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**239th**  
**Annual Report**  
of the  
**Selectmen**  
and other  
**Town Officers**



**CORNISH**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Year Ending December 31, 2005

**NOTICE**  
*Please Read*

**TO DOG & CAT OWNERS:**

RABIES CLINIC – April 1, 2006, 10-11:30 AM  
\$10.00 PER ANIMAL – CORNISH FLAT FIRE STATION  
New Hampshire/Vermont Residents Welcome

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/ females - \$9.00, neutered/spayed \$6.50
- Owner over 65, \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- Rabies certificates are required for licensing.
- **State Law requires all dogs to have rabies shots**
- **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 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 assessed for noncompliance.

**MUNICIPAL REMINDERS**

**Filing deadlines**

Current Use Applications.....	April 15
Property Tax Abatements.....	December billing to March 1
Exemption/Tax Credit.....	April 15
Property Tax due date.....	July 1 & December 1
Car Registrations.....	Birth month of Applicant, Unless leased

*Please be sure to let the Town Office know when you change your address*

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# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### Town Clerk – 3 years

Reigh Helen Sweetser (2007)  
Paula Harthan, Deputy

### Town Treasurer – 1 year

William Caterino  
Brent B. Edgerton, Deputy

### Moderator – 2 years (2006)

Peter H. Burling

### Selectmen – 3 years

William E. Gallagher, Chairman (2006)  
Merilynn Bourne (2007)  
Stuart A. Hodgeman (2008)

### 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 (2010)

### Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years

Willis Reed (2008)  
Cynthia K. Wegner (2007)  
Frank Parks (2006)

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

Karen Woodbury (2008)  
Bernice Johnson (2006)  
Kathryn H. Patterson (2007)

### General Assistance & Senior Resources

Connie Kousman  
Martha Zoerheide, Assistant  
Judy Kaufman, Assistant  
Anne Hier, Assistant

### Highway Agent – 1 year

Thomas Spaulding

### Sexton – 1 year

Albert F. Earle

### Fence Viewers – 1 year

Jack Rock            Clark Rockefeller  
Kay Wegner        Harold Morse  
Gary Wegner  
Leo Maslan  
Fred Sullivan  
Kay Kibbie  
Jesse Tyler

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

Gwyn Gallagher        Reyer Jaarsma  
Leo Maslan            James Neil  
Jim Fitch                Fred Weld

### Hog Reeves – 1 year

Don Unhjem  
Christine & Cheston Newbold Jr  
Duane & Linda Churchill  
Harold Morse

### Representative to the General Court – 2 years

Constance Jones  
Peter H. Burling

### New Hampshire Executive Council – 2 years

Raymond S. Burton (2006)

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### Police Officers – by Selectmen

E. Douglas Hackett – Sergeant  
Corey Stevens  
Crystal Simonds  
Paul Roberts

### Librarian – by Trustees of the Library

Emily Cromwell

### Fire Chief – by Selectmen – 3 years

Nathan Cass (2008)

### Planning Board – by Selectmen – 3 years

Peter Storrs, Chairman (2006)  
John Hammond, Vice Chair (2007)  
Cheston Newbold, (2007)  
Larry Dingee (2008)), Alternate  
Gail Pillsbury, (2007)  
Gwyn Gallagher, Alternate (2007)  
Stuart Hodgeman, for Selectmen  
Bill Lipfert, Alternate  
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary  
Troy Simino, Alternate

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

Karim Chichakly, Chairman (2008)  
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chairman (2007)  
Jim Brown  
William S. Balch, Alternate  
Bruce Tracy (2005)  
Dale Rook, Alternate  
Jason Bourne

# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

Herrika W. Poor, (2008)  
Don Snowden, Chairperson (2006)  
Michael M. Yatsevitch (2006)  
William Gallagher, for Selectmen  
Mary Beth Heiskell (2006)  
Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate (2007)  
Nancy Newbold (2006)  
Gabe Zoerhiede (2006)  
Loel Callahan, Alternate (2007)  
Jess Tyler, Alternate (2007)  
Betty Miller (2007)

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

William Gallagher (2006)  
Tim Schad (2006) Alternate

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

William Caterino ex-officio  
Carol Rennie (2005)  
Fred Sullivan (2007)  
Michael Monette (2006)  
Robert Bladen, Chairperson (2007)  
Bob Maslan (2008)

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

Virginia Prince, Chairman  
William Gallagher (Selectmen)  
James Fitch  
Mary Beth Heiskell  
Andrew Elmore

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

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

## **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional**

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

J. Cheston Newbold  
Gail McKenzie

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

- By Selectmen  
Sue Fitch

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

Leo Maslan  
Richard Thompson

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

Dale O'Connor

## **Emergency Management Civil Defense**

**Director – by Selectmen**     Robert Maslan  
                                               Larry Dingee

## **Spirit Committee – by Selectmen**

Nancy Newbold                     Dale O'Connor

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

Stu Hodgeman

## **Auditors – by Selectmen**

Plodzick and Sanderson

## APPOINTMENTS BY STATE

### **Health Officer – Jeff Katchen**

**Asst Health Officer – Ginny Prince**

**Forest Fire Warden – Nate Cass**

### **Forest Fire Deputy Wardens**

Dale Rook                             Leland Atwood  
Scott Reuthe                         Robert Rice  
Leo Maslan                             Bill Harthan  
Jim Guy

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

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

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

J. Cheston Newbold

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**  
**2005**

During 2005, a dramatic increase in Cornish property values, and an unbudgeted hike in the price of road maintenance truck fuel, added complexity to the selectmen's job of administering town affairs.

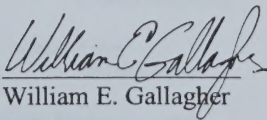
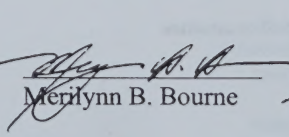
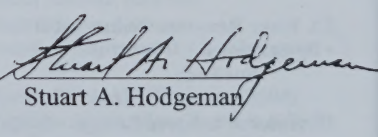
Also, three significant active farm properties (the Putnam farm on Route 12A, the Sullivan family land in Cornish Flat, and the Jewell property on Route 120) came on the market at the same time that citizen respondents to the Planning Board survey listed agricultural land protections as their top priority for town master planning. One popular way of protecting a town's rural character by saving agricultural land from development is by donating a parcel's development rights to a land trust, as Helen Lovell did in October by placing a conservation easement on her Root Hill Road property, thus preserving its agricultural future and encouraging other landowners who have already begun the same process. Cornish now has 1905 acres protected by conservation easements.

At the end of December, application was made to erect a 190-foot communications tower at the south end of Dingleton Hill. This proposal violates Cornish's zoning ordinance in regard to tower height and property line setback requirements, and so has yet to navigate our town's permitting process. The proposal is stimulating serious discussions about such a tower's usefulness to Cornish residents, its effect on our views and property values, and its potential long-term influence on public health.

Other than these challenges from outside the town, Cornish's community spirit manifested in a centennial performance of The Masque of the Golden Bowl, the Historical Society's new center and public forums, the Saturday farmer's markets, the successful Fire Department Auxiliary bazaar, garden club forums, monthly senior dinners, CREA barn restoration, a new police station, trail maintenance in the Town Forest, and, of course, the Cornish Fair.

The Selectmen thank Tom Spaulding for his eight years of service as the Cornish Road Agent, and wish him a happy retirement. We also thank the office-holders and volunteers who keep our town's recycling, road maintenance, cat and dog registration, dump ticket sales, cemetery maintenance, tax collection and expenditure and general finances functioning efficiently. And we thank the many individuals whose contributory actions, no matter how small, are essential to the stability and community integrity of Cornish.

Board of Selectmen

 William E. Gallagher	 Merilyn B. Bourne	 Stuart A. Hodgeman
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2006 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 14<sup>TH</sup> of March, at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

**Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8** 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 9 through 29 will be acted upon at that time.

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

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise the floodplain ordinance with required language that all communities in Sullivan County **MUST** adopt to remain compliant in the National Flood Insurance Program. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise the Special Minimum Lot Size Provision for existing lots of record. Under Article V,B.1 a lot that has been one of record since 1974 may subdivide up to two 2-acre lots in the rural zone provided that the remaining acreage is in compliance with the 5-acre minimum lot size in the rural zone. After the March 2007 Town Meeting, one year from adoption, no two-acre lots would be allowed in the rural zone under Article V,B.1 as of Town Meeting, March 2007, one year from adoption. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise the special exception for Cluster Development in the rural zone. With the removal of the special exception requirement, a subdivision application for cluster development could be made directly to the Cornish Planning Board. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of the amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise Article II and Article IV,C.12 to establish criteria under definitions and general provisions for the accessory use of a single family dwelling as an apartment. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of the adoption to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: Boarding House and Lodging House are used interchangeably in the Zoning Ordinance. This amend seeks to clarify by using the term Boarding/Lodging House in all cases and clarifies the language of the definition. All uses remain unchanged. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of the adoption to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To define 'building footprint' and add the following definition to Article II: Building Footprint – The area under the horizontal projection of the roof and any accessory structures above grade with the exception of trellises and patios. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Article 8:** Are you in favor of the adoption to the Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Cornish Select board as follows: To amend and revise Article II; Article IV, table 4.1; and Article IV,C to allow an Automotive Repair Garage as a business by Special Exception on State maintained roads in all zones. The Planning Board does not approve of this amendment. A copy of the amendment is available at the Town Clerk's office.

**Article 9:** 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.....	91,972
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics.....	3,435
(c)	Audit Town Books.....	6,200
(d)	Revaluation of Property.....	8,000
(e)	Legal Expenses.....	4,500
(f)	Planning Board.....	2,620
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	550
(h)	Building & Grounds.....	22,805
(i)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care.....	24,659
(j)	Insurance (excluding medical).....	40,000
(k)	Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC).....	1,828
(l)	Police Department.....	60,133
(m)	Rescue Squad.....	4,400
(n)	Ambulance.....	18,169
(o)	Fire Department.....	30,925
(p)	Emergency Management.....	50
(q)	Septage.....	2,500
(r)	Transfer Station Tickets.....	6,000
(s)	Recycling.....	7,800
(t)	Hazardous Waste.....	750
(u)	Health Services.....	7,765
(v)	General Assistance.....	2,500
(w)	Parks and Recreation....(CREA).....	6,370

(x)	Patriotic Purposes.....	1,000
(z1)	Conservation Commission Expenses.....	900
(z2)	Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000
(z4)	Public Library Fund.....	9,440
(z5)	County Tax.....	Necessary Amount

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 11:** 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 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 14:** 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 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 16:** 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 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$397,024 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$298,560 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$98,464 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 18:** To see if the Town will vote to modify the elderly property tax exemptions as follows: For a person 65 years of age through 74 years, \$45,000; for a person 75 years through 79 years, \$60,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$75,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$22,000, or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$30,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to perform a data verification (list and measure) of our property values and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount from the Appraisal Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 20:** Special Purpose Non-Lapsing Appropriation for Cemetery Truck. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to purchase a used truck for the Cemetery department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2007, whichever is sooner. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 21:** Special Purpose Non-Lapsing Appropriation for Wheelchair lift. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the installation of a wheelchair lift in the Town Office building. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7,VI and will not lapse until the installation is completed or by December 31, 2007, whichever is sooner. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for repairs to the Dingleton Hill Covered Bridge and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint rather than elect a Road Agent as allowed by RSA 231:62. If passed, this article will become effective March 13, 2007. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees to the Board of Selectmen (RSA 289:6). If the majority vote is in the affirmative, then the delegation shall take effect 90 days after adoption and shall continue until rescinded by vote of the town meeting. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for materials and labor to be used to prevent erosion on the loop road in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants, or proceeds of a timber harvest for this purpose. Any additional revenues from the timber harvest shall be placed in the Town Forest Maintenance Fund (RSA 31:113). No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to create a committee to study options for waste reduction and trash disposal in Cornish and to raise and appropriate \$500 for expenses. The committee is to meet on the first Tuesday of each month and issue a report for Town Meeting 2007. Volunteers are urged to participate. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

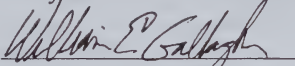
**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

**Article 28:** To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.


**Article 29:** To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

William E. Gallagher

  
William E. Gallagher

Merilynn B. Bourne

  
Merilynn B. Bourne

Stuart A. Hodgeman

  
Stuart A. Hodgeman

True Copy Attest

Selectmen of Cornish

CORNISH, NH

TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2005

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held Tuesday the 8th of March 2005. Peter Burling, Moderator for the Town of Cornish, opened the polls at 10:00 am to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. Moderator Burling noted that the Warrant was properly certified and that all members of the Selectboard signatures were displayed on the end of the warrant. Moderator Burling then read the Town Warrant in its entirety. Supervisors of the Checklists signed both checklist and were sworn in by Town Clerk, Reigh Sweetser. The Ballot Clerks being Marion Stone, Alma Jacklin, Judy Rook and Audrey Jacquier were sworn in. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon with a prayer lead by Bernice Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

Selectmen for 3 years: Stuart Hodgeman received 113 votes and John Hammond received 109 votes. Stuart Hodgeman was declared the winner.  
Town Treasurer for 1 year: William F. Caterino – 208 votes  
Sexton for 1 year: Albert F. Earle – 207 votes  
Trustee of Trust funds for 3 years: Willis S. Reed – 204 votes  
Library Trustee for 3 years: Karen Woodbury received 67 write in votes  
Overseer of Welfare for 1 year: Connie Kousman – 216 votes  
Highway Agent for 1 year: Thomas E. Spaulding – 205 votes  
Tax Collector for 1 year: Reigh H. Sweetser – 218 votes

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 – Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$77,775. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion. Larry Dingee moved to amend to \$78,775 due to the recent necessity of purchasing new software for accounts payable and payroll. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative. The main motion was then voted on in the affirmative.
- (b) Election, Registration and Vital Statistics – Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$ 3,435. Bill Caterino seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative.

- (c) Audit Town Books– Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,500. Shirley Sullivan seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative.
- (d) Revaluation of Property– Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Cheston Newbold and voted on in the affirmative.
- (e) Legal Expenses– Jan Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Sandy Redlands and voted on in the affirmative.
- (f) Planning Board– Connie Kousman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,600. The motion was seconded by Cheston Newbold and voted on in the affirmative.
- (g) Zoning Board of Adjustment– Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$550. The motion was seconded by Bill Balch and voted on in the affirmative.
- (h) Building & Grounds– Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Kay Wegner and voted on in the affirmative.
- (i) Cemeteries and Perpetual Care– Albert Earle moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$23,321. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.
- (j) Insurance (excluding medical)– Jan Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$34,000. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.
- (k) Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC)– Nancy Newbold moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,745. The motion was seconded by Robert Jaarsma and voted on in the affirmative.
- (l) Town Records Preservation– Jan Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1800. The motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher and voted on in the affirmative.
- (m) Spirit Committee– Nancy Newbold moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Judy Rook and voted on in the affirmative.
- (n) Police Department– Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$51,539. The motion was seconded by Chris Chilton and voted on in the affirmative.
- (o) Rescue Squad– Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,400. The motion was seconded by Shane Smith and voted on in the affirmative.

- (p) Ambulance – Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$18,169. The motion was seconded by Mauri Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.
- (q) Fire Department – Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$27,675. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative. Fire Chief, Nate Cass, noted that the budget had gone down 15%. He also thanked his department for their dedication and support.
- (r) Emergency Management– Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$50. The motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher and voted on in the affirmative.
- (s) Septage – Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.
- (t) Transfer Station Tickets– Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,000. The motion was seconded Audrey Jacquier and voted on in the affirmative.
- (u) Recycling– Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,750. The motion was seconded by Mauri Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.
- (v) Hazardous Waste– Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$750. The motion was seconded by Anne Hier and voted on in the affirmative.
- (w) Health Services– Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$8,080. The motion was seconded by Jan Lord and voted on in the affirmative.
- (x) General Assistance– Lois Fitts moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded Connie Kousman and voted on in the affirmative.
- (y) Parks and Recreation– Buz Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,750. The motion was seconded by Sally Wellborn and voted on in the affirmative.
- (z) Patriotic Purposes– Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$600. The motion was seconded by Kathy Patterson and voted on in the affirmative.
- (Z1) Windsor Library \$600 – Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$600 for the Windsor Library. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the negative.



- (Z2) Conservation Commission Expenses– Don Snowden moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$800. The motion was seconded Robert Jaarsma and voted on in the affirmative.
- (Z3) Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes– Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher and voted on in the affirmative.
- (Z4) Public Library Fund– Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,211. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion. Mike Fuerst made a motion to amend to \$10,811. Merilynn Bourne seconded the motion. The motion to amend was voted on in the affirmative. The main motion was then voted on in the affirmative.
- (Z5) County Tax– Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate the necessary amount. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 3: – Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. The motion was seconded Shirley Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.

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

Article 5: – Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$22,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 6: – Will Reed moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Gary Wegner and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 7: – Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 8: – Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Lois Fitts and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 9: – Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 10: – Robert Kibbie moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$360,850 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$259,485 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$101,365 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. The motion was seconded by Shirley Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 11: – Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to make improvements to the building known as the Town Hall. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until the building is completed, or by December 31, 2006, whichever is sooner. Merilyn Bourne seconded the motion. Larry Dingee explained that the work is to be done on the inside of the building for painting and bathroom repairs including the addition of hot water and to fix a portion of the roof that is leaking. Nancy Newbold stated that in the past the Spirit Committee painted the outside of the building but repairs need to be done before it can be painted again. Fred Sullivan suggested the Town wait and do an appropriation for the outside work next year. Buz Lord questioned the status of a suggestion made for the past two years that a capital reserve fund is started for the purpose of all town building repairs. Larry Dingee explained that the Selectboard felt this appropriation would be enough for one year, but it was being taken into consideration for the future. The motion was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 12: – Bill Caterino moved to see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$16,560 to purchase a mower for the Cemetery Department. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 13: – Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$25,000 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. Any funds derived from the sale of trade-in of the Town's existing cruiser are to be used to offset the withdrawn amount. The motion was seconded by Merilyn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative. Joan Littlefield questioned why a check for \$2500 given to the Town from Clark Rockefeller had been returned to him. The money was given for police software but the Selectboard said there was money available for that and to give it to General Assistance, Senior Resources or the Conservation Fund. Peter Burling last year donated Trinity Church to the Town and Clark Rockefeller gave \$110,000 to build an addition on the fire department for a police department. This was in exchange for Trinity Church, which was valued at \$220,000. Peter offered Clark the contents at 50% of the appraised value. The offer was turned down. The contents of the church (7 pieces) were then given to the Cornish Historical Society. Clark Rockefeller stated that the contents were now the property of the Trinity Church.

Article 14: – Merilyn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500 to perform a statistical update of our property values and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that amount from the Appraisal Reserve Fund. Bill Gallagher seconded the motion. Larry Dingee explained that a statistical update would bring land and building values closer to the current market values. The existing equalization rate is currently 73.5%, which means properties are assessed 26 1/2 % below market value. The minimum State requirement is 80%. Next year 25% of the Town will be randomly selected for a full appraisal so the Town will be done by 2009. The motion was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 15: – Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$82,000 for the purchase of a Tanker chassis and related equipment for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$82,000 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Chris Chilton and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 16: – Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$105,850 to purchase the turnout gear for the Fire Department. The sum of \$10,585 shall be raised by taxes and the balance of \$95,265 will be received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Merilyn Bourne seconded the motion. Fire Chief,

Nate Cass, stated the money would be used in addition to turn out gear to replace air packs, air bottles. Selectmen, Larry Dingee said \$3000 from last year went into the fund balance. Moderator Burling noted the government matches money 10 to 1. The motion was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 17: – Bill Gallagher moved 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 Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 18: Bill Gallagher moved to hear and accept the reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 19: Ray Evans moved that the same slate for Fence Viewers except for Alan Penfold who has moved to Hanover and that he was missed at School and Town meetings this year. Larry Dingee noted that Alan had donated a lot to the Town with the most recent gift being a book using his GPS for Town boundaries. Fred Sullivan nominated Harold Morse. The nominations being: Jack Rock, Kay Wegner, Gary Wegner, Leo Maslan, Fred Sullivan, Kay Kibbie, Jesse Tyler, Clark Rockefeller and Harold Morse. The motion was seconded by Gwyn Gallagher and voted on in the affirmative.

Surveyors of Wood Bark and Lumber: Cheston Newbold moved to have the same slate except for Robin Waterman as he thought he has moved. Mike Monette nominated Harold Morse. The nominations being: Reyer Jaarsma, Jim Fitch, Fred Weld, Leo Maslan, James Neil, Gwyn Gallagher and Harold Morse. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

Hog Reeves: Mauri Hodgeman nominated Don Unhjem. Reyer Jaarsma nominated Christine and Cheston Newbold Jr. Reigh Sweetser nominated Duane & Linda Churchill. Dale Rook nominated Harold Morse. The nominations were seconded by Mauri Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

The yearly Conservation Award was given out by Don Snowden to Cheston Newbold for the diligence and care of his land. Cheston is a member of the UVLSPRC, Connecticut River Joint Regional Planning Commission, maintains a tree farm and produces maple syrup. Three framed vintage postcards of the Connecticut River was the award.

Bob Demars presented a \$200 check from the Cornish Fair Association for the new playground structure that was voted in at the annual School Meeting.

Stuart Hodgeman gave a report on the Senior Housing Committee. Bernice Johnson has made a proposal for acquiring her property, which consists of a house and 1.75 acre. The committee met three times and studied HUD policies, zoning, how to pay for expenses and local rentals for seniors. It was decided that it would not be feasible at the present time.

Bill Gallagher, Selectman, gave a report on the CREA barn restoration. There have been fund raising for several years now and with the help of several dedicated volunteers and donations of lumber the barn is now "plumb, square and level". Local contributions and fund grants raised \$29,000 and \$12,000 was spent to date. The next phase will require about \$30,000 to replace the lower level walls and sills to provide a proper foundation.

Mike Monette stated that Town property which was a picture of Philander Chase and the baptismal should be in a Town building and not in Trinity Church. Caroline Storrs stated she would like the Selectboard to check into who owns the picture. The Historical Society or the Town. Clark Rockefeller said those items were now property of the Trinity Church.

Bob Maslan moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 3:40 pm. The motions was seconded by Merilynn Bourn and voted on in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reigh H. Sweetser".

