized to be able to handle all major systems in the school, the Town's designated emergency shelter, for an extended period of time. This project was a shared cost, collaborative effort between the Selectmen and the School Board.

Of particular note were the volunteer painting efforts that took place last summer. A group of Cornish residents painted hallways in our new addition and our gym bathrooms. A second group, from the area Kiwanis Club, did a great job painting the former art and music room. Smaller projects included fencing around our well and parking area, tiling of our Middle School bathrooms and completion of the siding project on the west side of the school.

The committee spent time, once again, working on solutions to our ice dam problems. We had more of a problem this year than in the past several. Most of the problems can be found in roof design, when several additions brought various roof angles together. Solutions to such problems are never easy. The School and the committee would particularly like to thank the Town Highway department for all its hard work clearing ice and snow throughout this tough winter.

Once again, we thank all the volunteers who have supported many of the projects noted above. We also thank the Cornish taxpayers who have generously provided the resources to make all this possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott O. Kalter

Committee Members

Jim Jordan

Mike Monette

Curt Wyman

Dick Baril

Steve Wilkie

Richard Thompson

Bucky Demars

# Annual School Nurse Report

## 2001 – 2002

### Goals for 2001-2002:

	Status:
Fully implement Quality Improvement Program	Done
Improve Bloodborne Pathogens Program	Done
Replace refrigerator	Loaner being used
Replace scale	Done
Continue to organize paperwork to minimize repetition	Ongoing
Design data collection tools specific for injuries and illnesses	Done
Evaluate students for head lice	Done

\*Head lice documented. Multiple repeat assessments performed.

### Quality Improvement Program:

**Goal:** Use data to establish trends. Examine results for opportunity to improve student health.

### Analysis of Nurse Visits:

There were a total of 1531 nurse visits in the School Year 2001/2002, 57% of visits were related to illness and 43% related to injury. Except for the month of May, illness exceeded injury as a cause for nurse visits each month. Headache accounted for approximately 10% of all Cornish nurse visits.

In general the average of illness related nurse contacts was slightly less for Cornish than for the State as a whole. A selected number, (73), of schools were evaluated.

In a comparison of the average number of student injuries in a selected population of NH State K-8 elementary schools (36) and the average number of student injuries in Cornish Elementary, Cornish continues to have a slightly higher average. In analyzing the State data, a question presented itself: how is the term injury defined? Per Katherine Rannie, who devised the state questionnaire, there was no specific definition given for the term injury. This issue continues to be unresolved.

When analyzing the reported site for injuries, 45.3% were from other sources, e.g. got a paper cut in class, stubbed toe at home. Slightly less than 30% of the reported injuries were playground related injuries,

excluding structure related injuries. Structure related injuries accounted for 15.8% of all reported injuries. Physical Education resulted in 5.4% of reported injuries and After School Sports accounted for 4% of nurse visits.

**Follow-up:** Continue to analyze injury data by place of injury, by type of injury. Analyze illness data by type of illness. Determine appropriate interventions. Implement interventions. Then evaluate for effectiveness of interventions.

RN Goals School Year 2002-2003: (as relates to School District)

- Obtain CPR Instructor Certification to teach CPR to students and staff
- Support School Staff goals by evaluating all Adolescent Issues work handed in, for neatness, handwriting, spelling accuracy, and grammar
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue evaluation of student injuries begun last year. Assess any interventions made using data
- Educate all staff on Bloodborne Pathogens
- Establish written Bloodborne Pathogens program
- Decrease the rate of illness and implement handwashing program. Using data, determine the efficacy of the action taken
- Continue to provide regular communications to teachers, paras, and parents regarding health related issues
- Assess the possibility of implementing a required volunteerism program affiliated the Adolescent Issues program
- Using the Quality Improvement Process, continue evaluation of student injuries begun last year. Assess changes made on playground for efficacy.
- Continue to upgrade School Health Program

Respectfully submitted:  
Mary E. Lynch, R.N.



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

March 9, 2002

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on March 9, 2002, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood and Robin Monette were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Lois Fitts. Kate Freeland, Kim Patterson, and Sandra Redlands as Ballot Inspectors.

Assistant Moderator Patterson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, she opened the polls for voting on Article I by paper ballot.

Moderator Ray Evans called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Reverend Dale Nicholas followed with a brief prayer and moment of silence. Moderator Evans then introduced by name the Supervisory Union personnel in attendance, the School Board Members, School Counsel, the Supervisors of the Checklist, the District officers, and the Ballot Clerks.

**Article I: (Election of Officers)**

There were 225 ballots cast.

**SCHOOL BOARD – Susan Borchert** was elected to a three-year term with 166 votes. **Terrie Scott** was elected to a three-year term with 164 votes.

**MODERATOR – Ray Evans** was elected to a one-year term with 215 votes.

**TREASURER – Terri Rondos** was elected to a one-year term with 217 votes.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK - Kathryn Patterson** was elected to a one-year term with 217 votes.

