

June 2025

Building Committee Update



The Cornish Community Initiative (CCI) is working with the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) requirements to obtain the Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the library project. Once the NTP is received, the Building Committee can put the project out to bid. Construction is expected in the Fall of this year. Please see Building Committee construction schedule.

We have submitted information and material to the Cornish Select Board, in advance of the June 19 Planning Board meeting, to jointly provide written notification at least 60 days prior to construction to the Planning Board. The project does not require a formal site plan review, per RSA 674:54, since the future use of the property will be for a governmental use. The property will have a change of use from a retail general store to a public library and community center.

Fundraising Update

Fund raising is taking a summer pause, although donations are still accepted by check or credit card, via our website. Donors may also make a Qualified Charitable Donation (QCD) from their retirement plan if they are age 70-1/2 or older. Details are on the donation page of our website. We are aware the construction budget may increase due to the new tariffs. We have applied for several local grants through banks and foundations.

Activities Update

The Activities Committee received a Tasker Bridges Fund grant to continue the Cabin Fever Concert series in 2026. The two new fiber groups are well-established. May 4 marked another successful Wear & Share event. On July 13, there will be a CCI Activities Celebration & Potluck Meeting on the Meeting House Green. Activities Chair Cindy Heath has reached out to Community Leaders to inform them that the store space will not be available after 7/31/2025.

Other News

Store tenants will vacate the building by 7/31/2025. The interior will be cleared out over the summer. Transfer of the building is expected in early September. Reminder, there are 3 file cabinets offered to the Cornish Library. Colleen would like to make arrangements for their removal when it is convenient. There are two 4-drawer and one 2-drawer.

We are excited with the progress made this past year. A team of over 30 volunteers has worked diligently to plan, fund raise, and execute all aspects of this project. We believe the community will be even more excited once construction begins.

**Watch for updates on the Library Project Page on our website by visiting
<https://cornishci.org/library>**

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