Reigh H. Sweetser, Town Clerk

2006 BUDGET  
Statement of Revenues  
Town of Cornish

	2005	2005	Estimate	2006	Estimate
	Proposed	Actual	Over(Under)	Proposed	Over(Under)
<b>TAXES</b>					
Land Use Change Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	15,000	6,196	(8,804)	10,000	(5,000)
Paymt in Lieu of Taxes	211	211	0	211	0
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	18,000	22,947	4,947	18,000	0
Excavation Tax	1,158	961	(197)	1,000	(158)
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	265,000	276,128	11,128	265,000	0
Building Permits	1,000	1,415	415	1,200	200
Dog Licenses and Fines	2,000	1,842	(158)	2,000	0
Other Permits and Fees	200	160	(40)	200	0
<b>STATE OF NH &amp; FEDERAL</b>					
Federal Grants/Reimburse	98935	98,935	0	4,950	(93,985)
Shared Revenues-Rooms	61,739	61,739	0	61,739	0
Shared Revenue-BPT	11,939	11,939	0	11,939	0
Highway Block Grant	101,365	101,366	1	98,464	(2,901)
Railroad Tax & Other	1,458	1,458	0	1,458	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
Zoning Board Fees	200	387	187	200	0
Planning Board Fees	1,000	1,295	295	1,500	500
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sales	100	99	(1)	100	0
Burial Fees	500	400	(100)	500	0
Highway Dept. Income	600	1525	925	1000	400
Police Dept. Income	10,000	8,957	(1,043)	10,000	0
Fire Dept. Income	50	0	(50)	50	0
Recycling Income	1,000	1,435	435	1,000	0
Transfer Station Ticket Sales	6,000	5,380	(620)	6,000	0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES</b>					
Sale of Town Property	3000	3000	0	0	(3,000)
Insurance Dividends	1,000	2138	1,138	2,000	1,000
Rental of Town Property	1,500	1,650	150	1,500	0
Interest on Investments	15,000	20,552	5,552	20,000	5,000
Town Forest	0	0	0	2500	2,500
Other Sources	5,000	6,022	1,022	5,000	0
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
Trust & Special Revenue	3,000	4083	1,083	5,700	2,700
Capital Reserve Funds	137,500	112,688	(24,812)	11,500	(126,000)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Proceeds from long-term bonds	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	22,350	22350	0	30,000	7,650
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>785,805</b>	<b>777,258</b>	<b>(8,547)</b>	<b>574,711</b>	<b>(211,094)</b>

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 General Fund Balance Sheet  
 Town of Cornish

	December 2005	December 2004
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,022,202	1,153,921
Petty Cash	300	200
Uncollected Property Taxes	222,729	165,362
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	0	4,368
Uncollected Yield Taxes	226	447
Uncollected Excavation Taxes	0	0
Unredeemed Taxes	37,082	45,031
Allowance for Tax Refunds	(12,520)	(44,717)
Accounts Receivables	0	39
Due from the Trust Fund	0	87,500
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,270,019</b>	<b>1,412,151</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Accounts Payable	686	0
Due to Conservation Fund	6,000	19,662
Due to School District	797,720	799,822
Due to Town Forest	100	100
Deferred Tax Revenue	1,495	4,602
Deferred Burial Revenue	80	80
Deferred Escrow	5,000	
Payroll Withholding(Retirement)	0	0
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	12,582	132,106
Undesignated	446,356	455,779
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,270,019</b>	<b>1,412,151</b>

Source MS-5 Part 2

2006 BUDGET  
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	2005 Final Approp	2005 Acutal Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase (Decrease)
<b>GENERAL GOVMT</b>					
Town Office	78,775	79,282	507	91,972	13,197
Elections	3,435	2,559	(876)	3,435	0
Audit	5,500	5,500	0	6,200	700
Appraisal Fees	5,000	9,524	4,524	8,000	3,000
Legal Expenses	4,500	2,557	(1,943)	4,500	0
Planning Board	1,600	1,980	380	2,620	1,020
Zoning Board	550	580	30	550	0
Buildings & Grounds	20,000	20,276	276	22,805	2,805
Cemeteries	23,321	23,315	(6)	24,659	1,338
Insurance	34,000	37,227	3,227	40,000	6,000
Regional Association	1,745	1,745	0	1,828	83
Town Records	1,800	1,800	0	0	(1,800)
Spirit Committee	1,000	0	(1,000)	0	(1,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>181,226</b>	<b>186,345</b>	<b>5,119</b>	<b>206,569</b>	<b>25,343</b>
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>					
Police Department	51,539	53,092	1,553	60,133	8,594
Rescue Squad	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
Ambulance	18,169	18,169	0	18,169	0
Fire Department	27,675	30,650	2,975	30,925	3,250
Emergency Management	50	0	(50)	50	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101,833</b>	<b>106,311</b>	<b>4,478</b>	<b>113,677</b>	<b>11,844</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPT</b>					
Class V Roads	360,850	374,616	13,766	397,024	36,174
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>360,850</b>	<b>374,616</b>	<b>13,766</b>	<b>397,024</b>	<b>36,174</b>
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Septage	2,500	2,492	(8)	2,500	0
Transfer Tickets	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0
Recycling	6,750	6,416	(334)	7,800	1,050
Hazardous Waste	750	458	(292)	750	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>15,366</b>	<b>(634)</b>	<b>17,050</b>	<b>1,050</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>					
Health Services	8,080	8,093	13	7,765	(315)
General Assistance	2,500	915	(1,585)	2,500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>9,008</b>	<b>(1,572)</b>	<b>10,265</b>	<b>(315)</b>

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**CULTURE&RECREATION**

Parks & CREA	3,750	3,750	0	6,370	2,620
Memorial Day	600	1,130	530	1,000	400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>7,370</b>	<b>3,020</b>

**CONSERVATION**

Conservation Comm	800	800	0	900	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>100</b>

**DEBT SERVICE**

Tax Anticipation Note	2,000	686	(1,314)	2,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>(1,314)</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>

**OPERATING TRANSFERS**

Library Fund	10,811	10,696	(115)	9,440	(1,371)
Conservation Fund	3,000	3,000	0	5,000	2,000
Highway Capital Reserve	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Fire Capital Reserve	22,000	22,000	0	22,000	0
Police Capital Reserve	4,000	7,000	3,000	4,000	0
Appraisal Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Library Capital Reserve	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS</b>	<b>106,811</b>	<b>109,696</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>107,440</b>	<b>629</b>

**Encumbrances from 04**

		<b>25,631</b>	<b>(25,631)</b>		
<b>Total before Capital</b>	<b>784,450</b>	<b>833,339</b>	<b>48,889</b>	<b>862,295</b>	<b>77,845</b>

**Capital Outlay & Articles**

Assessing 05-14	30,500	25,904	(4,596)		
Fire Dept Grant 05-16	105,850	105,850	0		
Fire Dept Tanker 05-15	82,000	69,104	(12,896)		
Cemetery Mower 05-12	16,560	16,560	0		
Town Hall 05-11	15,000	14,530	(470)		
Police Cruiser 05-13	25,000	23,587	(1,413)		
Data Verification 06-09				8,000	8,000
Wheelchair Lift 06-10				30,000	30,000
Cemetery Vehicle 06-11				10,000	10,000
Bridge Repairs 06-12				3,500	3,500
Town forest 06-13				2,500	2,500
Disposal Committee 06-14				500	500
<b>Total Articles</b>	<b>274,910</b>	<b>255,535</b>	<b>(19,375)</b>	<b>54,500</b>	<b>54,500</b>
<b>Encumb from 04</b>		<b>118,494</b>	<b>(118,494)</b>		
<b>Encumb carried to 06</b>		<b>12,582</b>	<b>(12,582)</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,059,360</b>	<b>1,219,950</b>	<b>160,590</b>	<b>916,795</b>	<b>(142,565)</b>



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	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Town Office</b>					
Salaries	34,250	33,872	(378)	37,200	2,950
Salary-Town Clerk	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0
Salary-Tax Collector	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0
Salary-Treasurer	1,100	1,100	0	1,100	0
Salary-Dep Clerk/Tax	500	360	(140)	1,200	700
Salary-Dep Treas	100	100	0	100	0
FICA	3,600	3,490	(110)	3,600	0
Medicare	875	816	(59)	875	0
Advertising	300	772	472	450	150
Memberships	1,050	1,063	13	1,050	0
Postage	2,500	1,849	(651)	2,500	0
Software Leases	4,900	4,676	(224)	10,297	5,397
Copier Lease	1,900	1,988	88	2,100	200
Computer Expense	4,000	4,217	217	7,700	3,700
Office Supplies	3,500	3,542	42	3,500	0
Town Clerk Ref Books	400	371	(29)	400	0
Town Report Cost	2,400	2,749	349	2,500	100
Mileage	1,900	1,745	(155)	1,900	0
Training & Educ	1,500	1,060	(440)	1,500	0
Town Clerk Fee-Veh	3,300	3,637	337	3,300	0
Town Clerk Fee- Marriage	20	189	169	20	0
Town Clerk Fee - Titles	20	56	36	20	0
Town Clerk Fee - UCC	20	0	(20)	20	0
Town Clerk Fee - F&G	20	(74)	(94)	20	0
Town Clerk Fee-Valid	20	0	(20)	20	0
Tax Coll Fee-Liens	100	1,134	1,034	100	0
Registry of Deeds	250	257	7	250	0
Telephone-BOS	900	917	17	900	0
Telephone - Tax Coll	750	822	72	750	0
Telephone - Town Clerk	800	958	158	800	0
Misc Expenses	300	116	(184)	300	0
	<b>78,775</b>	<b>79,282</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>91,972</b>	<b>13,197</b>

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	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Elections</b>					
Salaries & Wages	1,100	797	(303)	1,100	0
FICA	50	4	(46)	50	0
Medicare	10	1	(9)	10	0
Advertising	125	1	(124)	125	0
Postage	25	23	(2)	25	0
Computer Expenses	1,000	1,525	525	1,000	0
Office Supplies	100	0	(100)	100	0
Town Election Costs	100	0	(100)	100	0
Mileage	200	62	(138)	200	0
Misc	225	150	(75)	225	0
Vital Stats	500	-4	(504)	500	0
	<b>3,435</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>(876)</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Audit Town</b>					
	5,500	5,500	0	6,200	700
	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Appraisal Fees</b>					
	5,000	9,524	4,524	8,000	3,000
	<b>5,000</b>	<b>9,524</b>	<b>4,524</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>
<b>Legal Expenses</b>					
	4,500	2,557	(1,943)	4,500	0
	<b>4,500</b>	<b>2,557</b>	<b>(1,943)</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Planning Board</b>					
Salaries	500	500	0	1,000	500
FICA	0	0	0	100	100
Medicare	0	0	0	20	20
Advertising	400	626	226	400	0
Postage	300	573	273	300	0
Mileage	100	83	(17)	100	0
Training & Educ	100	155	55	100	0
Printing Expenses	200	43	(157)	600	400
	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>1,020</b>

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	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Zoning Board</b>					
Advertising	300	86	(214)	300	0
Postage	150	341	191	150	0
Training & Educ	50	56	6	50	0
Misc Exp	50	97	47	50	0
	<b>550</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>					
Salaries	5,500	5,391	(109)	6,000	500
FICA	350	294	(56)	350	0
Medicare	80	69	(11)	80	0
Elec - Town Office	2,000	1,504	(496)	2,000	0
Elec-Town Hall	2,000	1,761	(239)	2,000	0
Heat-Town Office	2,500	2,783	283	3,000	500
Heat- Town Hall	2,200	2,369	169	2,500	300
Rubbish Removal	875	435	(440)	875	0
Misc Exp	500	339	(161)	500	0
Build Maintenance	3,495	5,080	1,585	5,000	1,505
Maint. Supplies	500	251	(249)	500	0
	<b>20,000</b>	<b>20,276</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>22,805</b>	<b>2,805</b>
<b>Cemeteries</b>					
Salaries	13,200	14,991	1,791	12,184	(1,016)
FICA	880	1,144	264	1,000	120
Medicare	216	268	52	250	34
Mileage	250	290	40	250	0
Equip, Tools	1,000	1,983	983	1,000	0
Gasoline	500	718	218	600	100
Diesel Fuel	200	206	6	200	0
Hired Equipment	600	280	(320)	500	(100)
War Wagon	500	204	(296)	500	0
Misc Expenses	300	164	(136)	200	(100)
Equip Repair & Main	500	273	(227)	500	0
Maintenance Supplies	1,000	395	(605)	800	(200)
Perpetual Care	2,000	1,888	(112)	5,000	3,000
Sanderson Fund	175	154	(21)	175	0
Burial Expenses	1,000	357	(643)	500	(500)
Headstone cleaning	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
	<b>23,321</b>	<b>23,315</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>24,659</b>	<b>1,338</b>

2006 BUDGET  
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures  
Town of Cornish

	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Insurance</b>					
Non-medical	34,000	37,227	3,227	40,000	6,000
	<b>34,000</b>	<b>37,227</b>	<b>3,227</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Regional Association</b>					
UVLSRPC Retainer	1,745	1,745	0	1,828	83
	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,828</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Town Records</b>					
Record Preservation	1,800	1,800	0	0	(1,800)
	<b>1,800</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,800)</b>
<b>Spirit Committee</b>					
Spirit Committee	1,000	0	(1,000)	0	(1,000)
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
<b>Police Dept.</b>					
Salaries	25,068	25,060	(8)	28,891	3,823
Salaries-Special	6,100	6,574	474	6,500	400
FICA	2,000	1,994	(6)	2,530	530
Medicare	475	466	(9)	525	50
Postage	30	66	36	30	0
Computer Expenses	1,600	1,625	25	1,600	0
Office Supplies	300	687	387	300	0
Training & Educ	1,200	1,007	(193)	700	(500)
Telephone	2,496	3,027	531	2,916	420
Building Maint	0	0	0	300	300
Heating	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Uniforms	500	271	(229)	750	250
Equipment	420	743	323	2120	1,700
Dispatch	7,700	7,614	(86)	7,921	221
Gasoline	900	1,021	121	1,300	400
Contracted Serv	700	515	(185)	700	0
Misc Expenses	100	138	38	100	0
Equip Repair	500	1,511	1,011	500	0
Radios	450	0	(450)	450	0
Veh Maintenance	1,000	773	(227)	1,000	0
	<b>51,539</b>	<b>53,092</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>60,133</b>	<b>8,594</b>

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Town of Cornish

	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Rescue Squad</b>					
Rescue Squad	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>					
Windsor	10,584	10,584	0	10,584	0
Golden Cross	7,585	7,585	0	7,585	0
	<b>18,169</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>					
Subscriptions	75	0	(75)	75	0
Memberships	400	390	(10)	400	0
Postage	50	0	(50)	50	0
Mileage	150	0	(150)	150	0
Training	200	0	(200)	200	0
Telephone	900	1,114	214	900	0
Elec- Rte 120	500	499	(1)	500	0
Elec-Town House	2,000	1,101	(899)	2,000	0
Heat-Rte 120	1,500	1,547	47	1,500	0
Heat-Town House	1,600	1,639	39	1,600	0
Fire Equip	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
Protective Clothing	500	5,987	5,487	500	0
Pagers	1,000	4,416	3,416	4,250	3,250
Hose Replacement	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0
Forest Fire	1,000	290	(710)	1,000	0
Dispatch	5,000	3,694	(1,306)	5,000	0
Gasoline	450	461	11	450	0
Diesel	550	775	225	550	0
Misc Exp	150	1,981	1,831	150	0
Equip repair	1,000	573	(427)	1,000	0
Radios	1,000	424	(576)	1,000	0
Maint - Station 1	1,000	1,591	591	1,000	0
Maint-Station 2	250	0	(250)	250	0
Engine 1	1,000	1,577	577	1,000	0
Engine 2	1,000	492	(508)	1,000	0
Engine 3	400	307	(93)	400	0
Tanker	1,000	288	(712)	1,000	0
Utility truck	1,000	449	(551)	1,000	0
Maint - SCBA	1,000	1,055	55	1,000	0
	<b>27,675</b>	<b>30,650</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>30,925</b>	<b>3,250</b>

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	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Emerg Mgmt</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Highway</b>					
Salaries	135,000	130,897	(4,103)	142,704	7,704
Salaries - PT	3,000	2,366	(634)	3,000	0
Salaries-OT	16,000	15,216	(784)	16,000	0
FICA	9,550	9,200	(350)	9,750	200
Medicare	2,250	2,318	68	2,250	0
Retirement	9,500	9,432	(68)	10,000	500
Med Insurance	38,250	31,124	(7,126)	35,000	(3,250)
Training	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Telephone	600	1,319	719	1,200	600
Electricity	2,200	1,803	(397)	2,200	0
Heat	2,500	2,670	170	2,700	200
Uniforms	6,000	6,471	471	6,000	0
Gasloine	800	1,958	1,158	1,000	200
Diesel	14,600	20,637	6,037	23,000	8,400
Oil&Lubricants	1,300	712	(588)	1,300	0
Asphalt	46,000	38,794	(7,206)	46,000	0
Gravel	12,700	12,488	(212)	22,000	9,300
Sand	10,000	9,897	(103)	10,000	0
Salt	1,000	1,171	171	1,000	0
Chloride	500	358	(142)	500	0
Culverts	4,500	3,838	(662)	4,500	0
Road Supplies	11,500	18,366	6,866	11,500	0
Shop Supplies	4,000	8,016	4,016	4,000	0
Hired Equip	10,000	12,643	2,643	12,000	2,000
Rubbish Removal	600	670	70	600	0
2003 Pickup	1,000	2,508	1,508	1,500	500
2002 Truck	3,000	5,838	2,838	3,000	0
1996 Truck	4,500	10,475	5,975	5,500	1,000
1990/2005 Trucks	1,000	2,732	1,732	1,500	500
Loader	1,000	4,136	3,136	2,000	1,000
Grader	3,000	6,739	3,739	4,000	1,000
Mower	2,000	797	(1,203)	0	(2,000)
Sweeper	500	554	54	500	0
Sander	0	0	0	6,820	6,820
Ins reimb	0	(4,562)	4,562	0	0
Radios	500	564	64	500	0
Build Maintenance	2,000	2,471	471	2,000	0
	<b>360,850</b>	<b>374,616</b>	<b>13,766</b>	<b>397,024</b>	<b>36,174</b>

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	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 Over (Under)	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Sanitation</b>					
Septage	2,500	2,492	(8)	2,500	0
Transfer Tickets	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0
Recycling	6,750	6,416	(334)	7,800	1,050
Hazard Waste	750	458	(292)	750	0
	<b>16,000</b>	<b>15,366</b>	<b>(634)</b>	<b>17,050</b>	<b>1,050</b>
<b>Health</b>					
Health Dept	50	90	40	50	0
Animal control	480	453	(27)	480	0
Visiting Nurse	1,500	1,500	0	1,000	(500)
Comm Youth	500	500	0	0	(500)
Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
SW Community	500	500	0	500	0
Volunteers In Action	400	400	0	400	0
West Central Behavioral	1,500	1,500	0	1,785	285
CT Valley Home Care	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0
Meals on Wheels	200	200	0	300	100
Senior Citizen Council	200	200	0	500	300
	<b>8,080</b>	<b>8,093</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7,765</b>	<b>(315)</b>
<b>Welfare</b>					
General Assistance	2,500	915	(1,585)	2,500	0
	<b>2,500</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>(1,585)</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Culture</b>					
CREA Maintenance	3,750	3,750	0	6,370	2,620
Memorial Day	600	1,130	530	1,000	400
	<b>4,350</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>7,370</b>	<b>3,020</b>
<b>Conservation</b>					
Cons Commission	800	800	0	900	100
	<b>800</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
Tax Anticipation	2,000	686	(1,314)	2,000	0
	<b>2,000</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>(1,314)</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>

2006 BUDGET  
Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures  
Town of Cornish

	2005 Final Approp.	2005 Actual Expend	2005 (Over) Under	2006 Proposed Budget	2006 Increase (Decrease)
<b>Operating Transfers</b>					
Library Fund	10,811	10,696	(115)	9,440	(1,371)
Conservation	3,000	3,000	0	5,000	2,000
Highway Cap	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Fire Capital	22,000	22,000	0	22,000	0
Police Capital	4,000	7,000	3,000	4,000	0
Appraisal	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Bridge Cap	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Library Cap	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>106,811</b>	<b>109,696</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>107,440</b>	<b>629</b>
<b>Total Before Articles</b>	<b>784,450</b>	<b>807,708</b>	<b>23,258</b>	<b>862,295</b>	<b>77,845</b>
<b>Encum from 04</b>		<b>25,631</b>	<b>(25,631)</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>784,450</b>	<b>833,339</b>	<b>48,889</b>	<b>862,295</b>	<b>77,845</b>
<b>ARTICLES</b>					
			0		
Assessing 05-14	30,500	25,904	(4,596)		
Fire Dept Grant 05-16	105,850	105,850	0		
Fire Dept Tanker 05-15	82,000	69,104	(12,896)		
Cem Mower 05-12	16,560	16,560	0		
Town Hall 05-11	15,000	14,530	(470)		
Police Cruiser 05-13	25,000	23,587	(1,413)		
Data Verification 06-01	0	0	0	8,000	8,000
Wheelchair Lift 06-02	0	0	0	30,000	30,000
Cemetery Vehicle	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Bridge Repairs	0	0	0	3,500	3,500
Town Forest			0	2,500	2,500
Disposal Committee			0	500	500
<b>Total Articles</b>	<b>274,910</b>	<b>255,535</b>	<b>(19,375)</b>	<b>54,500</b>	<b>54,500</b>
<b>Encumb from 04</b>		<b>118,494</b>	<b>(118,494)</b>		
<b>Encumb to 06</b>		<b>12,582</b>	<b>(12,582)</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPEND</b>	<b>1,059,360</b>	<b>1,219,950</b>	<b>160,590</b>	<b>916,795</b>	<b>(142,565)</b>