**Article II: (Hearing of Reports)**

Terrie Scott announced that Principal Scott Kalter would not be in attendance due to the death of his mother. She also said there would be no selection for the Annual Outstanding Young Citizen Award for this year and apologized for not more thoroughly advertising the opening of nominations.

Kathi Patterson, on behalf of Mary Liz Lynch, the school nurse asked, that the following changes be made to the “Annual School Nurse Report” on page S12 of the 235<sup>th</sup> *Annual Report of the Town of Cornish, New Hampshire*: “by place or injury” should read “by place **of** injury,” and

“Improve Bloodborne Passages (BBP) should read “Improve Bloodborne **Pathogens** (BBP)”.

Ruth Rollins **moved** that the District accept the reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen as reported and changed in the 235<sup>th</sup> *Annual Report*. The motion was **passed** by a voice vote after a **second** by Alan Penfold.

### **Article III: (Main Budget)**

Then Terrie Scott **moved** that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,852,848 for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents and employees for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,762,068 for the general fund, \$46,780 for the school lunch fund, and \$44,000 for the federal projects fund. The motion was **seconded** by Bernie Johnson.

The budget amount requested for the elementary school reflected a reduction-in-force of two teachers and the addition of transportation by bus for one major field trip for each class at an approximate cost of \$500 each.

The largest item with the largest increase was the cost of tuition to area high schools, paid at the maximum rate of \$8,670 per student with an increase in the number of students from 102 to 115. The amount budgeted for high school tuition is calculated by adding the number of students currently in the ninth through eleventh grades to the number of students currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and multiplying by the highest tuition rate of three area high schools: Stevens, Windsor, or Hartford. Eighth grade students planning to attend private schools are not factored out as they may go to a public school. Home school students planning to attend public high school are included in the calculation when possible.

During the section-by-section review of the budget, questions were asked and answered, and comments made. The issues of main concern were how special education students were identified, how the total high school tuition amount was decided, and the increase in the substitutes line item. The **motion** was **passed** by a paper ballot by checklist: 190-yes, 75-no.

### **Article IV: (French Program – by Petition)**

Terrie Scott **moved** that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$49,700 to fund the French program at the Cornish Elementary School

David Haseman **seconded** the motion. This amount would pay the salary and benefits for a full-time French teacher. The French program was begun after the District voted to fund a half-time position for the 1999-2000 school year during the 1999 District Meeting. It became a full-time program when funding was received later that spring from a FLAP grant.

After a request by Jim Jordan, the people who spent so much time and effort developing and winning this FLAP grant were given a round of applause.

Jim Smith **amended** the main motion to reduce the amount requested to \$24,850. After a **second** by Tony Newton, the motion to amend **failed** on a voice vote. The main motion was then voted on by a paper ballot by checklist. It passed by one vote: 136-yes, 135-no, 2 blank.

#### **Article V: (Ski Program, Mini Course – by Petition)**

Michael Ackerman made the **motion** that the District vote to instruct the school board to either eliminate the “ski program/mini courses” or have them take place on other than taxpayer funded school days. Alan Penfold **seconded** the motion. There was much discussion about student time-on-task, about the importance of the program, about students learning skills not provided in the regular classroom, and about what school staff responsibilities were during these 5 Fridays. After a promise by the school board to look at the program, the motion was **defeated** by voice vote.

#### **Article VI: (Deficit Appropriation)**

Moderator Evans asked those in attendance for standing round of applause for Dr. Bob Patterson, the superintendent of our supervisory union who is retiring in June.

The **motion** was made by Sandra Gee that the District vote to raise and appropriate a supplemental appropriation of \$24,105 to cover additional unanticipated high school tuition costs in the 2001-2002 school year. The motion was **seconded** by Alan Penfold. This money is needed to pay for increased tuition costs resulting from high school students moving into the district and from home schooled students who have enrolled in area high schools. This cost was not anticipated when the School Board presented their appropriation request at last year’s District Meeting. The motion was **passed** by a voice vote.

#### **Article VII: (School Nurse Hours)**

It was **moved** by Terrie Scott, **seconded** by Bill Palmer, that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,699 to cover an increase in the school nurse’s hours, from 20 hours per week to 30 hours

per week. Benefits, to the extent the Board is aware of them, are included in this figure. The **motion** was **passed** by a voice vote.

#### **Article VIII: (Emergency Generator)**

Curt Wyman made **motion** asking the District to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to fund one half of the cost of a generator to supply emergency power to the Cornish Elementary School, such school being designated as the Town of Cornish's emergency shelter. The Town of Cornish will have similar article on its warrant for the Town meeting in March, 2002. After a **second** by Ruth Rollins and an explanation that the money would not be expended if the similar warrant article on the Town warrant failed, the motion was **passed** by a voice vote.

#### **Article IX: (Parking Expansion)**

It was **moved** by Curt Wyman and **seconded** by Dale Rook that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to expand a section of the existing driveway to accommodate additional parking, such section to be immediately adjacent to Townhouse Road. Curt explained that this expansion would help alleviate the parking problems caused by before and after school traffic. After the motion **passed** by a show of hands: 30-yes, 22-no, Everett Cass volunteered to do the site work for no cost if the District provided the materials.