2005 SALARIES AND WAGES

	FTE/ HRS	WKS	2005 SALARY FICA	RTMT	HEALTH	TOTAL SAL/BENEI
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>						
Bourne Merilyn		52	1,276	98	0	1,374
Caterino, Bill		52	1,100	84	0	1,184
Gallagher, Bill		52	1,558	119	0	1,700
Harthan, Paula			2,049	157	0	2,206
Hodgeman Stuart		42	973	74	0	1,047
Kolenberg, Marge	40	52	29,203	2,234	0	31,437
Sweetser, Reigh	*15	52	19,656	1,504	0	21,160
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>						
Monette, Mike			610	46	0	656
<b>CEMETERIES</b>						
Abbott, George	21	26	6,693	512	0	7,205
Earle, Albert	21	26	8,868	678	0	9,546
Kibbie Robert	21	13	4,058	310	0	4,368
Rawson, John	21	13	3,080	236	0	3,316
<b>POLICE</b>						
Hackett, Doug			16,051	1,228	0	17,279
Roberts, Paul			4,114	315	0	4,429
Simonds, Crystal			888	68	0	956
Stevens, Corey			7,267	556	0	7,823
<b>HIGHWAY</b>						
Fitch, Jim			606	46	0	652
Gusha, Wilbur	40	52	26,878	2056	1249	32,371
Hannah, Mike	40	13	5514	422	103	6039
Smith, Shane	40	39	20,270	1,551	1,304	26,407
Spaulding, Jr Tom	40	52	28,074	2,148	1,417	42,027
Spaulding, Tom	40	52	38,112	2,916	1,914	51,695
Yeaton, Steve	40	52	29,278	2,240	1,479	37,373
<b>LIBRARY</b>						
Cromwell, Emily	10	52	5,261	403	0	5,664
O'Connor, Dale**	6	52	1277	98	0	1375
<b>RECYCLING</b>						
Rook, Dale			683	52	0	735
Aldrich, George			960	73	0	1033

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

\* Open to the public

\*\* Includes Police dept wages

2006 BUDGET  
 Summary of Inventory Valuation  
 Town of Cornish

	2005	2005	2004	2004
	Acres	Assessed Valuation	Acres	Assessed Valuation
<b>Value of Land Only</b>				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	21,315	3,202,817	22,739	1,948,638
Conservation Restriction	1547	194,151	90	10590
Residential	2,839	56,368,900	2,869	20,314,300
Commerical/Industrial	5	515,300	5	162,300
<b>TOTAL OF TAX LAND</b>	<b>25,705</b>	<b>60,281,168</b>	<b>25,702</b>	<b>22,435,828</b>
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>				
Residential		108,426,103		75,463,710
Manufactured Housing		2,513,400		2,384,400
Commerical/Industrial		958,800		635,100
Discretionary Preservation		29,197		17590
<b>TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS</b>		<b>111,927,500</b>		<b>78,500,800</b>
<b>Public Utilities-Electric</b>				
Granite State Electric		276,200		212,400
New England Power		1,866,700		883,000
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		1,130,600		979,000
Public Service of NH		1,369,300		8519800
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES</b>		<b>4,853,700</b>		<b>2,926,300</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL VALUATION</b>				
<b>BEFORE EXEMPTION</b>		<b>177,062,368</b>		<b>103,862,928</b>
<b>Less Exemptions:</b>				
Blind(2)		(30,000)		(30,000)
Elderly (23)		(900,000)		(1,000,700)
Disabled (2)		50,000		(50,000)
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED</b>		<b>176,082,368</b>		<b>102,782,228</b>
<b>ACRES IN CURRENT USE</b>				
Farm Land		2,328		2388
Forest Land		18,649		20011
Unproductive Land		175		188
Wetland		163		152
<b>TOTAL ACREAGE</b>		<b>21,315</b>		<b>22739</b>

Source MS-1

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2005	2004
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-START OF YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES		\$165,362.27
LAND USE		\$4,368.00
YIELD TAX		\$446.64
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$2,785,219.00	
LAND USE CHANGE	\$12,140.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$6,196.13	
EXCAVATION TAX	\$961.24	
OVERPAYMENTS		
FROM PRIOR YEAR	\$5,809.39	
PROPERTY	\$2,239.53	
INTEREST COLLECTED-ALL TAXES	\$3,087.71	\$10,674.33
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,815,653.00	\$180,851.24
COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$2,555,237.82	\$122,668.41
USE CHANGE TAX	\$6,000.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$5,970.07	\$83.20
EXCAVATION TAX	\$961.24	
CONVERTED TO LIENS		\$43,788.14
INTEREST PENALTIES	\$3,087.71	\$10,674.33
PRIOR YEAR OVERPMTS ASSIGNED	\$4,602.39	
ABATEMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$7,252.00	\$419.12
LAND USE	\$6,140.00	\$3,218.04
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$0.00	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$3,446.53	
UNCOLLECTED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$222,729.18	
USE CHANGE TAX		
TIMBER YIELD TAX	\$226.06	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,815,653.00	\$180,851.24

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNTING IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED

REIGH H. SWEETSER  
TAX COLLECTOR

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2005  
SUMMARY OF TAX LIENS

LIENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

	2004	2003	2002
UNREDEEMED		\$31,245.79	\$13,785.08
LIENS EXECUTED	\$48,456.80		
INTEREST COLLECTED	\$1,293.15	\$4,201.96	\$3,689.97
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	<b>\$49,749.95</b>	<b>\$35,447.75</b>	<b>\$17,475.05</b>

COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

REDEMPTIONS	\$23,499.20	\$18,699.19	\$13,017.59
INTEREST COLLECTED	\$1,293.15	\$4,201.96	\$3,689.97
ABATEMENTS	\$1,189.46		
BALANCE AT YEAR END	\$23,768.14	\$12,546.60	\$767.49
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</b>	<b>\$49,749.95</b>	<b>\$35,447.75</b>	<b>\$17,475.05</b>

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TAX COLLECTOR

**TOWN OF CORNISH  
2006  
TAX COMPUTATION**

	2006E	2005	2004
Total Town Appropriations	916,795	1,059,360	983,661
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	15,000	20,713	15,517
War Service Credits	10,700	10,700	10,800
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(574,710)	(785,805)	(708,567)
State Shared Revenues	(9,090)	(9,090)	(9,090)
<b>Town Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>358,695</b>	<b>295,878</b>	<b>292,393</b>
School Tax Assessment	2,736,566	2,844,655	2,730,042
Less State Shared Revenues	(684,435)	(684,435)	(805,218)
State Educations Taxes	(326,253)	(326,253)	(342,350)
School Taxes To Be Raised	1,725,878	1,833,967	1,582,474
<b>State Education Tax To Be Raised</b>	<b>326,253</b>	<b>326,253</b>	<b>342,350</b>
County Tax Assessment	334,748	334,478	325,673
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(3,928)	(3,928)	(3,928)
<b>County Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>330,820</b>	<b>330,820</b>	<b>321,745</b>
<b>TOTAL PROP TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2,741,646</b>	<b>2,786,918</b>	<b>2,538,962</b>
Divide By Assessed Valuation	176,082,368	176,082,368	102,782,228
Assessed Valuation without Utilities	171,228,668	171,228,668	99,855,928
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION</b>	<b>15.62</b>	<b>15.87</b>	<b>24.8</b>
<b>TAX RATE BREAKDOWN</b>	<b>2006E</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Town Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	2.04	1.67	2.84
State Education Tax Per \$1,000 of Valu	9.8	10.42	15.4
School Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	1.91	1.91	3.43
County Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	1.88	1.88	3.13
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>15.62</b>	<b>15.87</b>	<b>24.8</b>

TREASURER'S REPORT  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Year Ended December 31, 2005

Reconciliation-Citizens Bank Checking Account		
Balance 12/31/2004		1,153,921.16
Add Receipts:		
	Tax Collector	2,810,509.12
	Town Clerk	295,223.25
	Selectmen & Other	621,927.79
	Tax Anticipation Loan	300,000.00
	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>5,181,581.32</b>
Less Payments During Year:		
	School	2,162,324.00
	County	334,748.00
	Town	1,362,306.87
	Tax Anticipation Loan	300,000.00
		<b>4,159,378.87</b>
Balance 12/31/2005		1,022,202.45
Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2005		60,053.51
	Add Deposits in Transit	387,580.69
	Add Uncollected Chargebacks	25.50
	Add Short Term Investments	871,598.26
	Less Outstanding Vendor Checks	(293,920.77)
	Less Outstanding Payroll Checks	(3,134.74)
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2005		1,022,202.45

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer-Invested in NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	End Of Year
Conservation Fund	44,160.87	17,436.00		61,596.87
CREA Fund	8,168.89	233.40		8,402.29
Rodney Palmer Fund	14,361.17	409.38	200.00	14,570.55
CREA Barn Fund	29,477.38	16,271.94	34,855.21	10,894.11

Respectfully submitted,  
William Caterino  
Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2005

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	\$282,055.10
DOG LICENSES/ANIMAL CONTROL	2258.70
DOG PENALTIES & FINES	415.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED	585.00
TRANSFER STATION TICKETS	4820.00
MISC. (COPIES, LABELS, CHECKLISTS)	1087.00
FILING FEES FOR TITLES	976.00
UCC/WETLANDS FEES	776.45
FISH & GAME LICENSES	2266.50
VITAL STATISTICS	365.00
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TOTAL MONEY REMITTED TO THE TREASURER	\$295,604.75

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser  
Town Clerk

**Cornish Trust Funds 2005**

Date Created	Fund Name	Purpose	Principal			Income			Balance Available
			Beginning Balance	New Funds	Year End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expended	
1987	Cornish Welfare	Charitable	\$3,518.54	\$0.00	\$3,518.54	\$4,816.66	\$207.03	\$0.00	\$5,023.69
1989	Foss & Kimball	Charitable	\$5,096.04	\$0.00	\$5,096.04	\$20,021.26	\$619.95	\$825.32	\$19,815.89
1971	MJ Kenney/elderly	Charitable	\$4,044.61	\$0.00	\$4,044.61	\$6,730.93	\$267.65	\$0.00	\$6,998.58
1917	Stowell Library	Library	\$10,897.15	\$0.00	\$10,897.15	\$8,199.48	\$438.98	\$1,500.00	\$7,138.46
1902	Mercer/aid to Edu.	Scholarship	\$13,214.61	\$0.00	\$13,214.61	\$70,284.98	\$2,022.42	\$3,500.00	\$68,807.40
1898	Public School	Scholarship	\$418.24	\$0.00	\$418.24	\$1,036.26	\$36.14	\$0.00	\$1,072.40
1999	Queneau	Scholarship	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00	\$994.95	\$820.64	\$1,005.00	\$810.59
1909	Foss/Flags Upkeep	Town Trust	\$1,731.40	\$0.00	\$1,731.40	\$6,579.20	\$194.41	\$826.99	\$5,946.62
1902	Guide Boards/Beaman	Town Trust	\$1,173.06	\$0.00	\$1,173.06	\$4,006.85	\$116.04	\$1,214.23	\$2,908.66
1985	Veterans Mem/Upkeep	Town Trust	\$645.35	\$0.00	\$645.35	\$285.07	\$438.25	\$0.00	\$723.32
Various	Perpetual Care	Cemetery	\$63,339.65	\$3,600.00	\$66,939.65	\$115,327.39	\$317.04	\$2,041.65	\$113,602.78
	Perpetual Care/NEW								
2005	NEW: Hahn, J.	Childs		\$400.00					
2005	NEW: Ayer, J.	Comings		\$200.00					
2005	NEW: Boutlier, A.	Comings		\$400.00					
2005	NEW: Davidson, M.	Edminster		\$200.00					
2005	NEW: Santaw, S.	Edminster		\$400.00					
2005	NEW: Stevens, A.&K.	Edminster		\$800.00					
2005	NEW: Dow, Deborah	Edminster		\$400.00					
2005	NEW: Howard, Cl.	Edminster		\$600.00					
2005	NEW: Richardson, M.	Edminster		\$200.00					

All funds are invested with Citizens Bank. The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge & belief. C. Kay Wegner and Willis Reed



## Capital Reserve Funds 2005

Date	Fund Name	Principal				Income				
		Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expended	Year End Balance	Available Funds
1985	Appraisal	\$58,300.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$65,800.00	\$16,368.57	\$1,856.80	\$2,500.00	\$15,725.37	\$61,525.37
1995	Bridges	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$7,860.43	\$1,052.59	\$0.00	\$8,913.02	\$48,913.02
1970	Fire Truck	\$130,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$62,490.00	\$89,510.00	\$22,250.91	\$3,600.81	\$0.00	\$25,851.72	\$115,361.72
1967	Highway	\$49,572.76	\$35,000.00	\$85,000.00	(\$427.24)	\$37,451.43	\$923.26	\$0.00	\$38,374.69	\$37,947.45
2000	Library/ Cap Res.	\$20,000.00	\$12,000	\$0.00	\$32,000.00	\$413.80	\$641.71	\$0.00	\$1,055.51	\$33,055.51
1982	Police Cruiser	\$20,155.97	\$7,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$2,155.97	\$2,510.35	\$381.70	\$0.00	\$2,892.05	\$5,048.02
1979	Sch. Bldg. Site Impr.	\$22,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,100.00	\$5,833.96	\$693.84	\$0.00	\$6,527.80	\$28,627.80
1986	School Block Fund	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$347.63	\$182.49	\$0.00	\$530.12	\$7,530.12
2002	School Gen. Repairs	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$292.85	\$454.35	\$0.00	\$747.20	\$18,747.20
2002	School Heating Vent.	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$235.77	\$378.44	\$0.00	\$614.21	\$15,614.21

All funds are invested with Citizens Bank. The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge & belief. C.Kay Wegner & Willis Reed

**AUDITORS REPORT**  
**2005**

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

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Cornish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Cornish's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. 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.

Management has chosen not to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. Therefore these financial statements are presented following the principles that were in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. The financial statements presented do not contain separate statements for governmental, proprietary, if applicable and fiduciary fund types, nor are major and non-major funds separately identified and classified. The financial statements presented report expendable and nonexpendable trust funds, some of which should be reported as special revenue and permanent funds under the new reporting model. The financial statements also present a general long-term debt account group which should not be reported as such but the information contained therein should be included in the government-wide financial statements were they presented. Also, the financial statements do not contain any information on capital assets because the government has not maintained historical cost records of such assets. Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis as required. The amounts that would be reported in the missing statements and required supplementary information and the effects of reclassifying and properly reporting the information presented are not reasonably determined.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town of Cornish as of December 31, 2004, or the changes in its financial position or its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Cornish basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. For reasons stated in the third paragraph of this report, we expressed an opinion that the financial statements of the Town Of Cornish do not fairly present financial position, results of operations, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying combining and individual fund statements.

Plodzik & Sanderson  
April 19, 2005

## CREA Barn Report 2005

This was a great year for the restoration of the CREA BARN! In January, during some of our coldest weather Sunrise Woodworks, along with hardy volunteers, worked inside the barn for three weeks using donated lumber to bring the barn into a sound structural condition, plumb, square, and level. Old rotted beams and posts were replaced, new structural members were installed to better support the roof, steel rods were installed to secure the walls, and the brick chimney was removed. In the spring volunteers replaced the southern third of the barn floor, which had suffered severe water/rot damage over the years. During the summer the entire barn was placed on a new poured concrete foundation on three sides with the installation of proper drainage and the fourth side set on a rebuilt stone foundation wall. In the fall the lower level of the barn was enclosed with new original specification siding and new windows.

This has all taken place because many have volunteered long hours of work and use of their equipment, spent time raising funds, and planning. Jim Fitch has provided many hours of operating and equipment time with only partial reimbursement, milling logs donated by him, Bob Bulkeley, and Oak Hill Tree. Dave Fielder and Travis Callahan led a workshop to rebuild the west foundation wall. George Edson provided an excavator, a skid steer loader, a truck and essential power tools. These are just the more notable donations of equipment and materials.

The CREA BARN has been declared eligible for listing on the New Hampshire Register of Historic Places, which enabled us to apply for and receive a grant of \$10,000 from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources, financed by the New Hampshire Conservation License Plate (moose plate) Grant Program. Mascoma Savings Bank awarded us a second grant this year of \$1700 to bring their total contribution to \$4700. Through these and previous grants, a couple of sizable anonymous donations and generous contributions received through fund drives, we have raised approximately \$50,000 and expended about \$35,000.

The construction committee led by George Edson and Don Snowden is planning the next phase in the renovation for there is still much work to be done. The floors and floor joists need work, more internal posts need to be replaced, the upper level siding needs replacing and patching, doors need to be constructed and hung, upper level windows need to be replaced, and then there is roof work and painting. We will continue to need all the help and support we can get from volunteers and contributions to complete the project. **We are pleased to report the CREA Barn is structurally sound.**

Barn Volunteers – 2005

Dale Rook	George Edson	Laird Klingler	Rev Wightman
Rob Jaarsma	Doug Miller	Polly Rand	Leland Atwood
John Rand	Jim Atkinson	Remko Scharro	Bob Oberkotter
Parviz Orog	Jim Lukash	Loel Callahan	Bill Gallagher
Jesse Tyler	Travis Callahan	Dave Fielder	Don Snowden
Bob Michal	Josh Molone	Ryan Higgins	Jay Delisle
John McSwain	Tony Guglielmo	Ira Friedrichs	Tony Moehrke

Logs: Jim Fitch, Bob Bulkeley, and Oak Hill Tree (Rich Heim & Reyer Jaarsma)

Special thanks to Sunrise Woodworks: Rich Thompson, Steve Wilkie, Gregg Walker, and John McSwain, for efforts above and beyond the call of duty.

Barn Committee: Marie Stevens, Colleen O'Neill, George Edson,  
Bill Gallagher, Laird Klingler, and Don Snowden

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**  
**2005**

Once again it was a busy year for us. The rain showers and hot weather during the spring and summer months kept us busying mowing most of the time. Besides the mowing and landscaping, a great amount of time was spent repairing and straightening 100 – 120 headstones that had fallen in disrepair.

We have spent time filling in and leveling, with loam, sunken graves and will continue with this in the summer. Time was also spent rebuilding the fence in Huggins Cemetery.

The wooden crypt in Commings Cemetery is in dire need of repair. The floor and sills are gone, and new roof needs to be done to mention a few. It is my hope that we will be able to do some repairs this year.

At this time I would like to remind you of the rules and regulations for the cemeteries.

- Reminder that you need to purchase four cornerstones in addition to the lot.
- You are allowed no more then 2 plants or bushes per site and they should be not be allowed to grown more then 3 feet high.
- All plantings must be kept trimmed and not allowed to grow over the headstone.
- No fences or flower gardens are allowed.

I would like to thank Bob Kibbie for stepping into John Rawson's shoes and helping us while John was unable to work. Without Bob's help, the crew would not have been able to keep up with work that needed to be done. At the beginning of August we welcomed John back to work and it was good having him back.

I would like to once again thank George Abbott, John Rawson, and Bob Kibbie for all of their help and hard work. It is a pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Earle, Sexton

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT  
2005**

Conservation of land to remain as open space for use in agriculture, timber production, water protection, recreation, and wildlife habitat is essential for Cornish to retain its rural character. The pressures of development are steadily increasing so the commission is working to create a conservation plan to guide efforts by individual property owners and the town to save our open lands.

Helen Lovell has donated a conservation easement to the Upper Valley Land Trust and Cornish to assure that her property will forever remain as open space with only one dwelling. This is a first step toward a goal of conserving other properties in the Root Hill road area to link up with the town forest. The commission launched a successful fund raising drive to underwrite the legal and perpetual monitoring costs. All areas of the town need similar efforts and there are several owners in the process of considering easements on their property.

Conservation easements may afford the owner federal tax incentives while maintaining private ownership and the town tax base. This is an ideal way to leave a legacy for the preservation of Cornish as we now know it. The Commission works in cooperation with the Upper Valley Land Trust, The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, state funded LCHIP, Land and Community Heritage Investment Program, and NHCLS, New Hampshire Conservation Land Stewardship (formerly known as LCIP) to implement and maintain these easements.

The 2005 Conservation Award was presented to Cheston Newbold for his many years of serving on the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Cornish Select Board, and for stewardship of his land maintaining a Tree Farm, maple sugaring, orchard, woodlot and ponds. Cheston and his brother also underwrote the development of an environmental curriculum for the Cornish School in the early years of conservation education.

Efforts to eliminate or minimize the use of herbicides on electric power lines for vegetation control continues in consultation with National Grid, the owner and operator of the power line W149 which traverses Cornish from Plainfield to Claremont crossing St. Gaudens, Townhouse and Tandy Brook roads just east of Dingleton Hill and Root Hill roads.

Mike Ackerman performed some excellent work on the CREA trail from the town hall to the soccer field as a project toward an Eagle Scout badge.

The Commission continues to work with NHDES, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regarding Dredge and Fill permit application and participates in the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions.

Don Snowden, Chair  
Gabe Zoerheide, Vice Chair  
Betty Miller, Secretary  
Bill Gallagher, Selectman  
Mike Yatsevitch  
Rickey Poor

Mary Beth Heiskell  
Mariet Jaarsma  
Loel Callahan  
Nancy Newbold  
Jesse Tyler

## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS 2005

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as all-terrain and recreational use of the river to the Connecticut River Birding Trail and archeological discoveries in the valley. 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 region.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including educational exhibit in Windsor on the role of the Connecticut River in the town's history, and an assessment of the Black river in Springfield and neighboring towns

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 the Connecticut River Byway. We brought Governors Jim Douglas of Vermont and John Lyn of New Hampshire together for a tour of the river region, including Cornish, and through our efforts, the 500 miles of state designated roadway have been named a National scenic byway. CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivertravel.net](http://www.ctrivertravel.net).

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org) for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

Cheston Newbold  
Connecticut River Commissioner



**CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOME CARE**  
**2005**

On behalf of the staff and clients of Connecticut Valley Home Care we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the Town of Cornish for the generous donation of \$2,500. This fund is used to help support home care services to clients in Cornish. CVHC provided the following services to 15 Cornish residents from October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005:

Skilled Nursing Visits	76
Physical Therapy Visits	46
Speech Therapy Visits	3
Occupational Therapy Visits	11
Home Health Aide Visits	167
Homemaker Hours	193
Day Out Program Days	261

As our services continue to grow we anticipate an increase in the amount of Cornish clients needing the services of Connecticut Valley Home Care & Hospice. Your donations have allowed area residents to have nursing care and home care services that they would otherwise go without. Home health care is an important part of our health care network that allows individuals to remain at home and minimizes hospital and nursing home placement. We are extremely grateful to the Town of Cornish for your support of our agency and to the mission of home health care.

Sincerely,

Elaine Bussey, MS., RN  
Director

Micky Blair  
Business Manager

**CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION**  
**2005**

The Cornish Fair had a busy year. We up graded our electrical system by installing over one half mile of buried electrical lines, to provide a safer fair grounds with minimal over head lines, re-distributed our power load and improved our lighting. Also roof and wall construction of the Blacksmith Shop was completed this year to make ready for the slate.

We were able to give out 2 Ea. Scholarships of \$750.00 to two graduates from Cornish, made contributions and help to build the new Play Structure and Connecticut River Fest. Awarded over \$10,000 in Premiums and Ribbons and upward of \$75,000 generated by 20 non-profit organizations for services or sales at the Fair.

We would like to thank the countless number of volunteers who help to make the fair a success and especially our patrons. Many thanks and see you at the 2006 Fair.

The Cornish Fair  
Robert Demars

## FARMERS MARKET 2005

Farmers, bakers, and craftspeople of Cornish and surrounding towns reported another successful year of Farmers Markets on the Meetinghouse green in Cornish Flat. From early summer into the fall, friends and neighbors met for coffee and conversation on Saturday mornings from 9 to noon. They also filled their shopping bags with locally grown and hand made products.

Here are a few snapshots from the season: Teenage farmer Grace Orogí and her little sisters selling 6-packs of annual vegetables flowers and vegetables in the spring. Rita Bannister getting tips from Betty Berhlenbach, our sweater lady, on how to knit. Fritz Maslan and Clara Lipfert telling fortunes. Ara Cardew, with a table full of pottery, showing children how to make pots on his wheel, and letting them try, Bernie Johnson bringing her carved pumpkin for the competition ay Pumpkin fest; Joey Kibbie and Peter Maslan climbing into the carved giant pumpkins brought by Karen and Steve Cutter that same day. Jon Woodhull demonstrating how to shoe a horse. Josh Hall singing folk tunes on a warm sunny Saturday.

The food was great too. Picture this aspect of the market: Customers, young and old nibbling on fresh pastries or breakfast sandwiches made from homemade sausage and raised in town. Shirley Sullivan with her calorie-laden fudges and desserts quietly tempting all who passed by. Deb Cardew with her meat pies and ginger cakes. Piles of sun ripened tomatoes that didn't travel from California. Helen Lovell with her basket buying food for the week.

The Farmers Market continues this year – come visit it and get to know your neighbors.

Henry Homeyer

**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2005**

The Cornish Fire Department responded to around 100 calls last year, sadly two of the fires we were involved in were fatal fires. The beginning of the year we were called to Claremont where 2 people died and the fire in Meriden where 4 people died.

I cannot express enough the importance of smoke detectors. Early detection of a fire is your only hope of getting out in time.

Have a preplan of your home and a meeting place for your family. Make sure everyone knows the plan. If you think you will wake up on your own or the dog will wake you up you are badly mistaken. There were 2 dogs in the fatal fire in Meriden; they went to sleep along with the family.

If you don't know what to do about your smoke detector or you need a detector call me days 469-3476, nights 469-354 ask for Nate.

The Cornish department is about 30 members strong and is considered among the best department there is. We have a lot of members that have been in the department 20 plus years, which is great because nothing teaches like experience, but as we look at ourselves we realize we are also getting older. Last year we got some young new members which was great to pass on our years of knowledge and experience. We meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday every month at the station by the fairgrounds. If you think you might be interested stop by or give me a call.

Last year the department purchased new turnout gear, new air packs, forestry equipment, gear washer, and pagers, all through grants about \$125,000.00. Some money was through the Government Grant Program and we also received two grants from St. Gaudens.

Last year at Town Meeting you bought us a new International Cab & Chassis to replace our old tanker. The department is changing the body ourselves in the station; this will save the taxpayers many thousand of dollars.

Our next project is to replace the station in the Flat. We plan to do this with funds raised by the department and donations, again without tax dollars.

In closing I will say it has been a privilege to be allowed to act as Chief of the Cornish Fire Department.

Thank you,  
Nate Cass  
Chief CFD

## CORNISH FIRE AUXILLIARY

2005

This past year, the Cornish Fire Auxiliary has been very active. In March, we held our annual Rabies Clinic at the Cornish Flat Fire Station where 33 animals were vaccinated. Dog licenses were also available. All dogs and cats are welcome at our upcoming Spring Rabies Clinic scheduled for April 1, 2006, 10-11:30 am, in the Flat.

On May 21, we provided beverages and refreshments during a scheduled burn in Meriden, NH, that helped train Cornish, Plainfield, and Meriden firefighters. A main role of the Auxiliary is to bring food and beverages when needed at local fire calls. Cornish continues to be one of the few local towns to have a Volunteer Fire Auxiliary. We are proud to support our fire fighting community and look forward to contributing to the new fire station in Cornish Flat.

In this last year, with earnings from selling food at the weekly Cornish Fire Association Bingo, we purchased 20 chairs for the Engine #2 Fire Station. We donated \$2000 to help defray the cost of painting the interior of the Town Hall and made new curtains for the building. We donated funds to benefit the Cornish Fire Scholarship Fund and were pleased to see the award go to Laura Harthan, a junior auxiliary member at the time.

On October 16, to celebrate Fire Prevention Month, the Auxiliary helped to organize and host the Cornish Fire Department Open House and provided refreshments, activities and prizes. The event was well attended and we received many positive comments. We want to continue to help stress the importance of home fire safety.

In November, we attended the Cornish Fire Department Appreciation Dinner and helped by providing desserts. We held our annual Holiday Bazaar in the Cornish School Gym and provided table space for local crafters. We plan to have our 2006 Bazaar again in early November. Watch for announcements.

In December, we helped host the Annual Cornish Fire Dept Holiday Party for members and their families. Santa arrived to distribute gifts for all children of our volunteer firefighters.

In January 2006, we held our post-holiday Dinner Meeting and Yankee Swap at Brown's Tavern at the Ascutney Mountain Resort. Auxiliary meetings are held 6 times a year and we are always looking for new and interested volunteers. Our Annual Meeting takes place in September. Please talk to any member for more information about ly organization. this live

In this past year, we purchased, and distributed, Cornish Fire Auxiliary car plates for all our members. Please give a wave when you see us around town. And thank you for your support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen O'Neill, Secretary

Aux Members: Paula Harthan, Pres; Judy Rook, VP; Jackie Thayer, Treas; Colleen O'Neill, Sec; Marie Edwards, Lois Fitts, Karen Gillock, Laura Harthan, Bernice Johnson, Carrie Kibbie, Marcia Paradis, Ashley Sicard, Maureen Walsh

**REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER  
2005**

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate 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 ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the opening burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of forests and Lands (603)271-2217, or online at [www.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org).

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

**2005 FIRE STATISTICS**

(All fires reported as of November 4, 2005)

<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>
2005 513	174	Arson 2
2004 482	147	Campfire 34
2003 374	100	Children 29
2002 540	187	Smoking 40
		Debris 284
		Railroad 1
		Lightning 5
		Equipment 7
		Misc.* 111

(\*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc).

**George H. Stowell Free Library**  
**2005**

It was another busy year at the George H. Stowell Free Library. Karen Woodbury, our new trustee and long-time volunteer organized the first (hopefully annual) "Book Fest" which was held at the Cornish Farmer's Market on July 9, 2005. We boxed all the books in the basement and set up tables at the market, along side individuals from the community who were also selling their books. Every hour youngsters gathered to hear selected books from our children's collection, and, during this event, we also introduced and sold our new Cornish Library bookmark, designed by Upper Valley artist, Mimi Murray-Eastman. There are still some available for \$2. Proceeds will benefit the library.

On Halloween, the library was open to trick or treaters and their families. Those in costume were not only given treats and books, but they also received complimentary "Halloween Edition" bookmarks. A very big thank you to Karen Woodbury for making this happen. Come to the library next Halloween. We promise to have a fire burning!

During 2005, 212 books were borrowed through the state inter-library loan system, and Cornish loaned 85 books from its collection. Because of this wonderful system, we can usually borrow something from another library in the state if you can not find it at our library. Just ask.

Although there was great enthusiasm and lots of help initially, the Preschool Story Hour will not continue in 2006 due to a current lack of volunteers and dwindling participation. Thanks to Kathy Alves-Labore, Mark Woodcock and Rachel Roper for leading story hours and to Rachel who also made arrangements and transported many of Cornish's children to this monthly program.

Because of a lack of involvement in 2004, prior to summer vacation, notices were placed in the school newsletter and "Consider This" requesting that those interested in a Summer Reading Program contact the library ahead of time in order to determine whether to plan a program that would meet weekly with projects and other reading related activities. Because there were only a few inquiries, something more informal was offered. Children could come in during library hours to sign up and set reading goals. Participants would self-monitor their progress and gather at the end of the summer to celebrate their successes. No one signed up.

Although it is discouraging to see a declining interest in these programs, it's appears to be more a reflection of people's busy lives. In this day and age, schedules are full and time is precious. The library looks forward to hosting both these programs again in the future.

Emily Neily and Seth Melcher, teenagers who reside in Cornish and attend Windsor High School, both chose to complete 30 hours of community service at the town library for a civics class during 2005. They were very helpful, and we greatly appreciate their efforts. Thanks to our other wonderful volunteers Debbie Stone, Leigh Callahan, Sue Gagne, Kate Freeland, Richard Scheuer, Lorraine Brasseur, Nancy Wightman, Ginny Gage,

Bette Blackington and Judith Kaufman, also to Kathi Patterson and Bernice Johnson for being trustees, to Cheston and Nancy Newbold for their continued donation of materials and to everyone else who made donations and/or volunteered during 2005.

Support our library. If you are not a patron, come sign up. We have books, magazines, videos, DVDS, audio books, internet access and a Book Discussion Group for adults that meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. Multiple copies of each book are available a month in advance, as well as booklists for 2006. Don't forget our ongoing book sale in the basement. Hardcover are \$1.00 each or five for \$4.00. Paperbacks are .50 each. And remember to buy a bookmark.

Come see us in 2006.

Emily Cromwell, Librarian

	2005	2004	CHANGE
INCOME (ACTUAL):			
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1,859.52	\$1,168.25	\$691.27
TRUST FUNDS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
TOWN FUNDS	\$10,211.00	\$10,950.00	(\$739.00)
INTEREST	\$11.02	\$9.57	\$1.45
BOOK FINES	\$112.00	\$162.81	(\$50.81)
BOOK SALE	\$420.00	\$73.00	\$347.00
DONATIONS	\$0.00	\$625.00	(\$625.00)
EXTRA TOWN FUNDS	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
T-BIRD REFUND	\$215.87		\$215.87
TOTAL INCOME	\$14,929.41	\$14,488.63	\$440.78
LESS EXPENSES	\$12,431.48	\$12,629.11	(\$197.63)
BALANCE DECEMBER 31	\$2,497.93	\$1,859.52	\$638.41

	2006	2005	CHANGE
INCOME (ESTIMATED):			
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$2,497.93	\$1,859.52	\$638.41
TRUST FUNDS	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
REQUESTED TOWN FUNDS	\$9,439.29	\$10,210.94	(\$771.65)
INTEREST	\$9.00	\$10.00	(\$1.00)
BOOK SALE, FINES, DONATIONS	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,796.22	\$13,930.46	(\$134.24)
BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$13,796.22	\$13,390.46	\$405.76
APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOWN:	\$9,439.29	\$10,811.00	(\$1,371.71)



**HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
2005**

Dear Cornish Residents:

Fortunately this year has been relatively uneventful for me as the town health officer.

I worked with Dr. Virginia Prince to inspect the food concessions and sanitation conditions at the Cornish Fair. No major issues were noted.

I have worked with the Select board to hopefully finally find a solution to the bat issues that have plagued the town offices for decades. A company will “exclude” the bats from the town office by sealing the building. The bats will then have to roost in the bat house built for them in the back of the town building. This process will in no way affect the bat migration pattern or their overall well being. I thank the Select board for their cooperation and support of this project.

I continue to receive regular updates from state and national agencies on health issues of global nature. There has been much in the media about potential serious health problems such as the bird flu. It is very helpful to receive material that reflects expert knowledge rather than speculation.

I wish all a very happy and healthy coming year. Please contact me with any question or concerns you may have relating to local health issues.

Very truly yours,

H. Jeffrey Katchen

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
2005**

January, February, and March of 2005 we had plenty of snow to plow and sanding to do. No major problems to report.

Spring saw the mud season arrive and for the second year in a row it was good to us and did not seem as troublesome as in previous years. This allowed us to put up 4,000 yards of winter sand.

The arrival of the new truck in April was a welcome addition to the fleet and allowed us to retire the 1990 truck.

During the summer months we replaced almost all the culverts on Platt Road and other locations in town and paved Platt Road and Lang Road .7 of a mile.

In October we crushed 3,500 yards of gravel for use this spring during mud season and repairs during the coming summer months.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men who work for me, a job well done!

And thanks to the Fire department for all their help in town. Thank you to the Selectmen, Marge and Reigh.

On March 14, 2006 after 29 years I will be retiring. Thank you to all who supported me throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Spaulding  
Road Agent

**CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**2005**

After five years of planning and preparation, and with the generous support of Cornish residents, we opened the Cornish Historical Center on July 2 with an attendance of almost one hundred at the building, 26 School Street. Thanks to willing volunteers, the building is open on the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 to 12:00. Interested people have been dropping by to see our collections.

We would also like to thank the Cornish Honor Society. When it decided in the fall to dissolve, it voted to pass on their remaining assets to the Historical Society. Whenever a nonprofit organization disbands, it is required by law to transfer its assets either to another nonprofit group or to the State of New Hampshire. Fortunately for us, we now have the beginnings of an endowment so that we can keep the Center operating and repaired.

The next major issue for the Society is to make a thorough inventory of our collection. This task has never been done systematically; we hope to be able to computerize it and make it more readily accessible.

This year's programs concern local history. In September we learned about the interesting, yet somewhat murky and mysterious, background of Corbin Park. In October Bill Lipfert and his daughter Clara gave a wonderful presentation about the coming of railroads to Cornish in the 1840's and especially about the history of Balloch Station from the 1890's until February 13, 1928. That was the day when one of the worst accidents in the history of Cornish occurred: three railroad workers and a highway man lost their lives in a freak derailment. The accident also destroyed the train station. They showed us "before" and "after" photos of the station, the Balloch (now Hammond) Farm, and its surroundings.

In 2006 we shall cast a wider net. In April Sarah Smith, Forest Industry Specialist at the University of New Hampshire will discuss the important role Women Sawmillers played in the State's recovery from the Hurricane of 1938. In May Alma Gilbert Smith will trace the path of a local boy, Maxfield Parrish, and show what a hero he has become after his recent national tour that she curated. Finally, in June we continue the tradition of having a garden program as former Cornish resident, Kathy Pecor, informs us about planting herbs in our gardens.

Jim Atkinson, President  
Beth Lum, Vice President  
Judy Rook, Secretary  
Hannah Schad, Treasurer

## MEALS ON WHEELS 2005

The Meals on Wheels (MOW) program delivered its first meal in Philadelphia in 1954. The program was modeled after a similar program that was started in England to support seniors during World War II. In 1972, the federal government made the program a permanent program through the implementation of the Older American's Act. The Act provide a basis for providing meals to seniors (60 years or older) or people with qualifying disabilities. As a integral part of the act the framework for funding not only involved federal support but also monies from local sources. The general formula put forth by the grant is 75 to 80% garnered from federal sources, 15 to 20% to be raised from local support (counties and municipalities) with the balance derived through private donations. Obviously these are general guidelines but it points out that community participation and personal commitment are key elements.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services (SCNS) started it's participation in MOW program in 1973 and operated out of department store's basement in Newport. The initial program served 25 meals per day and had an initial operating budget of \$20,000. In 1980 the program established meal sites in Claremont and Charlestown to meet an every growing need for service. 30 years later we are serving over 100,000 per year with an operating budget of \$650,000. All but three communities in Sullivan County receive meal services through this program (Acworth, Plainfield and Langdon). We have not received any requests from these communities. Should there be a request we would make every accommodation to service the request.

SCNS requests each community that is being served to support the MOW program. Our request reflects the number of meals and individuals that have been served in your community during the past year and the historical trend that has been experienced. If your community is not served, no money is requested. If your community has few meals and people being served historically then it is conceivable that your requested support would be reduced. Should your community have an increase in meals served a modest increase is often requested. The bottom line is we simply ask for support that is commensurate with the degree of service provided and seldom is equal to the total cost of the service. Any difference is raised through private donations and is consistent with the funding formula that was put forth by the Older American's Act.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services is a part of the Newport Senior Center, a 501(c)3 organization. SCNS operates three congregate meal sites in Newport, Earl Bourdon Center (Claremont) and at the Town Office Complex in Charlestown. We have an annual independent audit performed each year and must comply with all aspects of the program grant guidelines. Oversight is provided by the State of NH, Department of Elder and Adult Services. We encourage communities to visit us and to discuss any questions they have about any aspect of the program. Thank you in advance for your support.

**MEETINGHOUSE REPORT**  
**2005**

The Meetinghouse continued, as it has for the past many years, to provide meeting space for both the Cornish Farmer's Market and the Cornish Historical Society. The Historical Society uses the downstairs meeting area during the Fall and Spring while the Farmer's Market uses the outside Common during the warm spring and summer months while using the interior during the colder months of November and December. The Memorial Day service is celebrated on the Meetinghouse lawn every May.

We would especially like to express our thanks to Leo Maslan and his troop of Boy Scouts who planted two trees in the Common. This generous act helps to actively preserve the beauty of Cornish Flat and its historical center for decades to come. Thanks Leo and Scouts!

The Meetinghouse would also like to thank Jim Smith for his faithful winding of the clock.

The Meetinghouse is open to any nonprofit Cornish organization or private requests may contact Caroline Storrs at 675-9376 for scheduling and a small fee.

Caroline Storrs, Chairperson  
Susan Chandler, Secretary  
George Edson, Treasurer  
Orville Fitch  
Jim Smith, Clockwinder

**Financial Report for 2005**

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 2005	\$7096.43
Income:	
Interest Income	\$ 75.71
Total	\$ 75.71
Expenses	
Electricity	\$ 66.37
Total	\$ 66.37
Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 2005	\$7105.77

**MT. ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**2005**

This year the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, swimming, fishing, boating and area trails. We helped A new water quality assessment conducted for us by the State of New Hampshire indicates that the water in the Cornish area is not safe for swimming after heavy rain storms, due to combined sewer overflows in Lebanon and White River Junction. We have now begun work on revising and updating the water resources chapter of our plan.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns and local landowners on project near the river. We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All river front landowners should be aware that the statewide Shoreland Protection Act applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

Citizens interested in representing the town should contact the Selectboard. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the second Tuesday evening of every other month at the Windsor Connection Resource Center. 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/localaction.htm](http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm).

Susan Fitch  
Cornish Representative

# cornish planning board



## 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month, in 2005 the Cornish Planning Board held nine hearings on various actions. Six were approved; three are pending. All meetings and hearings are open, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Planning Board has a new Community Profile section for the Master Plan Update. In November, the Board held a Community Forum to begin formulating a Vision Section for the Master Plan. The event was a success thanks to the thoughtful participation of all who attended.

### 2005 ACTIONS

#### Annexation

Frank & Marion Roberts	Root Hill Road	<i>approved</i>
Frank & Susan Schell	Burr Road	<i>approved</i>
Charles Sullivan	Stage Road	<i>pending</i>

#### Site Plan Review

Michael and Janice Hamel, 12% Solution		<i>approved</i>
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#### Subdivision – Major

Ross & Cora Farnsworth	Tandy Brook Road	<i>approved</i>
Guest Family Trust	S. Parsonage Road	<i>approved</i>
Milton & Josephine Jewell	Clark Camp Road	<i>approved</i>
The Estate of Whittemore Littell	Littell Road	<i>pending</i>
Charles Sullivan	Stage Road	<i>pending</i>

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#### **2005 Members**

Peter Storrs, Chair	Gail Pillsbury
John Hammond, Vice Chair	Stu Hodgeman, Selectman
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary	Larry Dingee, Alternate
Bill Lipfert	Gwyn Gallagher, Alternate
Cheston Newbold	Troy Simino, Alternate

## Cornish Police Department 2005 Report

The year 2005 saw the Cornish Police Department completing our new building project. In June 2005, the department moved its operation into the addition that was built onto the Townhouse Road fire Station. It is a beautiful building that provides us with all of the modern features we need. There is a conference room, a large office that includes a lock down bench, a garage to house our cruiser, and a large evidence room. The addition of our new building was not only welcomed by us, but our new building continues to attract many New Hampshire State Troopers, who welcome the modern, quiet place to come and do their reports and interviews. Remember, every time a Trooper comes to our department, he is patrolling our town. Further they are in a better position to respond to calls in our town in a timely fashion. In October of 2005, we officially dedicated our new building to long time resident, and moderator, Peter Burling for his part in the "Church for Police Station" deal of the 2004 town meeting.

There are several items of note that should be considered when looking at our proposed 2006 budget. First, the 2005 Salaries line item only covered 11 months of salaries. December 2005 wages of approximately \$ 2,100 were paid in January 2006. Going forward we will always pay December thru November in the calendar year. Our department budget would have been over spent by \$ 3,600 if we had paid all 12 months salaries. Second, the Year 2005 brought many complex cases to the Cornish PD, that required significant man hours. The Burglary at the 12% Solution, Cornish Auto, and 7 cars resulted in us spending the entire months budget in 10 days. Remember, the call doesn't stop at the response, there are hours of paperwork, court appearances, and follow up.

In October, Cornish PD was involved in a significant Drug Bust on Route 12a. This case involved 2 Cornish Officers, 1 State Trooper and 1 Plainfield Officer who were involved in a high risk pursuit and felony stop. We arrested 1 local resident and 2 drug dealers from Hartford CT. We recovered three large pieces of crack cocaine and approximately 100 bindles of heroin. This case alone resulted in 50 man hours in a 24 hour period. To date, we have approximately 196 hours invested in this case.

Domestic Violence continues to rise at an alarming rate. In 2005, we had 24 calls of domestic violence, up from 10 in 2004. In January 2006 and the first 8 days of February, we have already logged 6 domestic disturbance related calls.

Cornish Police Officers responded to 328 calls between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 am in 2005. That is almost one a day all year long. The officer is compensated a total of approximately \$ 26 each time after taxes. How many residents would wake up from a sound sleep 328 times a year for \$ 26?

As always, we remain happy to serve the residents of Cornish. We do ask that if you need police assistance, do not hesitate to call our dispatch center at 543-0535. Remember, calling an officer at home may delay our response to you. Our dispatch center knows how to reach us quickly at all times of day.

Sgt E. Douglas Hackett  
Officer Paul M. Roberts

Officer Corey J. Stevens  
Officer Crystal E. Simonds



## RECORDS PRESERVATION

THERE WILL NOT BE ANY REQUEST FOR MONEY IN 2006 FOR RECORD/BOOK PRESERVATION. WE HAD THOUGHT THAT NO MORE BOOKS NEEDED RESTORATION, BUT ONE HAS SINCE HAD A TORN COVER THE LENGTH OF THE SPINE. THIS BOOK WILL BE SENT FOR A QUOTE THIS YEAR. IN 2007 A REQUEST TO RESTORE IT AND THE TOWN REPORT BOOKS THAT GET BOUND TOGETHER (ABOUT EVERY FIVE YEARS) WILL NEED TO BE BOUND. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP BY AND LOOK AT THESE BOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN RESTORED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IN THIS PROJECT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

TEENIE ROCK  
REIGH SWEETSER, TOWN CLERK

**CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD**  
**2005**

We started 2005 as a new year with a new look – our new Rescue Truck went into service the first week of January. This was the first completely new truck we have ever purchased. Our original truck was a hand-me-down that served us for 13 years. Its body served another 8 years on a new chassis and the “new” chassis served another 9 years under a new body. That truck lives on – Meriden Fire Department now uses it as a utility truck. The new truck is has a lot more lighting power than our old truck, and has an extended cab to provide additional crew space and controlled storage space for items used by our EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics.