#### **Article X: (Transfer of Property)**

Curt Wyman made the **motion** that the District vote to give and convey an approximately one acre parcel of School District land abutting the Town Highway Department to the town of Cornish and to authorize the School Board to take all necessary actions to effectuate the same. The motion was **seconded** by Ruth Rollins. It passed by a voice vote.

#### **Article XI: (Other Business)**

There being no unfinished business, the meeting was **adjourned** by a voice vote at 6:20 p.m. after a **motion** to adjourn by Curt Wyman that was **seconded** by John Sumner.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

**Science Room Renovation Fund  
June 30, 2002 Fund Balance**

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2001	\$3,258.74
Pledges Received**	0.00
Income Earned - interest	72.36
Withdrawal	0.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2002</b>	<b>\$3,331.10</b>

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**French Fund  
June 30, 2002 Fund Balance**

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2001	\$9,817.51
Contribution Received	2,935.71
Income Earned - interest	249.51
Withdrawal	0.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2002</b>	<b>\$13,002.73</b>

**Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Rondos, Treasurer  
Cornish School District**

Report  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER**  
for the fiscal year July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002

Cash on hand July 1, 2001	(\$25,429.33)
Received from Selectmen (tax monies)	\$1,854,770.00
Received from other sources	\$1,356,653.25
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$3,211,423.25</b>
<b>Less School Board orders paid:</b>	<b>\$3,200,061.83</b>
<b>Cash on hand June 30, 2002</b>	<b>(\$14,067.91)</b>

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**CORNISH SCHOOL BUILDING FUND**  
**June 30, 2002 Fund Balance**

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2001	\$37,082.15
Pledges Received	0.00
Income Earned - interest	822.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,904.18</b>

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Terri Rondos, Treasurer**  
**Cornish School District**

**Special Endowment Funds**

June 30, 2002 Fund Balances

<b>FUND NAME</b>	<b>(original gift/principle amount)</b>	<b>RESTRICTIONS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
James Farley Memorial Fund	(\$2,807.93)	Writing Excellence	\$4,472.76
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	(\$7,509.83)	Capital Expense	9,444.54
Eberhardt Award	(\$500)	Art & Music	539.80
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	(\$500)	Citizenship	539.80
Glen Smith Sportmanship Aware	(\$250)	Sportsmanship	259.70
Harriet Runnals Award	(\$1,270)	Multiple Categories	1,306.88
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund	(\$6,873.43)	Environ/Agri Scholarship	9,406.87
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(\$1,000)	Sports Program	1,482.87
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(\$1,000)	Resource Room Program	1,482.87
Science Discovery Fund	(\$800)	Science Exploration	1,294.29
Doris Morgan McAuley Fund	(\$930.94)	Spelling Excellence	859.40
Non-Dedicated Funds	(\$55.42)	Unrestricted	35.04
		<b>TOTAL ENDOWMENTS</b>	<b>\$31,124.82</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Jordan  
School Treasurer

**Queneau Scholarship Trust**

Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
<u>12/31/01</u>	<u>12/31/02</u>
\$34,809.12	\$35,311.38
Interest	Distributions
\$502.26	\$-0-

**DISTRICT'S SHARE OF S.A.U. #6 EXPENSES**

**2002-03**

Claremont	79.48%	\$608,458
Cornish	12.28%	94,009
Unity	8.24%	63,081
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$765,548</b>

**DISTRICT'S SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES**

**2002-03**

	Claremont	Cornish	Unity	Total
	79.48%	12.28%	8.24%	100.00%
Superintendent	\$73,122	\$11,298	\$7,580	\$92,000
Assistant Superintendent	\$59,848	\$9,247	\$6,205	\$75,300
Director of Special Education	\$49,278	\$7,614	\$5,108	\$62,000
Director of Curriculum	\$48,483	\$7,491	\$5,026	\$61,000



**Cornish School District  
Debt Payment Schedule**

	Kindergarten Room		
Period	Principal	Interest	Totals
2002-03	\$11,083.	\$1,153.	\$12,236.
2003-04	11,083.	576.	11,659.
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$22,166.</b>	<b>\$1,729.</b>	<b>\$23,895.</b>



# CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Special Education Expenses & Revenue

Category	Actual 00-01	Actual 01-02	Budget 02-03	Budget 03-04
State Funding:				
Catastrophic Aid	8,958	19,036	0	0
Adequate Education Grants- SPED	145,726	134,758	163,563	175,666
Federal and Grant Funding:				
Chap. 1 - Tutoring in Reading	18,252	17,404	17,400	17,400
Other Special Ed.	4,380	7,189	4,380	4,380
Medicaid				
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>177,316</b>	<b>178,387</b>	<b>185,343</b>	<b>197,446</b>
Total Special Ed. Expenses	410,914	484,386	542,010	491,870
<b>Net Special Education Expenses Paid From Property Taxes</b>	<b>233,598</b>	<b>305,999</b>	<b>356,667</b>	<b>294,424</b>

**School District Warrant  
Cornish School District  
Cornish, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 8, 2003 at 10:00 a. m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article I of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballot from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10:00 a. m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p. m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 p. m. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

**Article I (Election of District Officials)**

To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer for one-year terms and to elect two School Board members, each for a three year term.