Call volume for 2005 was up some from 2004. Our call volume continues to be split fairly evenly between house calls and accidents, with fewer auto accidents than in past years, but more accidents of other kinds. We continue to work well with our ambulance services, provided by the Windsor and Lebanon Fire Departments and Golden Cross ambulance, as well as with the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments and those of neighboring towns.

The support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching. With the help of a state grant program and hard work by the Mount Ascutney Repeater Association, we hope to reduce the number of radio dead spots in our response area this year.

This year as every year, the generous response to our fund drive letter has allowed us to update important equipment. In addition to the truck, paid for with previous fund drives, we upgraded our extrication tools and medical equipment. Our project for this year is to replace our boat with one more suitable for use on the Connecticut River.

.My third year as President has been a very satisfying one for me. A special pleasure for me has been working with the officers and Trustees – vice President Deb Foltyn, Treasurer Fred Schad, Secretary Chantelle Orlen and Trustees Jenny Schad, Steve Jameson and Dale O’ Connor.

The shift by all agencies to 911 dispatching over the last few years has not always made our jobs easier. While it is now easier to find the general neighborhood of a call, finding the actual house is sometimes still a problem. Making street numbers visible from the road in both directions, and placing them where they will not be obscured by snow, goes a long way to helping us and other agencies find you when you call for help. If you have special health concerns at your house, please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

Sincerely,  
*Rob Drye, President*

**Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site  
2005**

I am pleased to provide this brief report highlighting some of the activities at the park this past year.

In June, the park and the Saint-Gaudens Memorial commemorated the centennial of the 1905 pageant – *A Masque of 'Ours' or the Gods and the Golden Bowl*, written by Louis Evan Shipman and performed by members of the Cornish Colony to honor Augustus Saint-Gaudens and the Colony itself. The pageant is considered historically significant as one of the first of its kind in the United States. To commemorate the 1905 event, the park and the Memorial co-produced a new pageant. Local author, Clyde Watson, wrote a new script – *Masque of the Golden Bowl*, which was directed by Alan Haehnel of Hartford, Vermont. The pageant was staged three times with a total attendance of 1,700 people. This was a major production, with a cast of nearly sixty adults and children, including a number of Cornish residents. Cornish Elementary School art teacher Techla McCann and ten of her students also participated by painting a replica chariot – a key prop used at the end of the pageant. As a compliment to the commemorative celebration, the park also curated an exhibit – *A New Augustan Age* at the Picture Gallery, which included many of the original 1905 pageant props and script. The pageant was funded by grants and donations to the Saint-Gaudens Memorial and to the park.

On the morning of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the park hosted a public meeting with Governor John Lynch and the New Hampshire Executive Council in the Little Studio. Vermont Governor Jim Douglas joined the group late in the morning for a tour of the site, after which the group boarded a bus to visit other attractions along the Connecticut River. The public meeting was preceded by a small breakfast, which was attended by the Cornish Select Board.

The park applied for and received two grants on behalf of the Cornish Volunteer Fire Department through the NPS Rural Fire Assistance Program in 2005. The two grants included \$1,700 worth of wildland firefighting equipment and \$3,500 for seven new pagers. We continue to be appreciative of and thank the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and Town Police for their efforts in responding to calls at the site.

The park is currently undertaking a major preservation project at Aspet – the home of the Saint-Gaudens family. The project includes the installation fire suppression and detection systems, electrical upgrades, and new heating and dehumidification systems. Lumus Construction, Inc. of Woburn, MA is the general contractor selected for the project. As of this writing, contract negotiations are still in progress, but the estimated total cost of the project is in the range of a half-million dollars. Aspet will be closed to visitation/tours for the duration of the project and we anticipate re-opening the home for tours in 2007.

A second project being undertaken in 2005/06 is the emergency repair to the remaining face of the historic stone arch bridge located adjacent to the Blow-Me-Down Mill. The façade is currently failing and temporary bracing is in place to prevent collapse until work gets underway in late spring.

In 2005, the park received 28,150 visitors. Visitation was down about 8.5% from the previous year, a similar trend seen at other attractions in the Upper Valley and bi-state region. The 2005 operating budget for the park was \$981,600.

I ask anyone with questions or concerns, suggestions or ideas about the park to please contact me at (603) 675-2175 x143 or by email at [BJ\\_Dunn@nps.gov](mailto:BJ_Dunn@nps.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

BJ Dunn, Superintendent

**SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
SCRRDD  
2005**

The trash disposal contract between Sullivan County towns, including Cornish, and Wheelabrator expires in July 2007.

Planning for alternate disposal options and waste reduction strategies for Sullivan County towns including Cornish is now underway, funded by the USEPA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Cornish is also expected to form its own study committee at the 2006 Town Meeting. In addition, the New Hampshire legislature in 2005 created a commission to study the feasibility of constructing a Sullivan County recycling plant that would process and consolidate recyclables into saleable raw materials for re-use by manufacturers.

Landfill negotiations are included in the federally funded study committee agenda. The material that cannot be recycled, the residuals, or trash might go to the Lebanon landfill or a new Hartland, Vermont landfill in order to save money and reduce air pollution from incineration.

Cornish residents in increasing numbers are using the town's recycling center off Route 120 just north of Cornish Flat. The access road has been greatly improved, and starting in May, hours of operation on Saturdays will increase. New hours will be posted after Town Meeting.

Backyard compost bins suitable for converting grass, leaves and food waste into soil will be available on a continuing basis in 2006 due to the town's purchase of bins. Call Patrick Pinkson-Burke at 542-8055 for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Gallagher

Tim Schad

**REPORT FROM SENATOR BURLING**  
**2005**

This is written at the end of a difficult year in the New Hampshire Senate. Efforts to craft a durable school funding solution that meets the requirements of our Constitution have failed, once again. Efforts to pass a budget that meets the needs of our people without downshifting costs have failed, once again. The property tax crisis that I have been worrying about for many, many years is upon us. In the face of all this, I probably ought to be depressed. I'm not.

I ought to explain that I voted against the school funding bill because it fails to define an adequate education, and it fails to provide a revenue stream sufficient to guarantee each of our children an adequate education. I also voted "no" on the budget because it balanced with your property tax dollars. The budget that passed underfunded both county nursing homes and necessary social services. It will drive up our property taxes.

But let me get back to the reason I'm not depressed: there is a new spirit of consensus in the Senate. When the Senate elected a new President in September, groups of Republicans and Democrats began to get together to talk about ideas on which we could work together. Energy assistance was an issue on which we all felt the need to act. I was in a position to help, as the Democrat on the Senate Energy Committee. After weeks of hard work in November, the Senate overwhelmingly passed an energy assistance bill that truly reflects the spirit of compromise.

There will be more bipartisan efforts coming in 2006. Senator Clegg, the Majority Leader in the Senate, is joining me to sponsor a thorough study of the role and costs of county government. I have felt for years that there are huge potential property tax savings to be found in the restructuring of county government. Maybe the time has come when we can take a serious look at saving taxpayer's money by re-building county government, while keeping the efficiencies that currently exist.

There are, of course, no guarantees to success. The problems that confront our State are big and growing bigger. I have been privileged to work on energy issues, the proper use of eminent domain, the implementation of OBD II testing, and the initiation of EZ pass. I introduced a large number of bills for the upcoming year, and I have great hope for the future of bipartisan success in 2006.

Most of all, I have a profound feeling of gratitude for the privilege of representing the people of Senate District 5. After almost twenty-five years in public life, it is a thrill to be in the right place, at the right time, to get some important things done for the people of our wonderful state. I am very happy to be here in the New Hampshire State Senate.

Senator Peter Hoe Burling

**SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**2005**

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 148 citizens of Town of Cornish. The value of these services totaled \$ 38,167.

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

It is due to the local support which we receive that we are able to conduct the outreach necessary to deliver these services. SCS 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 consideration.

Sincerely,  
David W. Osgood, Deputy Director  
Southwestern Community Services, Inc.

**SENIOR CITIZEN COUNCIL**  
**2005**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill, and North Woodstock, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, adult in-home care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2005, 9 older residents of Cornish were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Upper Valley Senior Center:

- Older adults from Cornish enjoyed 93 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining room.
- Cornish residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 121 occasions by our lift-equipped buses or volunteers.
- Frail Cornish residents benefited from 179 hours of adult day care at the Upper Valley Senior Center and 300.5 hours of care from our adult in-home care program, providing one-on-one companionship and assistance.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 4 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Cornish citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 114.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Cornish residents in 2005 was \$9391.11.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council hopes that Cornish will consider providing support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and home.

Roberta Berner  
Executive Director

## SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE 2005 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



**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST  
2005**

The supervisors carried out their duties by holding sessions enabling voters to register and adding names of new voters.

Names were deleted as residents left the community and other communities were notified as new voters registered, which allows those names to be removed from their voter lists.

Following required laws checklists were posted and notices of upcoming meetings published. Card files were kept up to date.

Following regular meetings information was coordinated for computer files, which have been kept by Walter Gobin. Floppy disks were mailed to the court when requested to allow choosing a juror list. Much proof reading is another of the duties required.

Extra work has been required due to the Statewide Voter Lists that are being organized. However 2006 will require many more hours of our time due to the fact that the State has not given us the program to work with, as planned for 2005. So it will be a busy year for us.

Registrations may be made with the Cornish Town Clerk during regular hours or during posted Supervisor Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Rollins  
Leland Atwood  
Robin Monette

## TOWN FOREST REPORT 2005

This year forest management activities have been focused on trail maintenance and monitoring of effects on the land and trails from weather and visitors. The management committee met officially at town meeting, on April 15th, for trash pick up the following Saturday, and on October 23. We were hoping to draw community members on the last date for a hike and talk on geology by Dartmouth faculty member Richard Bernie, but due to grim weather attendance was limited to the committee members. At least 1 committee member has attended the so far inconclusive meetings with CVPS on power line right-of-way management.

The town forest continues to be popular with hunters, especially deer, and use by local mountain bikers has increased. Trails appear to be holding up well .

The committee would like to encourage visits by hikers and nature viewers - there are maps posted on all the trails a short distance in from their starting points, and there is a container of paper maps at the posted map on the trail from Tandy Brook Rd. In addition maps are available at the town office.

Again this year there was some damage done by motor vehicles (full sized 4 wheel drives, ATV's and dirt bikes) during "illegal" entry in mud season and by dirt bikes using the non motorized trails.

Currently the foremost concern for the management committee is figuring out how to control erosion on the loop road. Some sort of water bar construction is necessary. The biggest obstacles to this are cost and the need for access with heavy machinery. The 2006 budget primarily reflects the projected cost of this work, which if done would be funded by donations of labor and equipment time, and using material from on site.

From time to time there is interest in scout or other youth or community projects; the current To Do list follows. If interested in working on any of these items contact any of the committee members.

### To Do List:

1. construct water bars on the loop road (see above)
2. clear the lookout(s) and if possible burn the brush to revitalize existing blueberry patches
3. build bridge on the red trail over seasonal stream (drop hemlocks on site for stringers)
4. inventory the flora and fauna of the town forest, ideally with photographs.

5. make and install signs - directional signs for the trails, no motor vehicle signs where needed, possibly more detailed signs at the forest entrances explaining the "rules" same as on the back of the trail maps.
6. archeology study - find and map the foundations, stone walls, etc., find the privy and trash pits and excavate, research the history of residence and land use, etc.;
7. create an interactive guide to the town forest for school age kids.
8. release and prune apple trees (second go-round)
- 9- near the lookout or other location - build a free standing lean-to with three wind resistant walls , a wood floor, water tight roof and an approved fire pit .
10. design and at least begin a way to quantify and then monitor the growth of buckthorn, and other invasive plants.

For more information or to share thoughts about the town forest contact any committee member:

Ginny Prince, chair  
Andrew Elmore  
Jim Fitch  
Bill Gallagher

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the Region does not lower the quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Each year we try to address the highest priority needs of each area of the Region, while balancing the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Worked with state agencies to ensure that the needs of our Region's communities are understood and addressed. Specific activities included: facilitated sessions for local input to State Development Plan and NH Department of Transportation's long range plan; reviewed growth projections for state traffic model; participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart growth policies; worked with other regions on educational material on principles of good planning for NH and legislative priorities.
- Promoted our Region's priorities in development of state's transportation improvement budgets, and assisted municipalities and public transit providers with applications for transportation grant funds.
- Represented member communities on Mount Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee; conducted review of expansion plans; facilitated regional discussions and opportunities for public comment.
- Completed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements. Developed GIS database of Sullivan County industrial and commerce parks. Continued to collaborate with economic development partners in Grafton County.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association to help communities collaborate on watershed management plan by forming Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition.
- Wrote, published and distributed "Planning for New Hampshire's Housing Needs: A Primer for Local Officials."
- Organized 3 hazardous waste collections in which 789 households participated to keep over 4,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the Region's groundwater.
- Facilitated 6 roundtable discussions for municipal representatives to discuss and get advice on issues of common concern.
- Assisted 13 communities with updates of local master plans, 10 with conservation planning efforts, 9 with zoning amendments, 7 with updates to subdivision or site plan review regulations, and 2 with capital improvement programs.
- Conducted traffic counts in 14 communities, and brought the number of communities with completed road inventories up to 16, ensuring that full state aid for maintenance is received.

- Conducted hazard mitigation planning in 8 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds. Assisted 4 with review of National Flood Insurance Program compliance. Began assisting Sullivan County communities with process to adopt new floodplain maps to ensure residents' continued eligibility for flood insurance.
- Assisted 6 communities with review of proposed developments.
- Completed special projects to address local needs, including E911 readdressing in Claremont and New London Parking Study.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials including law lecture series and bi-monthly programs on topics such as NH Energy Policy - What it Means for Communities, Outdoor Lighting, and Striking the Balance Between Preservation of Rural Character and Growth - What is the Public Interest.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., subdivision review process, earth excavation regulations, growth management, impact fees, development on unmaintained roads, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, and emergency zoning.
- Provided technical assistance to regional partner organizations, e.g., Advance Transit, Community Transportation Services, Upper Valley Transportation Management Association, Connecticut River Joint Commissions, Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee, Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Cold River Local Advisory Committee, and Upper Valley Land Trust.
- Maintained website - [www.uvlsrc.org](http://www.uvlsrc.org) - to share information on planning issues and events, and kept library current with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, residents, libraries, school districts and other area organizations.
- Participated in professional development activities to ensure planning staff stays up-to-date on best practices, emerging topics, GIS, and changes in NH land use law and federal funding programs of benefit to communities.

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 year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at [tbamford@uvlsrc.org](mailto:tbamford@uvlsrc.org) to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford  
Executive Director

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND SENIOR RESOURCES  
2005**

The year 2005 was a successful one for the Department of General Assistance and Senior Resources. Unseasonably warm weather through mid-February helped alleviate the need for Town-generated fuel assistance, and the Neighbor to Neighbor program assisted several Seniors with services that otherwise might not be available to them.

We wish to express our appreciation to the Millar Fund for its continued support of our Senior Luncheon Program, and to Cornish residents Jim Atkinson, Cheston and Nancy Newbold, Michael and Claudia Yatsevitch, and Dale O'Connor whose generous contributions helped us purchase several much-needed items. Special thanks also to the Cheshire Lodge #23 for allowing us to use their hall, including heat and a fully equipped kitchen, free of charge, and to Heidi Jaarsma, our wonderful pie maker, who donated 6 delicious apple pies for our Christmas raffle.

The Senior Luncheon is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month except December at 12 noon at the hall (the old schoolhouse) on School Street in Cornish Flat.

The Neighbor to Neighbor Program sponsored by Cornish men is available to assist people over 60 or those who are disabled with small tasks such as changing a light bulb, moving a heavy object, or putting in a few tomato plants. This group is a wonderful resource, and its services are free of charge. If you need help, please call Henry Homeyer, 543-1307, or Jim Fitch, 675-9391.

People interested in receiving Meals on Wheels should contact Bob Bladen at the Cornish General Store, 542-0660.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Kousman  
Anne Hier  
Judith Kaufman  
Martha Zoerheide

**VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services in the Town of Cornish  
2005*

The VNA & Hospice is like the local police and fire departments- a strategic part of the community's safety net – with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The town's support continues to be crucial for patients. Surrounded by memories, familiar furnishings, and family photographs, people almost always wish to confront the issues of illness, accident or aging, and dying in the comfort of their home.

Town funding ensures that the following medically necessary and supportive services are provided to all citizens, including the uninsured and under-insured:

- Skilled clinical care and support during times of injury, short-term or chronic illness, or recovery from surgery or accidents. The most common conditions under our care are congestive heart failure, emphysema, diabetes, vascular disease, muscle disorders, and joint replacement.
- Nursing and physician care and symptom management during terminal illness. Also addresses the psychosocial, emotional, spiritual, and financial concerns for patients, their families and their caregivers.
- Assistance to young families at risk. We help fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents and care for newborns and children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.
- Community wellness clinics including blood pressure, foot care, and flu vaccines.

VNA & Hospice provided the following services in the Town of Cornish this past year;  
(7/1/2004 – 6/30/05)

***Hospice Program***

Patient families served	1
Support group hours	3

***Home Care Program***

Patients served	11
Home Visits*	472

***Maternal Child Health Program***

Children Served	1
Home Visits	1

\*Includes Nursing Care, Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy, Medical Social Workers, Home Health Aides, Personal Care or Homemaker Services.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan G. Larman, BSN, MBA

**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION**  
**Connecting neighbors with needs and people who care**  
**REPORT 2005**

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 23 ViA volunteers who live in the Town of Cornish who have given over 614 hours of service to their neighbors and community. ViA currently has 173 volunteers who live in the Mt. Ascutney area who have given over 8,657 hours of service so far this year, in the seven towns we serve. Three Cornish residents serve on the Volunteers in Action Advisory Council.

Neighbor-to-neighbor services to Cornish residents include transportation help with chores, friendly visiting, telephone check-in, short term respite for caregivers, life-line installation and recipients of knitted items.

Transportation is a personal door to door service, with the volunteer waiting for the person during their appointment, shopping, or wherever they are. Requests for help come through the visiting nurses, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health center, individuals, neighbors, family and friends.

We appreciate the support of the Selectmen and the voters of Cornish in the past. Your support is essential to the continuation of these essential services. ViA is affiliated with Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center. The Hospital provides partial funding that covers part 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 Jannice Ellen and Susan Weld at 802-674-5971. ViA has an office in the Historic Windsor House. We welcome your inquiries.

Jannice Ellen and Susan Weld  
Program Coordinators



**WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
**2005 Report**

In 2004 West Central Behavioral Health provided residents of Cornish with \$16,671 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.

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, home, jails, nursing homes, schools and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management, and emergency consultation.

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

- 11 children and their families received 51 therapy sessions at our outpatient clinics.
- 43 adult residents received 270 sessions of outpatient counseling for depression, anxiety, addictions, family issues, and other critical issues.
- 14 residents contacted out emergency services, available 24 hours, 7 days a week.
- 14 residents received 279 sessions of other services such as case management or participation in our Academy Programs for people who have committed substance abuse related offenses.

We hope to continue to provide quality mental health care to all who need it.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Michaud

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT  
2005**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a very quiet year in 2005. The ZBA heard a total of two cases during the 2005 year, each resulting in a request for a special exception.

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

Karim Chichakly Chairperson  
Caroline Storrs Vice chairperson, Clerk  
Bruce Tracy  
Jim Brown  
Stuart Hodgeman  
Dale Rook  
Jason Bourne  
Bill Balch

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 2005

Date	Groom's Name	Residence	Bride's Name	Residence
01/08/05	Stone, Roger Wesley	Cornish, NH	Prince Virginia Topliff	Cornish, NH
04/23/05	Pinsonault, Richard L.	Claremont, NH	Nelson, Carmen Tena	Claremont, NH
04/29/05	Crandell, John Chester	Plymouth, VT	Wood, Virginia	Cornish, NH
05/15/05	Brewer, Karl Evan	Cornish, NH	Gage, Elizabeth Alice	Cornish, NH
05/29/05	Lipfert, Frederick W. Jr	Cornish, NH	Stockman, Jennifer	E. Northport, NY
06/09/05	Walker, Gregory M.	Cornish, NH	Brooks, Michelle M.	Cornish, NH
06/25/05	Parks, Stephen A.	Cornish, NH	Hull, Catherine Suzanne	Cornish, NH
07/15/05	Delisle, Donald J.	Cornish, NH	Proctor, Jill M.	Hillsborough, NH
07/30/05	Ha, Shin IL	Windsor, VT	Chamberlain, Sarah E.	Windsor, VT
08/06/05	Rheaume, Robert Leo	Cornish, NH	Mason, Hannah Nicole	Cornish, NH
08/13/05	Sicard, Norman M.	Cornish, NH	Hadley, Sally J.	Cornish, NH
10/15/05	Decato, Thomas Paul	Cornish, NH	Rice, Cara Lynn	Cornish, NH
12/02/05	Boutilier, Michael J.	Cornish, NH	Winot, Kimberly A.	Cornish, NH

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser  
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31-Dec-05

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Mann, Benjamin Conrad	01/31/05	Lebanon, NH	Mann, Christopher	Heiskell, Mary
Strout, Natalie Elise	03/08/05	Lebanon, NH	Strout, James	Strout, Karen
Kelliher, Sean Patrick	04/17/05	Lebanon, NH	Kelliher, Stephen	Kelliher, Corinne
Colby, Kirk Wyatt	04/29/05	Lebanon, NH	Colby, Kirk	Willey, Katrina
Mather, Bowen Elisha	05/28/05	Lebanon, NH	Mather, Jonathan	Mather, Lara
Stone, Denver Lee	08/04/05	Lebanon, NH	Stone, David	Stone, Johanna
Heim, Matthias John	09/19/05	Claremont, NH	Hiem, Richard	Heim, Abigail
Rheaume, Connor Leo	10/15/05	Claremont, NH	Rheaume, Robert	Rheaume, Hannah
Fielder, Iain Robert	10/20/05	Claremont, NH	Fielder, David	Fielder, Sonya

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser, Town Clerk

DEATHS AND BURIALS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 2005

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
01/20/05	Windsor, VT	Richardson, Raymond	Richardson, Bert	Ryder, Hazel
01/21/05	Anderson, SC	Nelson, Edward Earl	Nelson, Wayne	Joyce, Ethel
05/20/05	Claremont, NH	Collins, John	Collins, Clifford	Morris, Edith
05/22/05	Claremont, NH	Putnam, Lyscom	Putnam, John	Colburn, Gladys
07/05/05	Claremont, NH	Dow, Richard W.	Dow, William P.	Kelly, Theresa
08/08/05	Lebanon, NH	Wells, Maxine	Bradford, Charles	Wilcox, Inez
08/20/05	Plainfield, NH	Edmondson, Rosamond	Taylor, Robert	Lawrence, Grace
09/06/05	Cornish, NH	Mcelreavy, James	Mcelreavy, Daniel	Morgan, Gladys
10/13/05	White River Jct, VT	Hilliard, Robert L.	Hilliard, Leroy	MacDonald, Susan

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser  
Town Clerk



# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

# Cornish School District

March 2006

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## Officers of the School District

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Vacant
Moderator	Ray Evans

## School Board Members

Dr. William Palmer	Term Expires 2006
Carol Rennie	Term Expires 2006
Alicia Simino	Term Expires 2007
Susan Borchert	Term Expires 2008
Theresa Scott	Term Expires 2008

## Auditors

Plodzick & Sanderson

## Annual School Board Report to the School District March, 2006

Every year the community comes together to provide a quality education for its children, and this year is no exception. The Cornish School Board would like to highlight a few examples and express its gratitude to all.