**Article II (Hearing of Reports)**

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article III (Main Budget)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$2,861,110) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,745,017 for the general fund, \$49,593 for the school lunch fund, and \$66,500 for the federal projects fund.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

**Article IV (Collective Bargaining)**

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Cornish School Board and the Cornish Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2003-04	\$34,040
2004-05	\$19,287

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS (\$34,040) for the 2003-04 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

**Article V (NH School Boards Association Article)**

Whereas New Hampshire school districts are finding it difficult to appropriate sufficient local dollars to provide their students a quality education; and Whereas newly enacted and existing federal mandates have placed a significant financial burden on local school district budgets:

Be It Therefore Resolved: That the voters of the Cornish School District oppose unfunded and underfunded federal education mandates; and That the voters of the Cornish School District urge the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to support immediate mandatory full funding of the educational mandates contained in the No Child Left Behind Act, and the historically underfunded mandates contained in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)/Special Education law.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

**Article VI (Other Business)**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID Cornish this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2003.

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Terrie Scott, Chair

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Sandra Gee

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Brent Edgerton

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Curt Wyman

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Susan Borchert

CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

# CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2003-04

FUNC	OBJ	Description	00-01 Actual	01-02 Actual	02-03 Budget	03-04 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1100		0 REGULAR EDUCATION						
1100	110	Salaries	565,447	556,556	528,438	569,910	41,472	7.85%
1100	114	Paraprofessionals	24,670	27,713	25,511	23,537	(1,974)	-7.74%
1100	120	Substitutes	17,525	22,871	15,000	16,000	1,000	6.67%
1100	211	Group Health Insurance	85,098	101,123	88,498	85,322	(3,176)	-3.59%
1100	212	Dental Insurance	5,388	5,704	4,593	6,257	1,664	36.23%
1100	213	Life Insurance	1,697	2,351	1,015	1,095	80	7.88%
1100	220	Social Security Insurance	44,602	43,677	43,525	46,508	2,983	6.85%
1100	230	N.H. Retirement	16,102	13,979	16,092	17,583	1,491	9.27%
1100	250	Unemployment Insurance	815	557	789	765	(24)	-3.04%
1100	260	Worker's Compensation Ins	2,838	4,319	5,021	5,364	343	6.83%
1100	329	Staff Development	14,080	14,448	14,000	14,000	0	0.00%
1100	430	Equipment Repair	6,424	5,407	6,000	1,200	(4,800)	-80.00%
1100	610	Testing and Assessment	2,063	1,955	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%
1100	610	Supplies	19,377	21,755	17,500	14,000	(3,500)	-20.00%
1100		Copiers				8,400	8,400	n/a
1100	612	Exploratory/Enrichment	7,640	3,080	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
1100	613	Software	1,376	2,422	2,100	2,100	0	0.00%
1100	641	Textbooks	28,699	12,783	9,000	13,000	4,000	44.44%
1100	645	Consumable Workbooks	4,046	4,168	4,000	3,500	(500)	-12.50%
1100	733	New Equipment	16,224	13,090	8,800	9,200	400	4.55%
1100	739	Furniture	1,130	3,476	3,400	2,500	(900)	-26.47%
		Function Total	865,241	861,434	800,482	847,441	46,959	5.87%
1450	0	ATHLETICS						
1450	108	Salaries P/R	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
1450	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	5	8	100	25	(75)	-75.00%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	00-01 Actual	01-02 Actual	02-03 Budget	03-04 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1450	391	Referees	3,665	4,100	4,100	3,500	(600)	-14.63%
1450	611	Supplies	700	790	750	700	(50)	-6.67%
		Function Total	5,370	5,898	5,950	5,225	(725)	-12.18%
2120	0	GUIDANCE						
2120	129	Salaries	18,954	19,844	20,439	20,439	0	0.00%
2120	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	3,980	5,269	8,784	9,326	542	6.17%
2120	611	Supplies	106	398	300	300	0	0.00%
2120	630	Textbooks	1,061	496	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
		Function Total	24,101	26,007	30,523	31,065	542	1.78%
2130	0	HEALTH						
2130	112	Salaries	13,618	15,966	21,181	21,774	593	2.80%
2130	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	1,102	1,331	1,884	1,899	15	0.80%
2130	611	Supplies	679	1,071	850	350	(500)	-58.82%
		Equipment				1,500	1,500	n/a
		Function Total	15,399	18,368	23,915	25,523	1,608	6.72%
2220	0	LIBRARY						
2220	117	Salary	23,840	27,329	27,439	27,853	414	1.51%
2220	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	5,733	6,127	7,094	7,487	393	5.54%
2220	611	Supplies	608	368	500	500	0	0.00%
2220	630	Books	4,790	3,911	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
2220	640	Periodicals	406	424	450	450	0	0.00%
2220	660	Audio Visual Supplies	1,288	2,038	2,600	2,000	(600)	-23.08%
2220	741	Equipment		280	450	250	(200)	-44.44%
2220	751	Furniture	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	36,665	40,477	42,533	42,540	7	0.02%
2310	0	SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES						

FUNC	OBJ	Description	00-01 Actual	01-02 Actual	02-03 Budget	03-04 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2310	119	School Board Salary	1,000	400	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2310	271	Training & Dev		544	250	250	0	0.00%
2310	300	Auditors	2,800	2,600	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
2310	381	Legal Services	3,712	64	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2310		Other Services		7,500	2,500	750	(1,750)	-70.00%
2310	384	Treasurer	200	0	200	200	0	0.00%
2310	385	District Clerk	30	30	30	30	0	0.00%
2310	386	Moderator	15	15	15	15	0	0.00%
2310	387	Election Officials	454	331	450	450	0	0.00%
2310	551	Annual Report	1,038	813	850	850	0	0.00%
2310	610	Supplies	484	722	550	550	0	0.00%
2310	811	NHSBA Dues	2,308	2,727	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
		Function Total	12,041	15,746	12,445	10,695	(1,750)	-14.06%
2320		0 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6						
2320	351	Management Services	87,041	92,895	94,009	117,834	23,825	25.34%
		Function Total	87,041	92,895	94,009	117,834	23,825	25.34%
2410		0 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
2410	110	Salary- Principal	61,252	63,948	66,505	69,200	2,695	4.05%
2410	110	Salary- Admin. Assistant	18,071	19,404	19,871	20,813	942	4.74%
2410	110	Additional Assistant	2,945	3,078	3,169	2,618	(551)	-17.39%
2410	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	17,126	19,406	24,054	26,392	2,338	9.72%
2410	329	Staff Development	26	434	650	1,650	1,000	153.85%
2410	534	Postage	1,112	956	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
2410	541	Contract Svcs--Advertising	3,324	3,023	3,200	3,200	0	0.00%
2410	550	Printing	1,756	2,095	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
2410	580	Travel-In District	910	1,915	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2410	610	Supplies	610	1,182	500	500	0	0.00%
2410	800	Principal's Fund	662	767	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	00-01 Actual	01-02 Actual	02-03 Budget	03-04 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2410	810	Dues	0	509	500	500	0	0.00%
2410	892	Graduation	504	380	500	500	0	0.00%
		Function Total	108,298	117,097	124,049	130,473	6,424	5.18%
2600	0	OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT						
2600	110	Salaries	48,719	49,616	46,163	48,311	2,148	4.65%
2600	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	10,940	13,098	17,408	18,995	1,587	9.12%
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	400	0	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
2600	424	Lawn Work	280	450	500	500	0	0.00%
2600	430	Repairs/Maintenance Servi	34,020	25,318	23,875	22,000	(1,875)	-7.85%
2600	490	Building Improvements	71,196	15,350	16,050	11,500	(4,550)	-28.35%
2600	520	Property/Liability Insuranc	3,880	4,554	5,625	5,625	0	0.00%
2600	531	Telephone	3,895	4,613	3,600	3,800	200	5.56%
2600	541	Contracted Services	1,209	3,535	4,800	5,500	700	14.58%
2600	610	Supplies	6,711	7,368	6,500	7,000	500	7.69%
2600	622	Electricity	20,780	22,850	22,500	22,500	0	0.00%
2600	623	Propane	1,572	0	300	300	0	0.00%
2600	624	Fuel Oil	12,608	11,698	10,500	11,000	500	4.76%
2600	654	Septic Pumping	850	1,230	1,230	1,230	0	0.00%
2600	720	Lease Payments	6,050	550	0	0	0	n/a
2600	733	New Equipment	431	2,392	7,000	1,000	(6,000)	-85.71%
2600	737	Replacement Equipment	282	127	0	6,000	6,000	n/a
		Function Total	223,823	162,749	168,851	168,061	(790)	-0.47%
2550	0	TRANSPORTATION						
2550	513	Elementary Transportation	64,362	62,525	63,925	65,843	1,918	3.00%
2550	513	Field Trips			4,000	4,000	0	n/a
		Function Total	64,362	62,525	67,925	69,843	1,918	2.82%
5100	0	DISTRICT WIDE EXPENSES						