In the spring of 2005, the board, staff and community participated in a principal search process which culminated in the hiring of the unanimous candidate choice, Adrienne Noel. The Cornish School Board thanks the superintendent, Mrs. Guillette, for leading this effort, and the staff and community members who served on the search committee and who otherwise supported the process with their comments and suggestions.

Mrs. Noel's first official act was to cut the ribbon on the new play structure, to the cheers of those who gathered to celebrate. In the barn-raising tradition, the community raised a beautiful new structure for its children, thanks to the generous support of those who participated in the initial fund-raising and the taxpayers. Thank you, Heidi Jaarsma, for keeping the fund-raising books and keeping us on track.

The board would also like to thank two board members, Carol Rennie and Alicia Simino, for serving on the policy subcommittee this year. Working closely with assistant superintendent, Allen Damren, Ms. Rennie and Mrs. Simino edited an entire policy manual and made recommendations to the full board for adoption. While the board adopts new policies regularly, a full overhaul has not been accomplished since 1995. Thank you, too, to Mr. Damren for orchestrating this project.

Mrs. Guillette and Mr. Damren have also been instrumental in maintaining the momentum in the board's ongoing strategic planning process, helping us to develop comprehensive, coordinated goals and supporting action plans.

And where would we be without our committees? Not only does committee participation afford parents and community members an opportunity to become directly involved, it supports the school in ways no one person could do alone. Whether it be a one-time committee such as the Athletic Committee of past years or the current SAU Study Committee (please make sure to read its report in this book), or standing committees such as the French, Technology, Wellness & Nutrition, Cornish Community Parent Teachers Organization, and Building Maintenance folks, our coming together to share the load insures that our children's experience at the Cornish School is the best it can be.



Finally, thank you to everyone, teaching and support staff, parents and community members, who touch the lives of our children every day in ways both great and small.

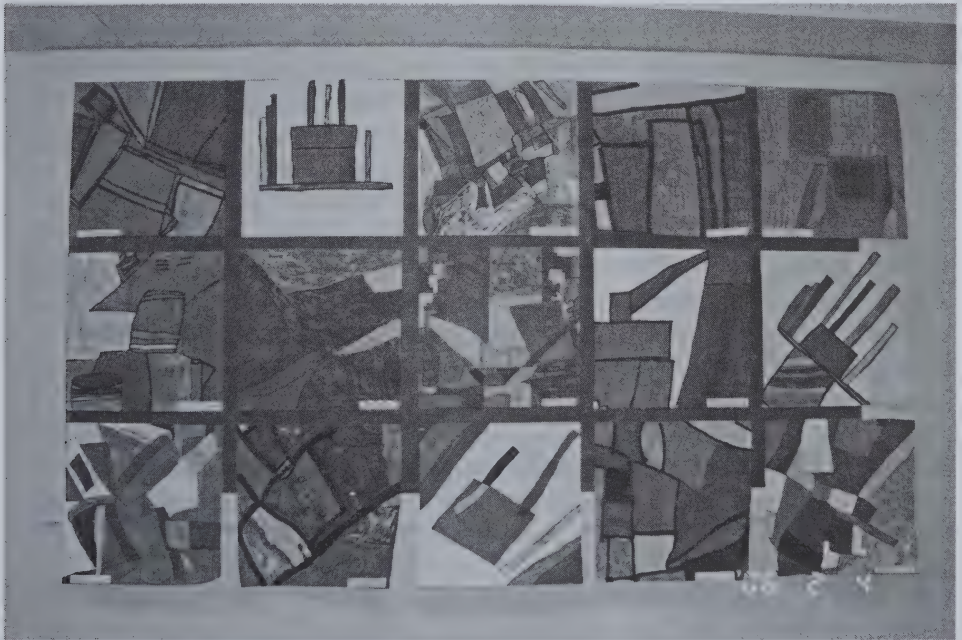
Respectfully,

Terrie Scott, Chair

On behalf of the Cornish School Board



The Cornish School District has been without a Treasurer since July 1, 2005 and has been unsuccessful in finding someone to assume the position of temporary Treasurer through fiscal year end June 30, 2006. Duties include monthly treasurer's report and reconciliation of bank accounts. Anticipatory thanks go to interested individuals who send a letter of application to Allen Damren, 165 Broad Street, Claremont 03743.



Grade 6 Artwork

# SAU Study Committee Report to the School District

At its March, 2005 annual meeting the school district voted to "...study the current relationship with SAU 6 and to come forward at the 2006 School District Meeting with a report." Ray Evans, the school district moderator, appointed Merylynn Bourne, Loel Callahan, Larry Dinglee, Carol Rennie, Nicole Saginor, Caroline Storrs, and himself to the committee, and the school board appointed Susan Borchert and Terrie Scott.

Meeting throughout the year, the SAU Study Committee first met with the SAU 6 senior staff, Superintendent Jacqui Guillette, Assistant Superintendent and Business Manager Allen Damren, Director of Special Services Maren Ardell, and Director of Curriculum Wendy Siebrands to determine whether the services provided meet those required by state law and Department of Education regulations.

The committee also met with Russ Collins, the superintendent for the Plainfield School District, gathered comparative financial information from Plainfield, Grantham and Lyme, the four most comparable districts in the area which are also one-district SAUs, and collected survey responses from the school teaching and support staff.

Through SAU 6, the Cornish School District has access to the expertise of a superintendent, assistant superintendent/business manager, special education director, curriculum director, technology coordinator, speech pathologist/supervisor, occupational therapist/supervisor, accounting and benefits supervisor, junior accountant, and transportation coordinator. For the 2005-06 school year, the Cornish School District contributed \$122,501 or 10.41% to the SAU 6 expenses. The 2006-2007 figure is \$122,335.

In 2005-2006, the Lyme School District paid \$133,503 for a 40% superintendent, a full-time administrative/business assistant, and a full-time special education director (they do not have a business manager or bookkeeper). The Plainfield School District spent \$138,552 for a 40% superintendent, a 27% business manager, a 30% special education director, a 50% administrative assistant, and a 20% bookkeeper. Grantham paid \$139,209 for a 40% superintendent, a full-time administrative assistant, and a 30% special education director (like Lyme, they do not have a business manager nor bookkeeper).

Russ Collins noted that one advantage of a one-school SAU is that all superintendent services are focused on the one school. A disadvantage is less staff and school board access to financial and curricular support.

In their surveys, teaching and support staff noted areas that are working well in the district's relationship with the SAU: "...teachers and principals should be supported in the professional decisions they make. I have felt good support from the SAU."

"...there are times that each person is needed in conflict resolution. ...it should be teacher, principal, SAU. When it gets necessary to have the SAU involvement, I am grateful that they will take over the situation."

"[The relationship between the Cornish School District and the SAU is] a two-way street of guidance and resources offered in response to our particular needs, in consultation with our staff. There seems to be give and take....Input from the Cornish faculty is sought out and heard. The SAU should be sensitive to the fact that Cornish is a unique school and a special one...The SAU does usually show this sensitivity..."

"[In a conflict resolution situation] SAU personnel were extremely helpful in getting things settled down and straightened out."

Staff also identified areas needing improvement: "...unless Claremont is offering something that is excellent for our teachers and we have been a part of the planning that we should be able to use solid session days for our own school needs."

"I would like to see the tech person within the building...Also would like to see more of the SAU staff on a regular basis so there is a better understanding of who we are."

"Instruction is a site-level issue, though the superintendent should play a role in instructional development (as opposed to the more nebulous 'staff development')."

Principal Adrienne Noel writes: "As a member of an administrative team, my voice as leader of Cornish School and representative of the community is valued and consistently honored. As a school, we have a wide range of flexibility for retaining what are known as the unique qualities of Cornish School. The guidance of the SAU helps to keep our school knowledgeable and engaged in understanding and committing to best practices."

In its 2003-2004 evaluation of the superintendent, the School Board noted that "Superintendent Guillette works effectively and closely with the Cornish School Board, and the board relies on the guidance she brings to its deliberations and decisions. An excellent communicator with outstanding judgment and integrity, Mrs. Guillette can be both flexible and steadfast, but always holds herself accountable for her decisions and those she supervises."

The superintendent and her staff provide support to the school board by 1) helping the board to set attainable, innovative, and challenging goals for the school district, 2) clearly defining tasks to achieve those goals, 3) anticipating long-range needs, 4) establishing plans which reflect board policy, 5) conducting research to use in decision making and planning, and 6) evaluating the organizational and operational structures of the school district.

The assistant superintendent and business manager supports the school board with his comprehensive understanding of district business operations. He stays informed of the physical needs of the Cornish School building, supplies, and equipment, and directs the timely development of the budget. Monitoring and controlling operating expenses, the assistant superintendent seeks improved cost reduction by improving management techniques, and administers the district's collective bargaining agreements, payroll and benefits, and insurance contracts.

The superintendent also supervises and evaluates the staff and educational and other programs, providing professional development and mentoring opportunities, and guidance and support to staff in the areas of special education, instruction, curriculum development, and grant writing.

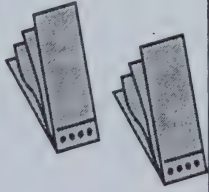
The SAU Study Committee concludes that the relationship the Cornish School District has with SAU 6 is cost effective and affordable, and that the current administrative team is competent and professional and providing services exceeding those required by state law and Department of Education regulations.

To further strengthen this relationship, the Committee recommends that the superintendent focus her efforts and those of her staff on tailoring professional and curriculum development opportunities to the unique needs of the Cornish School staff, and seeking input from the staff on a regular basis. In addition, the Committee recommends that SAU senior staff increase their visibility at the Cornish School.

For further information on superintendent responsibilities, the reader may wish to read RSA 194-C:4 pertaining to Superintendent Services (<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/XV/194-C/194-C-4.htm>) or the Board of Education administrative rules (<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/Rules/ed300.html>). The school board's annual superintendent evaluations and the survey instrument used is available from the school board or from the SAU 6 office.

Submitted by:  
Terrie Scott

# IMPACT FOR 2005-2006:



## *Improving student learning throughout SAU #6*

### OUTCOMES (in no particular order):

- \*Delivering a set of clearly-articulated, high-performance learning standards.
- \*Providing a safe learning environment for all students.
- \*Removing barriers to student learning.
- \*Expanding the staff's instructional repertoire.
- \*Expanding opportunities for early learning and intervention - birth through Grade 3.
- \*Constructing family and community partnerships.
- \*Expanding the number of students reading at grade level or above.

TOOLS:  
DIFFER.  
INSTR.  
RBT  
PBIS  
DATA  
ASSESS-  
MENT  
TECHN.  
PD  
RDG/WR.  
TOOLS  
COLLE-  
GIALITY  
S.I.T.

### SCHOOL BOARDS' GOALS in SAU #6:

#### Claremont:

- 1) Raise the standards and achievement for all students.
- 2) Encourage citizen participation in, understanding of, and support for the educational system through the work of the Communications Committee.
- 3) Use all available data to develop a prioritized list of buildings and grounds needs and options for meeting those needs through the work of the Facilities Committee.
- 4) Continue to advocate locally and state-wide about issues affecting the children of New Hampshire.

IMPACT for 2005-2006 (continued)

Cornish:

- 1) Provide an enriching and meaningful curriculum, maximizing every student's potential and promoting academic excellence for each child.
- 2) Establish a powerful culture of continuous improvement.
- 3) Develop new strategies for connecting parents, community, business, staff, and students to improve student achievement.
- 4) Provide adequate and safe facilities which meet the educational and operational needs of the district.
- 5) Implement organizational practices that respond to change and that facilitate transitions caused by those changes.

Unity:

- 1) Develop a long range plan for the Unity School District which includes facilities, curriculum, instruction, and staffing implications.
- 2) Continue to expand after school programs for students.
- 3) Develop a responsible approach to state and federal mandates in curriculum and assessment.

SCHOOL-BASED GOALS FOR 2005-2006:

Claremont:

- NEASC Accreditation
- Meeting AYP
- Reading First/Enrichment
- PBIS
- Communication
- Technology Integration
- Curriculum Revision
- Differentiating Instruction
- Sustained, High Quality Programs

Unity:

- Curricular Supports
- Encourage Positive Behavior
- Co-curricular Activities
- Investigate Assessment Tools

Cornish:

- Comprehensive Enrichment Plan
- Writing Assessments
- Writing Guidelines

## IMPACT for 2005-2006 (continued)

### UNDERPINNINGS:

- \*Data collection (like curriculum maps, test scores, attendance data) and use for decision making.
- \*Development of technology infrastructure, professional skills, and tools for instructional support.
- \*Commitment to differentiating instruction to meet all students' needs.
- \*Responsibility to attract and retain highly qualified staff.
- \*Work to build family, community, and business partnerships.

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

- Human: Teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, custodians and maintenance, school lunch staff, Dow staff, secretaries, 21C staff, families, community, business partners, higher ed. Partners, bus drivers
- Financial: Tax dollars, grants, contracts, fees, donations, in-kind
- Community: Families, agencies, businesses

12/1/05



~ Grade 2 Artwork ~

# A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 2006

Dear Parents and Community Members:

Again, on the previous three pages you will find what we are calling an "Impact Sheet". This sheet captures *what* all three districts in SAU #6 are trying to accomplish and *how* that will be accomplished by both the School Boards and the school staffs. This Impact Sheet has been updated to reflect each Board's goals and each school's goals for the school year 2005-2006. We hope you find this helpful when thinking about education in Cornish - what it is and what it is trying to do.

Big changes have occurred in Cornish, as you know. We have had a new principal in place since July of 2005. Mrs. Adrienne Noel is a wonderful addition to the Cornish Elementary School staff. Already we have seen her many talents take hold in the rich and fertile soil that is the Cornish Elementary School. Mrs. Noel is a highly trained educator, a very organized manager, and a visionary leader. We all feel very pleased that among multiple opportunities, she chose to come to Cornish to be the principal.

We have a super community in Cornish which helped raise the large amount of money necessary to purchase and erect a new play structure for the school's play area. The unveiling of this new structure in July-August of 2005 was a time of community pride and celebration. This is an amazing replacement for a well-used, older play structure. There cannot be enough "thanks" given to the entire Playground Committee and the community at large for the numerous ways in which this large project was supported. Children have been enjoying this new structure regularly since its opening. THANK YOU!

Staff and principal efforts have been focused towards getting settled in with new leadership, encouraging the parents and community to contact Mrs. Noel and the staff on a regular basis about both joys and concerns, and looking to always improve student outcomes while being frugal with your tax dollars.



Several retirements over the past two years along with two more at the end of this school year are moving much beloved and regarded staff out in to their new lives "post-Cornish". These staff will be missed, but we wish them well. Coming to Cornish are new staff who we know will build on the community's trust and allegiance over the next few years. These are big changes for a relatively small school. Cornish Elementary School continues to attract and retain highly qualified staff, for which we are most grateful.

This next year's budget shows a reduction in the number of high school students for whom Cornish will be paying tuition. With that change, the tax impact of the new budget should be lessened while allowing the Board and staff to continue to refine and move forward in the instructional programs offered for our K-8 students.

We thank you in advance for your ever-present support of the young people in Cornish. It continues to be an honor and a pleasure to be your Superintendent of Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline E. Guillette  
Superintendent of Schools



~ New Playground Structure ~ Summer 2005 ~

# STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Elementary School (01/23/06)

Kindergarten	13	5th Grade	15
1st Grade	15	6th Grade	23
2nd Grade	13	7th Grade	11
3rd Grade	17	8th Grade	10
4th Grade	19	TOTAL ENROLLMENT:	136



## PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS Elementary School

Adrienne Noel	Principal
Linda Coolidge (0.5)	Kindergarten
Christine Bourne	Grade 1
Dawn Crary	Grade 2
Rosamond Seidel	Grade 3
Linda Fuerst	Grade 4
Ruth Cassedy	5 & 6 Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Caroline Storrs	7 & 8 Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Kimberly Phillips	5 & 6 Math and Science
Jeffrey Taylor	7 & 8 Math and Science
Judith Maule	Special Educator
Jane Finlay	Special Educator
Priscilla Paul	Special Educator
Drewanne Reed	Title I / Reading Specialist
Ann MacPhail (0.5)	World Language
Tecla McCann (0.6)	Art
Constance Filbin (0.7)	Guidance
Lois Buchan (0.6)	K-8 Music, Instrumental Music, Chorus
Carlton Hurd (0.4)	Physical Education
Kathryn Patterson (0.2)	Library Media Specialist

**Public High School Enrollments (01/23/06):**

	<b>Claremont</b>	<b>Hanover</b>	<b>Hartford</b>	<b>Lebanon</b>	<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Total</b>
9th Grade	2	-	3	5	8	18
10th Grade	3	1	13	-	9	26
11th Grade	4	-	5	2	10	21
12th Grade	2	3	9	-	14	28
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>93</b>



**School Support Staff**

Dale O'Connor	Administrative Assistant
Mary Lynch	Nurse
Michael Monette	Maintenance/Custodian
Everett Strout / Sharon Strout	Part Time Evening Custodians
Kathryn Patterson	Librarian
Jane Brodeur-Smith	Paraprofessional
Rebecca Brown-Morrie	Paraprofessional
Cheryl Ryan	Paraprofessional - Special Education
Ruth Schneider	Tutor - Title I
Michelle Ackerman	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Melissa Rawson	Paraprofessional - Playground / Lunch
Jennifer Wishnefsky	Before & After School Program Director
Ashley O'Connor	Kinder Care & After School Program Asst.
Paul Whalen, Sr.	Athletic Director

**Contracted Support:**

Lisa Brown	C.O.T.A.
Caryn Decelles	Café Services
JoAnn Halleck	Speech/Language Pathologist
Patricia Hodge	Part-Time School Psychologist

**Cornish School District  
HIGH SCHOOL TUITION**

	05-06		05-06		Less		Add		06-07		Total
	Budget	Present	Seniors	Freshmen	Total	Rate	Total				
Stevens	8	11	2	2	11	10,730	118,030				
Hartford	31	30	9	0	21	9,700	203,700				
Windsor	45	41	14	6	33	9,950	328,350				
Hanover	6	4	3	2	1	10,730	10,730				
Lebanon	0	7	0	2	9	10,730	96,570				
Note: Cost of 1/2 Windsor, 1/2 Hartford voc. is 10675 Cost of 1/2 Hartford, 1/2 Hartford voc. is 10550											
Totals	90	93	28	10	75		765,130				

# Principal's Report

2006

It's a great honor to be writing to you as the principal of our community school. Although my work has just begun, the past 8 months have proven to be a time of forward motion.

This school year, we welcome three new staff members. Kim Philips Humphrey is teaching our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders math and science. Although she is not new to our school having been an aide just a couple of years ago, this position is new to her. Her new ideas and approaches to education provide energy to our team. Ann MacPhail, a recently retired teacher is teaching French to our 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Ann began in November after a few personnel changes in this position, achieving some wonderful progress with our students in just a short amount of time. Melissa Rawson joins us as our lunch/recess aide. She has been another welcome addition, providing students with fair and consistent expectations. I hope you've had the opportunity to meet our new and "veteran" staff and spend some time talking about our work here at school.

Throughout the summer, the maintenance crew and I seemed to make great leaps. You will find, in the maintenance committee report, a list of the many projects completed before the students started at the end of August. The school was in great shape after the final fair clean up and teachers transitioned quickly to prepare for the start of our school year.

One of our collaborative efforts before school began involved moving a classroom to allow for a designated computer lab. Located in the upper wing hallway, the lab classroom is used frequently for class projects, and scheduled lessons. It is our hope to update software and purchase additional licenses to provide adequate programs for our students in all grades. These improvement efforts will aid our students in meeting minimum standards in ICT (Information and Communication Technology), especially in developing their digital portfolios, a cumulative representation of their work throughout grades K-8. The skills they develop at Cornish Elementary will help them as they move into high school where standards require an additional portfolio at the end of Grade 12.

With changes and updates in our School Board policies, came new initiatives as well. The behavior code and procedures has helped us throughout the year to set clear and consistent expectations for behavior and promotes family involvement to support students in positive change. As you walk through the school, you will see signs reading, BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE. This common language has helped staff and students as they communicate needs and work through problems.

The staff worked together to develop goals during the beginning of the year. Although we are constantly reexamining our curriculum and practice, and incorporated the new Harcourt Reading Program in Grades K-3 this year, our goals have added a focus to writing and extended learning activities. Our SIT (School Improvement Team) trained this summer and has led and facilitated

sessions with the staff to address these goals and develop action steps including assessment to measure our students' progress.

We are quite fortunate to provide our students with additional programs such as E.L.F. (Environmental Learning for the Future), Before and After School Program, After Kinder Program, Math Team, Robotics, and Athletics. These programs provide support to students while promoting safe and challenging activities. Many thanks to all the adults that lead these activities and the many volunteers that make these opportunities possible.