FUNC	OBJ	Description	00-01 Actual	01-02 Actual	02-03 Budget	03-04 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
5100	0	DEBT SERVICE						
5100	830	Principal	48,083	46,283	11,083	11,083	0	0.00%
5100	840	Interest	6,096	3,559	1,153	576	(577)	-50.03%
		Function Total	54,179	49,842	12,236	11,659	(577)	-4.71%
5250	0	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT						
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve-R.	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Heating & Ventilating	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Bldg. & Site Improvement	2,000	8,600	2,000	3,000	1,000	50.00%
5250	881	Transfer to Food Service	1,500	2,500	3,500	4,000	500	14.29%
		Function Total	10,500	18,100	12,500	14,000	1,500	12.00%
<b>Total Cornish Elementary School</b>			<b>1,507,020</b>	<b>1,471,138</b>	<b>1,395,418</b>	<b>1,474,359</b>	<b>78,941</b>	<b>5.66%</b>
1200	0	SPECIAL EDUCATION						
1200	101	Teacher's Salaries-Contract	114,734	125,296	127,295	129,375	2,080	1.63%
1200	103	Tutoring	1,197	19,004	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%
1200	104	Paraprofessionals	41,895	46,251	67,637	63,990	(3,647)	-5.39%
1200	105	Speech Therapy	9,866	26,061	21,000	12,800	(8,200)	-39.05%
1200	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	49,884	45,975	59,179	65,792	6,613	11.17%
1200	271	Staff Development	0	812	3,000	1,500	(1,500)	-50.00%
1200	331	Psychological Testing	9,015	15,251	12,000	11,000	(1,000)	-8.33%
1200	332	Psychological Counseling	2,939	0	0	0	0	n/a
1200	333	Occupational Therapy	27,298	25,713	19,000	15,713	(3,287)	-17.30%
1200	381	Legal Services	0	8,829	3,000	3,500	500	16.67%
1200	568	Tuition Out of Dist.-Elem.	109,721	51,858	40,370	30,000	(10,370)	-25.69%
1200	611	Supplies	406	1,538	1,500	1,000	(500)	-33.33%
1200	631	Textbooks	1,154	488	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%



FUNC	OBJ	Description	00-01 Actual	01-02 Actual	02-03 Budget	03-04 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1200	741	New Equipment	273	4,258	2,000	1,000	(1,000)	-50.00%
		Function Total	368,382	371,333	359,781	339,470	(20,311)	-5.65%
1200	519	Transportation	3,435	20,669	18,100	25,000	6,900	38.12%
1200	568	Tuition Out of Dist.-High Sc	20,845	95,360	146,729	110,000	(36,729)	-25.03%
		Total Special Education	392,662	487,362	524,610	474,470	(50,140)	-9.56%
1100	0	TUITIONS						
1100	561	Tuition- High School	680,823	760,269	911,439	796,188	(115,251)	-12.64%
<b>Total Special Education &amp; Tuition</b>			<b>1,073,485</b>	<b>1,247,631</b>	<b>1,436,049</b>	<b>1,270,658</b>	<b>(165,391)</b>	<b>-11.52%</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>			<b>2,580,505</b>	<b>2,718,769</b>	<b>2,831,467</b>	<b>2,745,017</b>	<b>(86,450)</b>	<b>-3.05%</b>
School Lunch Fund:								
		Salaries and Benefits	25,500	27,508	26,265	28,053	1,788	6.81%
		Food and Milk	20,462	21,485	20,500	21,525	1,025	5.00%
		Miscellaneous	15	15	15	15	0	0.00%
		Total School Lunch Fund	45,977	49,008	46,780	49,593	2,813	6.01%
		Federal Projects Fund	109,463	43,600	44,000	66,500	22,500	51.14%
		Third Year of French Grant		80,403	0	0		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>2,735,945</b>	<b>2,891,780</b>	<b>2,922,247</b>	<b>2,861,110</b>	<b>(61,137)</b>	<b>-2.11%</b>

<b>CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2003-04 PROPOSED REVENUES</b>		<b>As Set 2001-02</b>	<b>Actual 2001-02</b>	<b>As Set 2002-03</b>	<b>Proposed 2003-04</b>	<b>\$ Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>REVENUE DETAIL:</b>							
1121	District Assessment	1,436,105	1,436,105	1,537,481	1,365,298	-172,183	-11%
	Deficit Appropriation	65,000	24,105	0	0	0	n/a
	State Property Tax	484,101	484,101	481,938	481,938	0	0%
	Tuition	0	23,573	0	0	0	n/a
1500	Interest Income	1,500	6,951	1,500	1,500	0	0%
1990	Miscellaneous Income	1,000	8,707	5,381	5,381	0	0%
3110	Adequate Education Grants	762,092	762,092	786,045	786,045	0	0%
3210	School Building Aid	13,885	13,885	3,325	3,325	0	0%
3240	Catastrophic Aid	19,033	19,036	0	0	0	n/a
5220	From Building Endowment F	2,305	2,305	1,153	576	-577	-50%
	Subtotal	2,785,021	2,780,860	2,816,823	2,644,063	-172,760	-6%
	Bank Financing	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
<b>Revenue Total</b>		<b>2,785,021</b>	<b>2,780,860</b>	<b>2,816,823</b>	<b>2,644,063</b>	<b>-172,760</b>	<b>-6%</b>

<b>CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2003-04 PROPOSED BUDGET TAX RATE IMPACT</b>	<b>As Set 2001-02</b>	<b>As Set 2002-03</b>	<b>Proposed 2003-04</b>	<b>\$ Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>Appropriation- General Fund</b>	2,720,021	2,835,847	2,745,017	-90,830	-3.20%
Deficit Appropriation	65,000	24,105	0	-24,105	-100.00%
Total Non-Tax Revenue	799,815	797,404	796,827	-577	-0.07%
State Property Tax	484,101	481,938	481,938	0	0.00%
Use of Fund Balance	0	43,129	100,954	57,825	134.07%
<b>Local Tax Levy</b>	1,501,105	1,537,481	1,365,298	-172,183	-11.20%
<b>Assessed Value</b>	86,310,848	99,379,045	99,379,045	0	0.00%
<b>Local Tax Rate</b>	17.39	15.47	13.74	-1.73	-11.18%
<b>Estimated State Rate</b>	5.73	4.95	4.95	0.00	0.00%
<b>Total Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000)</b>	23.12	20.42	18.69	-1.73	-8.47%

Increase for Home Assessed at \$125,000

-216.25

<b>CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2002-03 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES</b>		<b>Adopted 2001-02</b>	<b>Estimated 2002-03</b>		<b>\$ Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>						
1610	Daily Sales	34,200	31,000		-3,200	
1990	Other Revenue	0			0	
3270	State Reimbursement	1,100	1,100		0	
4460	Federal Reimbursement	10,300	10,300		0	
5210	From General Fund	2,500	3,500		1,000	
<b>Food Service Fund Total</b>		<b>48,100</b>	<b>45,900</b>		<b>-2,200</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>FEDERAL GRANT FUND</b>						
4410	ECIA - I & II/French Grt.	124,003	43,000		-81,003	
<b>Federal Grant Fund Total</b>		<b>124,003</b>	<b>43,000</b>		<b>-81,003</b>	<b>-65%</b>

**Cornish School District**  
**Cornish, New Hampshire**  
 2003-04 Projected Salaries, Payroll Taxes, & Benefits

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Years Wks Exp.	02-03 Salary	03-04 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins	Dntl Insur	Life Ins	Total Sal & Bnfts
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION</b>													
Cassedy	BA +15	1.00	17	38,314	38,314	2,931	337	41	1,136	10,095	436	74	53,364
Coolidge	MA	0.50	27	27,160	27,160	2,078	239	41	805	10,095	436	52	40,906
Cravy	BA	1.00	9	29,415	29,415	2,250	259	41	872	10,095	436	56	43,424
Taylor	MA + 30	1.00	21	47,859	47,859	3,661	421	41	1,419	0	436	92	53,929
Fuerst	MA	0.50	19	21,440	21,440	1,640	189	41	636	3,739	436	41	28,162
Doolan	BA+30	0.50	1	12,266	12,266	938	108	41	364	0	436	0	13,741
Little	BA + 30	1.00	27	52,905	52,905	4,047	466	41	1,569	7,478	436	102	67,044
Hurd	MA + 30	0.40	35	22,859	22,859	1,749	201	41	678	0	436	0	25,572
McCann	BA+30	0.60	6	17,063	17,063	1,305	150	41	506	0	436	33	19,534
Redlands	MA + 15	1.00	25	52,533	52,533	4,019	462	41	1,558	3,739	436	101	62,889
Reed	MA+15	1.00	12	35,773	35,773	2,737	315	41	1,061	3,739	436	69	44,171
Russo	MA+30	1.00	13	37,781	37,781	2,890	332	41	1,120	0	436	73	42,673
Seidel	MA	1.00	21	45,491	45,491	3,480	400	41	1,349	10,095	436	87	61,379
Storrs	MA+30	1.00	21	47,859	47,859	3,661	421	41	1,419	10,095	436	92	64,024
Buchan	BA	0.60	3	14,781	14,781	1,131	130	41	438	6,057	0	28	22,606
Pollard	MA	1.00	13	35,911	35,911	2,747	316	41	1,065	10,095	153	69	50,397
Retirements				30,000	30,000	2,295	264		890			58	33,507
Sub-total				539,410	569,410	43,559	5,010	656	16,885	85,322	5,385	1,095	727,322
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>													
Various				8,900	15,000	1,148	147	27	0	0	0	0	16,322
<b>REGULAR ED PARA</b>													
Brodeur-Smij	9.63	36.00	38	12,490	13,174	1,008	116	41	391	0	436	0	15,166
Morrie	9.09	30	38	9,815	10,363	793	91	41	307	0	436	0	12,031
Subtotal				22,305	23,537	1,801	207	82	698	0	872	0	27,197