The community connection to our school, its programs, and our students continues to be one of our greatest assets. From parent volunteers in classrooms or on the athletic field to community members who provide resources and moral support, we understand that our connection only serves to strengthen our educational programs and promote the development of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Noel



### **Healthy habits help keep your family well.**

#### **Take care: Cover coughs and sneezes. Keep hands clean.**

Healthy habits can protect you and your children from getting germs or spreading germs at home, work and school. Simple actions can stop germs and prevent illnesses.

**Cover your mouth and nose.** Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and drop it in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cover your mouth and nose as best you can.

**Clean your hands often.** Clean your hands every time you cough or sneeze. Hand washing stops germs. Alcohol-based gels and wipes also work well.

**Remind your children to practice healthy habits, too.** Germs that cause colds, coughs, flu and pneumonia can spread easily.

**Healthy habits help reduce illnesses and sick days.** Feel good about doing the right things to stay well.

#### **Healthy habits stop germs. At home, work and school.**

This message is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services. To learn more, please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

# CCPTO Annual Report

## 2004/2005

The CCPTO stands for the Cornish Community Parent Teacher Organization. It is named Cornish Community because our mission is to enhance educational and social opportunities while strengthening school and community ties.

The following list represents programs and activities with which the CCPTO has had some kind of involvement during the 2004/2005 school year. We also list primary type of involvement to the right of the activity.

- The Cornish Fair – main fundraiser
- Innisbrook Wrapping Paper – fundraiser
- Kindergarten Welcome – sponsor
- Celebration Books – sponsor
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon – sponsor
- Welcome Back Picnic – sponsor
- Open House Receptions – sponsor
- Hulburt Outdoors Center – provide financial support
- Riverfest – provide financial support
- Field Trip Transportation – provide financial support
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Flowers – provide financial support
- School Calendar Magnets – finance
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade French Immersion Experience – financial support
- Graduation Awards – provide financial support
- Kindergarten Welcome Kits – provide financial support
- Kenya Boys Choir – provide financial support
- TV Turn Off Week – provide financial support

### Goals 2005/2006

- Continue/increase fundraising
- Continue to support the various enrichment programs listed above.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Bourne, President CCPTO

# Cornish Elementary School Nurse

Annual Report 2004/2005 School Year

## Nursing Goals for past year:

(As relates to School District)

	<u>Status:</u>
- Teach CPR to students and staff.	Done
- Support School Staff goals by evaluating all Adolescent Issues work handed in, for neatness, handwriting, spelling accuracy, and grammar.	Ongoing
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue program to decrease student injuries. Assess any interventions made using data.	Ongoing
- Using illness data evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on handwashing.	Done
- Using the quality improvement process, evaluate the BMI percentages.	Done
- Continue to provide regular communications with teachers, paras, and parents regarding health-related issues.	Ongoing
- Establish a Nutrition Evaluation/ Physical Activity Task Force.	Ongoing
- Continue to upgrade School Health Program, as necessary.	Ongoing

## Quality Improvement (QI) Program:

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

Analysis of QI data: There were a total of 1263 nurse visits in the School Year 2004/2005. 50% of visits were related to illness and 50% related to injury. Complaints of illness related to the respiratory tract accounted for 41% of all illness related nurse visits. The average per student illness related nurse contact was 4.7. This was only 0.1 greater than last year.

In a comparison, the average number of per student injury related nurse visits were 4.6 visits per student. This represents a 0.2 decrease from the previous year. When analyzing the source of injuries, 33% of the reported injuries were playground-related injuries, excluding structure-related. This represents a 2% increase from the previous year. Structure-related injuries remained the same at 7% of all reported injuries. Physical Education resulted in 9% of reported injuries. This also represents an increase from the previous year. 29% of injury-related visits were from other injuries sustained in school not associated with the sources previously mentioned, e.g. paper cut, hit by a backpack while in line, etc. When broken down by accident vs. not following a school safety rule, 11% of these injuries reported were due to not following a school safety rule. Home-related injuries resulted in 20% of nurse visits, and after school sports accounted for 2% of nurse visits.



Maintaining a healthy food intake vs. exercise balance is important in maintaining good health over the course of a lifetime. One marker of this balance is the body mass index (BMI). BMI is a calculated indicator of total body fat, which is related to the risk of disease and death. The score is valid for both men and women but it does have some limits. The **limits** are:

- It may **overestimate** body fat in athletes and in others, whose body is muscular.
- It may **underestimate** body fat in older persons and others who have lost muscle mass.
- It may not be used alone for children and adolescents. Children put on weight prior to growth spurts. When a BMI is calculated during one of these times they may appear to be at risk for obesity or actually obese, when in fact they are in the middle of growing. Graphing the BMI as a percentage compared to other children the same age helps to make sense of this process.

A BMI was obtained and graphed for each student. These graphs were then compared to US averages. In the Upper Wing, 13% of the students were noted to be at risk for obesity and 22% were obese; in the Lower wing, 24% were noted to be at risk of obesity and 24% were obese. A Nutrition Wellness Committee has been organized and is meeting regularly.

Follow-up: Continue to analyze injury data by source and type of injury. Analyze illness data by type of illness. Continue to analyze BMI data. Determine appropriate interventions. Implement interventions. Then evaluate for effectiveness of interventions.

RN Goals School Year 2005-2006: (as relates to School District)

- Teach CPR to students and staff.
- Support School Staff goals by evaluating all Adolescent Issues work for neatness, handwriting, spelling accuracy, and grammar.
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue program to decrease student injuries. Assess any interventions made using data.
- Using illness data evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on handwashing.
- Using the quality improvement process, evaluate the BMI percentages.
- Continue to provide regular communications with teachers, paras, and parents regarding health-related issues.
- Continue Nutrition Wellness work.
- Upgrade School Health Program, as necessary.

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

## **After Kinder Program**

January 30, 2006

The After Kinder Program is in its second year of operation. It continues to be a helpful service to the families in Cornish who have children in Kindergarten. There are currently 13 children enrolled in kindergarten. Of those 13 children, 10 use the After Kinder Program on a regular basis.

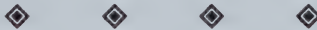
The Cornish After Kinder Program strives to provide quality child care for children in kindergarten. Our program runs from 11:00 AM to 2:45 PM. Tuition cost is \$16 per day. The program operates out of the kindergarten classroom within the Cornish Elementary School. This allows the children to have as few transitions as possible.

We strive to provide a variety of activities for the children. We have a strong emphasis on social skills development. The children are taught problem solving skills that give them a base for what they are learning in school, and will face when they attend an all day class. Throughout the afternoon the children are engaged in a variety of activities including: dramatic play, arts and crafts, science experiments, cooking sessions, writing, reading, math concepts, sensory activities, circle time, cooperative group games, and nature explorations. There are many opportunities for natural play and creative expression. Program staff works closely with the kindergarten teacher to ensure children have a smooth transition at the end of their school day. Children who attend the After Kinder Program may receive hot lunch and may also take the bus home from school.

Some benefits of the After Kinder Program include:

- \*Increased opportunities of social skills development
- \*Easier transition to an all day classroom
- \*Gain higher familiarity with the school environment and the educational staff within the school

If you have any questions about the After Kinder Program, please contact Jen Wishnefsky at the Cornish Elementary School.



## **Before & After School Program**

January 30, 2006

At the time of this writing 33 families have used the Before and After School Programs. From those 33 families, 17 children have used the Before School Program, and 46 children have used the After School Program. We are a multi-age program that welcomes children from Kindergarten through seventh grade. Program hours are 7:15 AM to 8:00 AM and 2:45 PM – 6:00 PM Monday-Thursday, 2:45 PM – 5:30 PM Friday. The Before School Program costs \$3 per day, and the After School Program costs \$9 per day.

The Cornish Before & After School Program strives to provide quality out-of-school time and is dedicated to the development, education and care of children during these hours. Many of the activities that are provided in these programs allow for freedom to socialize with peers. It is very important to a child's social development that they are allowed to simply just be with their friends in an environment that allows safe explorations of play. Multi-age programs allow for development and exploration of different types of play among the children. The Before & After School Program strives to provide quality child care and enrichment opportunities which parents can rely upon throughout the school calendar year, as defined by the Cornish Elementary School District Calendar. The program provides a variety of activities which include recreation and games, arts and crafts, reading, music, time to work on homework, and "free time" for the children to pursue their own interests in a safe, friendly environment.

#### Parents' Expectations of The Programs

Parents may expect that:

1. Their children are cared for in a safe, supportive environment.
2. They may visit with the Director about concerns related to their child or the program.
3. They will be told about any misbehavior on the part of their child, and visit with the program Director in order to bring about improvement in the situation.
4. They will be informed promptly if the child does not arrive at the program according to his/her enrollment information.
5. They will be regularly informed by the program Director about program activities.

#### Children's Expectations of The Programs

Children may expect:

1. To have a safe, supportive and consistent environment.
2. To use all the program equipment, materials and facilities on an equal basis.
3. To receive respectful treatment.
4. To have discipline that is fair and non-punitive.
5. To receive nurturing care from staff members who are actively involved with them.

If you have any questions about the Before & After School Programs, please contact Jen Wishnefsky at the Cornish Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Wishnefsky

CBASP & CAKP Director

**[jwishnefsky@nhvt.net](mailto:jwishnefsky@nhvt.net)**

# Maintenance Committee Report

## 2006

The Maintenance Committee has met a few times this year to review progress of the '05-'06 projects and to discuss and recommend projects for our upcoming '06-'07 school year. The expertise of those serving on the committee is impressive and the purposeful attention to efficient and money saving work to our physical plant remains at the forefront.

We extend our gratitude and appreciation of the work of Mike Monette. His attention to the daily needs, safety and security of our building, our students, our staff and our visitors is evident. Mike and his crew continue the regular upkeep of the building after quite an eventful and productive summer.

During the summer the following projects were completed with some finished soon after the start of school:

- Gym wall and ceiling – cleaned and painted
- Emergency Exit windows installed
- Gym doors replaced and adjoining apron built for handicap access
- Gym lights replaced
- Cleaned and finished gym and stage floors
- Fire retardant applied to stage curtains
- Replaced shades around school
- Repaired well pipes
- Removed old controls in boiler room
- Replaced carpets in areas around school
- Cleaned carpets, waxed all floors
- Reglazed windows
- Re-keyed school doors
- Completed carpentry work around school
- Completed maintenance checks on fire alarm system, etc
- Cleaned and maintained freezer and cooler systems
- Painted classrooms, halls and other interior rooms
- Painted some exterior walls and trim
- Regular maintenance to septic, lawn and equipment

When you visit the school, be sure to note the grand improvements.

For this upcoming school year (06-07), the maintenance committee has carefully prioritized jobs and has offered recommendations. Fixing the roof, paving and repaving sections of our driveway, painting the remainder of the exterior, bringing our school up to “code”, along with the regular summer maintenance are the major projects included in the proposed budget.

Thank you to the maintenance committee. I appreciate your continuing interest in our school community and building and your efforts to guide us with cost efficiency and safety in mind.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrienne Noel, Principal

Maintenance Committee Members '05-'06  
Mike Monette  
Jim Jordan  
Richard Thompson



~ Computer Lab ~

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
Cornish School District  
March 5, 2005**

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held March 5, 2005, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Jane Brodeur-Smith, Lois Fitts, Kim Patterson, and Sandra Redlands as Ballot Inspectors.

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

Moderator 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. Moderator Evans then introduced the Supervisory Union personnel in attendance, the School Board Members, the Supervisors of the Checklist, the District officers, and the Ballot Clerks.

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

There were 261 ballots cast.

**SCHOOL BOARD - Susan Borchert** was elected to a three-year term with 134 votes. **Terrie Scott** was elected to a three-year term with 154 votes. Jim Strout received 117 votes.

**MODERATOR - Ray Evans** was elected to a one-year term with 248 votes.

**TREASURER - Terri Rondos** received 9 write-in votes for a one-year term. Leo Maslan received 6 write-in votes. Brenda Jordan and Reigh Sweetser each received 4 write-in votes.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK - Kathryn Patterson** was elected to a one year term with 252 votes.

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

Ruth Rollins **moved** that the District accept the reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen as reported in the *238th Annual Report*. The motion was **passed** by a voice vote after a **second** by Merilynn Bourne.

**Article III: (Main Budget)**

Terrie Scott **moved** that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,022,896 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 \$2,880,882 for the general fund, \$35,214 for the school lunch fund, \$85,800 for the federal projects fund, and \$21,000 for the after school program. Merylynn Bourne **seconded** the motion.

School board members covered sections of the budget. They explained the increase in pay for the administrative assistant and the nurse, the reduction in the special education section, the increase in the operation and maintenance section driven by the increased cost of fuel oil, and the significant increase in the SAU 6 section due to rent payments now based on a market appraisal and the costs of administering the No Child Left Behind law and grant administration requirements.

One focus of the discussion was the amount of money allocated for the payment of tuition for current grade eight students and home school students who will be entering the ninth grade in September of 2005. The Board budgets for all these students even if some plan to attend private high schools. Unanticipated tuition charges for students who move to Cornish during the school year and the charges from Vermont schools for special education costs that are passed on to Cornish usually equal or exceed the funds set aside in this account. Any funds remaining at the end of the school year are returned to the taxpayers.

Ginger Atwater made the **motion to amend** the requested amount be reduced by \$42,164, the cost of four tuition students, to \$2,980,732. Her **motion to amend** was **seconded** by Cheston Newbold. The **motion to amend** was **defeated** by a show of hands.

The **main motion** requesting the appropriation of \$3,022,896 was then **passed** by a show of hands.

#### **Article IV: (Collective Bargaining)**

The **motion** was made by Terrie Scott, **seconded** by Merylynn Bourne, that the District 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
2005-06	\$29,200
2006-07	\$26,149

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,200 for the 2005-06 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.

Scott explained that the increase, which represents a 3.84% increase for next year and a 3.31% increase over the second year, would focus on raising the pay scale for the entry levels to keep Cornish competitive when hiring teachers to replace retiring teachers. It was voted by paper ballot, by checklist and was **passed** by the following vote: 102 YES, 99 NO.

#### **Article V: (Remove Old Controls In Boiler Room)**

Alicia Simino **moved** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 for the purpose of removing old controls in the boiler room at the Cornish Elementary School and to authorize the withdrawal of \$800 from the Heating System Capital Reserve, created to fund such purposes. The motion was **seconded** by Bill Wadsworth and was **passed** by a hand vote.

#### **Article VI: (School Gym Maintenance and Repair)**

Jean Proehl **moved** that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,500 for the following proposed expenditures at the Cornish Elementary School:

Applying fire retardant to the stage curtains(safety)	\$1,000
Replacement of Gym lights	\$1,000
Replace Gym Doors and Adjoining Apron	\$5,000
Clean and Repaint Gym	\$8,500

and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,500 from the Building Addition Reserve Account, created to fund costs associated with the prior construction of the gym, classrooms, and library, and further to pay for needed upkeep on these facilities. Pete Lynch **seconded** the motion.

The cost for painting the ceiling is not included in this amount.

Jay Young **amended** the amount to be raised to \$18,000 so that the ceiling could be painted. Jason Bourne **seconded** the **motion to amend** which was **passed** by a hand vote.

The **amended main motion**, to raise and appropriate \$18,000, was then **passed** by a hand vote.



## **Article VII: (Playground Replacement Equipment)**

The **motion** was made by Heidi Jaarsma that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,183.14 for the replacement of the current wooden play structure with a new play structure designed by and purchased from Little Tykes Commercial, Inc. The sum represents the difference between the playground structure's total cost of \$35,000 and the amount raised from fundraising of \$13,816.86 as of March 5, 2005. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the playground structure is purchased and installed or by June 30, 2007. Any funds raised through future fundraising for the playground structure will be credited against the amount raised by this article and will be returned to the general fund. Merilynn Bourne **seconded** the motion. After a standing round of applause led by Cheston Newbold for the Playground Committee and their fund raising efforts, the motion was **passed** by a show of hands.

## **Article VIII: (French Program Reduction By Petition)**

George Aldrich made the **motion, seconded** by Sandra Gobin, that the District vote by paper ballot to cut the French Program (teacher's salary and benefits) by one half of the current pay, \$28,085; also to include any raise in salary or benefits for the 2005-06 school year.

Discussion topics included the expansion of the original request from a half-time to a full time position, the value of providing French instruction, the language(s) Cornish should teach, the need for exposure to French in the lower grades, the value of exposure to a foreign language, and the number of Cornish students who pursue French classes in high school.

The motion was voted by paper ballot, by checklist and was **passed** by the following vote: 102 YES, 93 NO.

## **Article IX: (SAU Study Committee By petition)**

Caroline Storrs **moved** that the District vote to approve a committee appointed by the School Moderator and School Board to study the current relationship with SAU 6, the process of Cornish creating its own SAU, and, if deemed responsible, to come forward at the next School District 2006, with a proposal. (The following was included in the warrant and was included as part of the motion) The School Board interprets this petitioned article to present the following question: Shall a planning committee be created to study the current relationship with SAU 6 pursuant to RSA 194-C:2 which specifies that the committee shall consist of 5 public members appointed by the moderator, 2 School Board members appointed by the

School Board, and the Superintendent of Schools as a non-voting member. Merilynn Bourne **seconded** the motion.

Storrs explained that her intent was to have this committee complete an evaluative study of Cornish's relationship with SAU 6, which financially and philosophically should be pursued on a regular basis. She was not in favor of the formal and more restrictive RSA wording. Terrie Scott cautioned that the timing of the formation of this committee might jeopardize the search for a principal.

Doug Thayer made a **motion to pass over** this article, **seconded** by Sandra Gobin. This motion was **defeated** by a show of hands: 43 YES, 47 NO.

Storrs moved to **amend** the original motion to ask that the District vote to approve a committee appointed by the School Moderator and the School Board to study the current relationship with SAU 6 and to come forward at the 2006 School District Meeting with a report. Merilynn Bourne **seconded** the **motion to amend**. It was **passed** by a show of hands.

The **amended main motion** was then **passed** by a show of hands.

#### **Article X: (District Officer Compensation)**

Terrie Scott **moved** that the District determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year. After a **second** by George Aldrich, the motion was **passed** by a show of hands.

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

Bob Maslan thanked the School Board and the administration for the fine job they do. They were given a round of applause.

There being no further unfinished business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

Report  
**School District Treasurer**  
for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Cash on hand July 1, 2004	(\$21,103.32)
Received from Selectmen (tax monies)	\$1,924,824.00
Received from other sources	\$1,065,228.66
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$2,990,052.66</b>
<b>Less School Board orders paid:</b>	<b>\$3,024,048.69</b>
<b>Cash on hand June 30, 2005</b>	<b>(\$55,099.35)</b>

**Cornish School Building Fund**  
**June 30, 2005 Fund Balance**

Fund Balance as of July 1, 2004	\$37,440.80
Pledges Received	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Income Earned - interest	659.43
<b>TOTAL June 30, 2005</b>	<b>\$38,100.23</b>

**Science Room Renovation Fund**  
**June 30, 2005 Fund Balance**

Fund Balance as of July 1, 2004	\$3,392.05
Pledges Received	0.00
Income Earned – interest	59.82
Withdrawal	0.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2005</b>	<b>\$3,451.87</b>

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

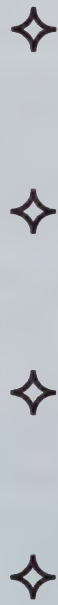


**Cornish School District**  
**Debt Payment Schedule**

The Cornish School District has no long term debt.

### Cornish French Accounts

Scholarship	Class of 2003	Class of 2004	Class of 2005	Class of 2007	Class of 2008
Balance 6/30/2004	\$12,478.20	\$1,541.69	\$277.93	\$1,306.70	
Interest	171.68	16.15	2.84	17.22	\$0.57
Donations/Fundraising	1,162.00			473.00	
Transfer from Class of 2003	1,264.00				
Transfer to Scholarship	-1,264.00				
Transfer to Class of 2007	-277.00			277.00	
Transfer to Class of 2008			-280.77		280.77
Payable to General Fund	-16.84			-1,796.92	
Balance 6/30/2005	\$15,075.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$281.34



### James Brewster Fitch Scholarship

Agricultural/Environmental Scholarship (Original Contribution \$6,873.43)

Beginning Balance	Interest	Withdrawals	Fund Balance
05/31/005			06/30/05
\$9,595.56	\$15.07	--	\$9,610.63

(Transferred from Endowment Fund Account)

**Special Endowment Funds**  
June 30, 2005 Fund Balances

<b>FUND NAME (original gift/principle amount)</b>	<b>RESTRICTIONS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
James Farley Memorial Fund	Writing Excellence	\$4,431.55
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	Capital Expense	9,790.62
Eberhardt Award	Art & Music	518.59
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	Citizenship	518.59
Glen Smith Sportmanship Award	Sportmanship	228.20
Harriet Runnals Award	Multiple Categories	1,149.55
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund	Environ/Agri Scholarship	147.32
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	Sports Program	1,537.22
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	Resource Room Program	1,537.22
Science Discovery Fund	Science Exploration	1,341.68
Doris Morgan McAuley Fund	Spelling Excellence	849.88
Non-Dedicated Funds	Unrestricted	36.34
<b>TOTAL ENDOWMENTS – June 30, 2005</b>		<b>\$22,086.78</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Rondos, School Treasurer

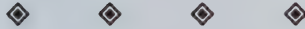


**Queneau Scholarship Trust**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Distributions</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
<b>12/31/04</b>			<b>12/31/05</b>
\$33,994.95	\$820.64	\$1,005.00	\$33,810.59

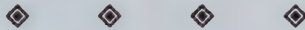
**District's Share of SAU 6 Expenses  
2005-06**

Claremont	81.10%	\$938,132
Cornish	10.59%	122,501
Unity	8.31%	96,127
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,156,760</b>



**District's Share of Administrative Salaries  
2005-06**

	Claremont	Cornish	Unity	Total
	81.10%	10.59%	8.31%	100.00%
Superintendent	\$78,771	\$10,286	\$8,071	\$97,129
Assistant Superintendent	67,055	8,756	6,872	82,682
Director of Special Education	55,745	7,279	5,711	68,736
Director of Curriculum	55,003	7,182	5,637	67,821
	\$256,574	\$33,503	\$26,291	\$316,368



**School Administrative Unit #6**

Jacqueline E. Guillette	Superintendent
Allen Damren	Assistant Superintendent
Maren Ardell	Director of Special Education
Wendy Siebrands	Director of Curriculum
Dan Suse	Curriculum Technology Coordinator
Corrine Baptistella	Payroll Clerk
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Ann Dieter	Accounting & Benefits Supervisor
Genevieve Gallagher	Administrative Assistant
Donald Johnson	Building Technician
Diane Landry	Administrative Assistant
Kelly Poisson	Accounting Assistant
Connie Scheffy	Speech/Language Pathologist
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
Eileen Vreeland	Registered Occupational Therapist
April Woodman	Administrative Assistant

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Special Education Expenses & Revenue

Category	Actual 03-04	Actual 04-05	Budget 05-06	Budget 06-07
State Funding:				
Catastrophic Aid	20,238	46,133	47,912	47,912
Adequate Education Grants- SPED	167,466	N/A	N/A	N/A
Federal and Grant Funding:				
Chap. 1- Tutoring in Reading	23,500	23,402	17,400	17,400
Other Special Ed.				
Medicaid	5,678	6,975	11,000	11,000
TOTAL REVENUE	216,882	76,510	76,312	76,312
Total Special Ed. Expenses	514,878	531,820	524,001	455,160
Net Special Education Expenses Paid From Property Taxes	<u>297,996</u>	<u>455,310</u>	<u>447,689</u>	<u>378,848</u>

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Food Service Report

The 2004-05 school year was the first year the Cornish School District had food service provided to the school through an outside vendor. The school had previously advertised for a food service manager and was not successful. Additionally, two other food service companies were contacted and both declined, citing the small population of the Cornish Elementary School. We feel fortunate to have engaged the services of Café Services from Londonderry to provide food service for the school.