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Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Years Wks Exp.	02-03 Salary	03-04 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins	Dntl Insur	Life Ins	Total Sal & Bnfts
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>													
Finlay	MA + 30	1.00	14	38,914	38,914	2,977	342	41	1,154	10,095	436	75	54,034
Paul	MA+15	1.00	19	43,996	43,996	3,366	387	41	1,304	3,739	436	84	53,353
Maule	MA + 30	1.00	20	46,465	46,465	3,555	409	41	1,378	10,095	436	89	62,468
Subtotal				129,375	129,375	9,898	1,138	123	3,836	23,929	1,308	248	169,855
<b>SPED PARA</b>													
Gilmore	11.13	29	38	11,670	12,265	938	108	41	0	3,501	436	0	17,289
Gilmore	12.92	7	38	3,336	3,437	263	30	18	0	0	0	0	3,748
Ryan	12.63	36	38	16,772	17,278	1,322	152	41	512	0	436	0	19,741
Ackerman	8.83	30	38	9,530	10,066	770	89	41	298	0	0	0	11,264
Mushlin	9.91	30	38	10,727	11,297	864	99	41	335	3,501	436	0	16,573
Frisch	12.73	35	38	16,439	16,931	1,295	149	41	502	3,739	436	0	23,093
Bertone	8.63	30	38	9,257	9,838	753	87	41	292	0	0	0	11,011
Thomas	9.09	34	38	11,124	11,744	898	103	41	348	3,501	436	0	17,071
Staff Reduction				-13,500	-1,033		-119	-70	-400				-15,122
Less 94-142 Grant				-15,366									-15,366
Subtotal				73,489	63,990	6,070	698	235	1,887	14,242	2,180	0	89,302
<b>OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY</b>													
Robinson	19.10	21	36	13,986	14,440	1,105	127	41	0	0	0	0	15,713
<b>GUIDANCE</b>													
Filbin	MA	0.70	6	20,439	20,439	1,564	180	41	0	7,066	436	39	29,765
<b>NURSE</b>													
Lynch	19.10	30.0	38	21,090	21,774	1,666	192	41	0	0	0	0	23,673

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 2003-04 Projected Salaries, Payroll Taxes, & Benefits

Name	Educ./		Years		02-03		03-04		U/C	W/C	FICA	Rtmt	Health		Dntl	Life	Total
	Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks	Exp.	Salary	Salary	Ins	Ins					Insur	Ins			
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>																	
Patterson	13.65	28	38		14,087	14,524	1,111	128	41	431	3,739	436	0	0	0	0	20,410
Patterson	BA + 15	0.20	13		6,808	6,808	521	60	35	202	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,626
Phillips	8.58	20.00	38		6,171	6,521	499	57	34	193	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,304
Total					27,066	27,853	2,131	245	110	826	3,739	436	0	0	0	0	35,340
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>																	
Kalter			23		66,505	69,200	5,294	609	41	4,308	11,909	436	384	0	0	0	92,181
O'Connor	395	1	52		19,864	20,540	1,571	181	41	1,279	0	0	0	0	0	0	23,612
Prior	9.09	8	36		3,177	2,618	200	23	14	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,933
Summer	9.09	5	6		267	273	21	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	297
Subtotal					89,813	92,631	7,086	815	97	5,665	11,909	436	384	0	0	0	119,023
<b>MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL</b>																	
Monette					32,861	33,978	2,599	1,794	41	2,115	10,095	436	65	0	0	0	51,123
Edwards	9.57	25.00	52		12,051	12,441	952	657	41	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	14,115
Edwards	9.57	15.00	9			1,292	99	68	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1,468
Subtotal					44,912	47,711	3,650	2,519	89	2,115	10,095	436	91	0	0	0	66,706
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>																	
<b>ORIGINAL BUDGET</b>																	
990,785 1,026,160 79,678 11,278 1,542 31,912 156,302 11,489 1,857 1,320,218																	
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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the School Board  
Cornish School District  
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Cornish School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cornish School District as of June 30, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

October 11, 2002

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# TOWN OF CORNISH

WHO TO SEE ABOUT WHAT AND WHEN

**SELECTMEN** 675-5611  
Selectmen's Secretary - Marge Kolenberg  
Fax - 675-5605

**Wednesdays** 9-Noon  
Meet the public 10-Noon.  
**Fridays** 6:30 -8:30 p.m.  
Public Meeting

**Town Office open Monday – Thursday 8–12 a.m.**

Abatements (Property Tax)  
Building Permits  
Camping Permits  
Current Use Applications  
Elderly Tax Exemption  
Intent to Cut Lumber  
Transfer Station Tickets

Pistol Permits  
Property Tax Cards  
Property Tax Maps  
Raffle Permits  
Septic Dig Approvals  
Subdivision Applications  
Veterans Tax Exemption

Other Questions – See Selectmen

**TOWN CLERK** 675-5207  
Reigh Helen Sweetser

**Mondays** 9-Noon, 4-7 p.m.  
**Thursdays** 9-Noon, 4-7 p.m.  
**Fridays** 9-Noon  
Last **Saturday** of Month 9-Noon

Burial Permits  
Cemetery Records  
Dog Licenses  
Dredge and Fill Permits  
Genealogy Information

Marriage Licenses  
Motor Vehicle Permits  
Transfer Station Tickets  
Vital Statistics  
Minutes - Planning Board, Zoning  
Board & Conservation Comm.

**TAX COLLECTOR** 675-5221  
Reigh Helen Sweetser

**See Town Clerk Hours above.**

Property Tax  
Yield Tax  
Current Use Tax  
Excavation Tax

**LIBRARY** 543-3644  
Emily Cromwell, Librarian

**Monday & Friday** 4-6 p.m.  
**Wednesday** 4-8 p.m.  
**Saturday** 10 a.m. to noon

**POLICE (Dispatch for Cornish)**

543-0535

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**  
Connie Kousman - 542-7107