During the last few annual district meetings, we have been candid in stating that with a low student population, it is likely that the food service program will be operating at a loss. Regrettably that has been the case. Some statistics for comparison are:

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Number of Student Meals Served</u>	<u>Average per Day</u>
2003-04	9,499	52.8
2004-05	12,054	67.0
2005-06 (through Dec, 2005)	4,691	62.5

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Profit/ (Loss) Before General Fund Subsidy</u>
2001-02	(6,371)
2002-03	(13,505)
2003-04	(11,644)
2004-05	(13,803)
2005-06 (through Dec, 2005)	(9,107)

<u>Percent of Café Services Total Cost:</u>	<u>2005-06 (through Dec, 2005)</u>	<u>2004-05</u>
Food	27.3	24.1
Labor	52.7	55.8
Café Services Fee (150 per month)	2.6	3.1
General and Administrative	8.6	10.2
Other	8.8	6.8

<u>Cost per Meal Served:</u>	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06 (Through Dec, 2005)</u>
	4.66	3.83	4.63

Submitted By Allen Damren, Assistant Superintendent



**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 11, 2006 at 10:00 a. m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article 1 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 , each for one-year terms and two School Board members, each for three year terms.

**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 EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$2,881,156) 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 \$2,780,756 for the general fund, \$50,400 for the school lunch fund, and \$50,000 for the federal projects fund.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article IV (Establish A Special Education Out of District/High School Tuition Capital Reserve Fund)**

To see if the school district will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-b for the purpose of educating high school students attending public high schools and also educating disabled children out of district and to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article V (Replace Rear Curtain on School Stage)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$3,070) for the replacement of the rear stage curtain on the school stage at the Cornish Elementary School and further to authorize the withdrawal of THREE THOUSAND SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$3,070) from the Building Addition Reserve Account, created to fund bond costs associated with the prior construction of the gym, classrooms, and library, and further to pay for needed upkeep on these facilities.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VI (Roof Repairs)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$14,880) for repairing certain sections of the Cornish Elementary School roof and further to authorize the withdrawal of FOURTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$14,880) from the School Roof Capital Reserve Account.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VII (Paving)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$19,000) for driveway repairs and repaving and further to authorize the withdrawal of NINETEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$19,000) from the Building and Site Capital Reserve Account.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VIII (District Officer Compensation)**

To determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year.

**Article IX (Other Business)**

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

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID Cornish this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2006.

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Terrie Scott, Chair

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Carol Rennie

\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Borchert

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Simino

\_\_\_\_\_  
William Palmer

CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

**CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2006-07

FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1100	0	REGULAR EDUCATION					
1100	110	Salaries	497,920	490,199	503,080	12,881	2.63%
1100	114	Paraprofessionals	31,092	29,746	32,642	2,896	9.74%
1100	120	Substitutes	13,749	15,000	15,000	0	0.00%
1100		Summer School	0	0	6,185	6,185	n/a
1100	211	Group Health Insurance	99,936	120,632	127,921	7,289	6.04%
1100	212	Dental Insurance	7,268	4,876	5,872	996	20.43%
1100	213	Life Insurance	820	3,180	3,394	214	6.73%
1100	220	Social Security Insurance	38,393	40,856	42,128	1,272	3.11%
1100	230	N.H. Retirement	13,235	20,892	21,563	671	3.21%
1100	250	Unemployment Insurance	495	699	707	8	1.14%
1100	260	Worker's Compensation	3,109	4,560	4,864	304	6.67%
1100	329	Staff Development	7,204	11,000	11,000	0	0.00%
1100	430	Equipment Repair	747	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
1100	539	Internet	1,853	2,537	2,724	187	7.37%
1100	609	Cultural Arts Supplies	480	0	0	0	n/a
1100	610	Testing and Assessment	1,139	1,800	1,800	0	0.00%
1100	610	Supplies	11,541	15,000	17,000	2,000	13.33%
1100	612	Copiers	9,050	7,800	7,800	0	0.00%
1100	612	Exploratory/Enrichment	2,368	3,000	4,000	1,000	33.33%
1100	613	Software	139	1,000	7,895	6,895	689.50%
1100	641	Textbooks	11,553	14,810	18,700	3,890	26.27%
1100	645	Consumable Workbooks		0	1,300	1,300	n/a
1100	733	New Equipment		950	0	(950)	-100.00%
1100	739	Furniture	420	0	1,110	1,110	n/a

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2006-07

FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
		Function Total	752,511	789,737	837,885	48,148	6.10%
1200	0	SPECIAL EDUCATION					
1200	101	Teacher's Salaries-Conti	114,717	138,209	77,938	(60,271)	-43.61%
1200	103	Tutoring	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
1200	104	Paraprofessionals	50,026	43,839	44,986	1,147	2.62%
1200	105	Speech Therapy	1,140	12,800	9,335	(3,465)	-27.07%
1200	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	59,355	51,223	38,783	(12,440)	-24.29%
1200	271	Staff Development	0	500	500	0	0.00%
1200	331	Testing	5,404	8,000	8,000	0	0.00%
1200	333	Occupational Therapy	19,858	13,800	4,735	(9,065)	-65.69%
1200	381	Legal Services	3,403	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
1200	568	SPED Tuition- In State	0	0	0	0	n/a
1200		SPED Tuition- Out of Ste	104,865	99,000	139,600	40,600	41.01%
1200		SPED Tuition- Private	0	0	0	0	n/a
1200	611	Supplies	734	900	700	(200)	-22.22%
1200	631	Textbooks	1,567	800	725	(75)	-9.38%
1200		Workbooks			325	325	n/a
1200	741	New Equipment	0	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	361,069	373,571	330,127	(43,444)	-11.63%
1290		Extended Year Program					
1290	110	Salaries	3,382	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
1290	200	Payroll Taxes	312	330	330	0	0.00%
		Function Total	3,694	3,330	3,330	0	0.00%

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2006-07

FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1450	0	ATHLETICS					
1450	108	Salaries P/R	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
1450	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	0	25	25	0	0.00%
1450	391	Referees	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
1450	611	Supplies	1,406	700	700	0	0.00%
		Function Total	5,906	5,225	5,225	0	0.00%
2120	0	GUIDANCE					
2120	129	Salaries	21,755	22,631	25,225	2,594	11.46%
2120	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	7,293	11,736	12,971	1,235	10.52%
2120	611	Supplies	240	350	400	50	14.29%
2120	630	Textbooks	0	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	29,288	34,717	38,596	3,879	11.17%
2130	0	HEALTH					
2130	112	Salaries	22,739	23,598	24,419	821	3.48%
2130	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	1,910	2,054	2,124	70	3.41%
2130	611	Supplies	983	750	750	0	0.00%
2130		Textbooks	0	35	35	35	35.00%
2130	733	Equipment	0	0	250	250	250.00%
		Function Total	25,632	26,402	27,578	1,176	4.45%

**CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2006-07

FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2220	0	LIBRARY					
2220	117	Salary	22,584	22,793	26,634	3,841	16.85%
2220	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	6,763	8,003	9,010	1,007	12.58%
2220		Equip. Maintenance			1,000	1,000	
2220	611	Supplies	1,422	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
2220	630	Books	3,086	3,000	3,500	500	16.67%
2220	640	Periodicals	376	450	450	0	0.00%
2220	741	Equipment	0	1,500	550	(950)	-63.33%
2220	751	Furniture	25	0	250	250	n/a
		Function Total	34,256	38,246	43,894	5,648	14.77%
2310	0	SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES					
2310	119	School Board Salary	950	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2310	300	Auditors	5,306	2,800	4,000	1,200	42.86%
		P/R Taxes	59				
2310	381	Professional Services	51,095	1,750	1,750	0	0.00%
2310	384	Treasurer	200	200	200	0	0.00%
2310	385	District Clerk	30	30	30	0	0.00%
2310	386	Moderator	75	15	15	0	0.00%
2310	387	Election Officials	303	450	400	(50)	-11.11%
2310	551	Annual Report	1,136	850	1,100	250	29.41%
2310	610	Supplies	2,646	550	750	200	36.36%
2310	811	NHSBA Dues/Training	3,195	2,800	2,844	44	1.57%
		Function Total	64,995	10,445	12,089	1,644	15.74%

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2006-07

FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2320	0	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6					
2320	351	Management Services	124,640	147,024	122,335	(24,689)	-16.79%
		Function Total	124,640	147,024	122,335	(24,689)	-16.79%
2410	0	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION					
2410	110	Salary- Principal	25,492	71,345	70,720	(625)	-0.88%
2410	110	Salary- Admin. Assistant	22,592	23,318	29,068	5,750	24.66%
2410	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	26,419	41,731	47,845	6,114	14.65%
2410	329	Staff Development	245	1,650	1,500	(150)	-9.09%
2410	534	Postage	1,590	1,100	1,300	200	18.18%
2410	541	Contract Svcs--Advertisii	2,225	3,200	2,200	(1,000)	-31.25%
2410	550	Printing	1,378	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
2410	580	Travel-In District	597	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2410	610	Supplies	622	500	750	250	50.00%
2410	800	Principal's Fund	0	0	750	750	n/a
2410	810	Dues	620	500	575	75	15.00%
2410	892	Graduation	397	400	400	0	0.00%
		Function Total	82,177	147,244	158,608	11,364	7.72%
2600	0	OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT					
2600	110	Salaries	53,965	50,581	52,353	1,772	3.50%
2600	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	17,506	22,499	23,999	1,500	6.67%
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	2,750	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
2600	424	Lawn Work	2,905	950	950	0	0.00%
2600	430	Repairs/Maintenance Se	25,639	24,200	22,400	(1,800)	-7.44%

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2006-07

FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2600	490	Building Improvements	8,379	19,600	26,120	6,520	33.27%
2600	520	Property/Liability Insuran	7,527	7,000	3,226	(3,774)	-53.91%
2600	531	Telephone	4,645	5,000	5,500	500	10.00%
2600	541	Contracted Services	5,110	6,200	6,500	300	4.84%
2600	610	Supplies	8,497	7,000	7,500	500	7.14%
2600	622	Electricity	17,118	23,250	21,000	(2,250)	-9.68%
2600	624	Fuel Oil	25,252	25,770	36,406	10,636	41.27%
2600	654	Septic Pumping	1,322	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
2600	733	New Equipment	664	37,400	0	(37,400)	-100.00%
2600	737	Replacement Equipment	702	300	0	(300)	-100.00%
		Function Total	181,981	233,850	210,054	(23,796)	-10.18%
2550	0	TRANSPORTATION					
2550	513	Elementary Transportati	76,320	80,136	84,143	4,007	5.00%
2550	513	Field Trips	6,133	4,000	5,000	1,000	25.00%
1200	515	SPED- Elementary	968	0	7,459	7,459	n/a
		Function Total	83,421	84,136	96,602	12,466	14.82%
5100	0	DISTRICT WIDE EXPENSES					
5100	0	DEBT SERVICE					
5100	830	Principal	0	0	0	0	n/a
5100	840	Interest	0	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	0	0	0	0	n/a



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FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
5250	0	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT					
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve-Roof		1,000	3,000	2,000	n/a
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Heating & Ventilating		1,000	3,000	2,000	n/a
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Bldg. & Site Improvement		1,000	3,000	2,000	n/a
5250	881	Transfer to Food Service	12,537	16,000	16,000	0	0%
		Function Total	12,537	19,000	25,000	6,000	n/a
<b>Total Cornish Elementary School</b>			<b>1,762,107</b>	<b>1,912,927</b>	<b>1,911,323</b>	<b>(1,604)</b>	<b>-0.08%</b>
1200	519	Transportation	0	0	0	0	n/a
1200	568	Tuition Out of Dist.-High	143,692	129,700	104,303	(25,397)	-19.58%
Total High Sch. Special Ed.			143,692	129,700	104,303	(25,397)	-19.58%
1100	0	TUITIONS					
1100	561	Tuition- High School	843,154	887,071	765,130	(121,941)	-13.75%
<b>Total High School SPED &amp; Tuition</b>			<b>986,846</b>	<b>1,016,771</b>	<b>869,433</b>	<b>(147,338)</b>	<b>-14.49%</b>
<b>Total General Fund</b>			<b>2,748,953</b>	<b>2,929,698</b>	<b>2,780,756</b>	<b>(148,942)</b>	<b>-5.08%</b>

**CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2006-07

FUNC	OBJ	Description	04-05 Actual	05-06 Budget	06-07 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
School Lunch Fund:							
		Food and Milk	11,749	11,330	12,400	1,070	9.44%
		Miscellaneous	0	1,000	0	(1,000)	-100.00%
		Contracted Service	37,053	22,884	38,000	15,116	N/A
Total School Lunch Fund			48,802	35,214	50,400	15,186	43.12%
Federal Projects Fund			48,256	106,800	50,000	(56,800)	-53.18%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>2,846,011</b>	<b>3,071,712</b>	<b>2,881,156</b>	<b>(190,556)</b>	<b>-6.70%</b>

<b>CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-07 PROPOSED REVENUES</b>		<b>As Set 2004-05</b>	<b>As Set 2005-06</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-07</b>	<b>\$ Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>REVENUE DETAIL:</b>						
1121	District Assessment	1,583,038	1,834,417	1,699,975	-134,442	-7%
	State Property Tax	342,350	326,253	326,253	0	0%
	Medicaid	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	n/a
1500	Interest Income	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0%
1990	Miscellaneous Income	5,381	5,381	5,381	0	0%
	Playground Fundraising			4,300	4,300	n/a
3110	Adequate Education Grants	805,218	684,435	684,435	0	0%
3240	Catastrophic Aid	21,298	47,912	47,912	0	0%
5220	From Building Endowment Fund	0	18,800	0	-18,800	n/a
<b>Revenue Total</b>		<b>2,769,785</b>	<b>2,929,698</b>	<b>2,780,756</b>	<b>-148,942</b>	<b>-5%</b>

<b>CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-07 PROPOSED BUDGET TAX RATE IMPACT</b>	<b>As Set 2004-05</b>	<b>As Set 2005-06</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-07</b>	<b>\$ Chg</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>Appropriation- General Fund</b>					
Total Non-Tax Revenue	2,758,785	2,929,698	2,780,756	-148,942	-5.08%
State Property Tax	833,397	769,028	754,528	-14,500	-1.89%
Use of Fund Balance	342,350	326,253	326,253	0	0.00%
	0	0	0	0	n/a
<b>Local Tax Levy</b>	1,583,038	1,834,417	1,699,975	-134,442	-7.33%
<b>Assessed Value</b>	102,782,228	176,082,368	176,082,368	0	0.00%
<b>Local Tax Rate</b>	15.40	10.42	9.65	-0.77	-7.39%
<b>Estimated State Rate</b>	3.43	1.91	1.91	0.00	0.00%
<b>Sub-Total Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000)</b>	18.83	12.33	11.56	-0.77	-6.24%
<b>Article 4- Reserve Fund</b>			0.17	0.17	
<b>Total Tax Rate if Article 4 is approved</b>			11.73	-0.60	-4.866%

<b>CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2006-07 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES</b>		<b>Actual 2004-05</b>	<b>Adopted 2005-06</b>	<b>Estimated 2006-07</b>	<b>% Chg</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE FUND</b>					
1610	Daily Sales	27,623	23,856	28,500	19.47%
1990	Other Revenue	2,825	0	1,000	n/a
3270	State Reimbursement	380	300	400	33.33%
4460	Federal Reimbursement	4,551	3,790	4,500	18.73%
5210	From General Fund	12,537	16,000	16,000	0.00%
<b>Food Service Fund Total</b>		<b>47,916</b>	<b>43,946</b>	<b>50,400</b>	<b>14.69%</b>
<b>FEDERAL GRANT FUND</b>					
4410	ECIA - I & II	48,256	106,800	50,000	
<b>Federal Grant Fund Total</b>		<b>48,256</b>	<b>106,800</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-53%</b>

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**2006-07 Projected Salaries, Payroll Taxes, & Benefits**

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks Exp.	Years Exp.	05-06 Salary	06-07 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION</b>							
Bourne	BA+15	1.00		6	27,274	30,812	
Buchan	BA	0.60		7	16,333	18,403	
Cassedy	BA + 30	1.00		20	44,310	45,639	
Coolidge	MA+15	0.50		30	30,345	31,255	
Crary	MA	1.00		13	35,329	38,841	
Fuerst	MA	1.00		22	47,478	0	
New	MA	1.00		3		30,254	
Hurd	MA + 30	0.60		38	24,392	37,686	
McCann	BA+30	0.60		10	19,398	21,026	
Phillips-Humphrey	BA+15	1.00		3	26,268	28,587	
Reed	MA+15	1.00		16	19,839	43,019	
Seidel	MA+15	1.00		24	51,519	52,536	
Storrs	MA+30	1.00		24	52,886	53,941	
Taylor	MA + 30	1.00		24	52,886	53,941	
New - French Retirements	MA	0.50		7	15,289	17,140	0
Sub-total					481,046	503,080	200,053

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Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks Exp.	Years	05-06 Salary	06-07 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>							
Various					15,000	15,000	1,322
<b>REGULAR ED PARA</b>							
Brodeur-Smith	10.84	35	38		13,929	14,417	
Morrie	10.24	35	38		12,835	13,619	
Rawson (NA)	8.53	15	36		4,455	4,606	
Subtotal					31,219	32,642	5,074
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>							
Finlay	MA + 30	1.00		18	43,001	46,432	
Paul	MA + 15	1.00		22	48,798	0	
Maule	MA + 30	1.00		24	51,345	53,941	
Retirements					17,500	0	
Less 94-142 Grant					-22,435	-22,435	
Subtotal					138,209	77,938	27,500

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Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks Exp.	Years Exp.	05-06 Salary	06-07 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
<b>SPED PARA</b>							
Ackerman	9.86	32	38		11,382	11,990	
Ryan	13.82	40	38		20,262	21,006	
New	9.86	32	38			11,990	
Subtotal					31,644	44,986	11,283
<b>GUIDANCE</b>							
Filbin	MA	0.70		9	22,631	25,225	12,971
<b>NURSE</b>							
Lynch		30.0	38		23,598	24,419	2,124
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>							
Patterson	14.92	28	38		15,332	15,875	
Patterson	BA + 15	0.20		16	7,461	10,759	
Total					22,793	26,634	9,010
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>							
Noel					68,000	70,720	
O'Connor	1,118	1	26		23,218	29,068	
Subtotal					91,218	99,788	47,845



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Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Years Wks Exp.	05-06 Salary	06-07 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
<b>MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL</b>						
Monette				35,872	37,128	
Strout	10.61	25.00	52	13,325	13,793	
Strout	10.61	15.00	9	1,384	1,432	
Subtotal				50,581	52,353	23,999
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>				907,939	902,065	341,181

**CHAPTER 1 & REAP Grants**

Schneider	12.63	20.00	36	9,094	9,094	
Reed						
New	MA+15	0.50	15	19,839	0	

**GRANTS TOTAL**

28,933 29,094 2,564

**DISTRICT TOTALS**

936,872 931,159 343,745



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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 financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cornish School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004 which collectively comprise the Cornish School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on the 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 opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cornish School District as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2, as of July 1, 2003, the School District has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cornish School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

October 15, 2004

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
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## INFORMATION DIRECTORY

Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies – Dial.....	911
Police, non-emergency.....	543-0535
Fire, non-emergency.....	675-2221
Cornish Rescue/Ambulance.....	675-2221
Selectmen/Assessing Office.....	675-5611
Town Clerk.....	675-5207
Tax Collector.....	675-5221
Highway Garage.....	675-2205
Cornish Elementary School.....	675-5891

### Town Office Hours Times of Board Meetings

Phone.....	675-5611
Fax.....	675-5605
e-mail.....	<a href="mailto:townbos@earthlink.net">townbos@earthlink.net</a> <a href="mailto:cornishtownclerk@earthlink.net">cornishtownclerk@earthlink.net</a>

#### Town Clerk & Tax Collector Hours

Monday & Thursday.....	9:00-Noon, 4:00-7:00 PM
Friday & last Saturday of the month.....	9:00-Noon

Selectmen/Assessing	8:00AM-3:30 PM daily
Board of Selectmen Meetings	Wednesday 9:00-Noon & Friday 6:30-8:30 PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment (as needed)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month 7:30 PM
Planning Board	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month 7:00 PM
Conservation Commission	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month 7:00 PM

Cornish Library Hours	Monday & Fridays 4:00-6:00 PM
543-3644	Wednesday 4:00-8:00 PM
Emily Cromwell, Librarian	Saturday 10:00-Noon

#### General Assistance

Connie Kousman.....	542-7107
Martha Zoerheide.....	675-2295
Judith Kaufman.....	542-7322
Anne Hier.....	542-7348

**TOWN OF CORNISH**  
**WHO to see about WHAT**

**SELECTMEN**  
**Phone 675-5611**  
**Fax 675-5605**

**Selectmen's Secretary – Marge Kolenberg**

Selectmen's Office open Monday – Friday 8:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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

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

Other Questions – See Selectmen

**TOWN CLERK**

**Reigh Helen Sweetser**

**Phone 675-5207**

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**

**Reigh Helen Sweetser**

**Phone 675-5221**

Property Tax  
Yield Tax  
Current Use Tax  
Excavation Tax

