

## July/August 2025



## **Building Committee Update**

Construction should start in September, but may be delayed if the bidding process is slower than expected. Here are the highlights of our work so far:

- We've selected 4 of the 7 contractors needed to begin construction. The administrative process to obtain written agreements for these is progressing.
- o The Building Permit has been submitted to the Select Board.
- o The NH State Fire Marshall has approved the plans.
- o The hazardous waste testing came back negative for asbestos.
- The CCI/Building Committee met with the Planning Board twice and attended the PB Public Hearing.
   A list of 15 non-binding recommendations were made. The Cornish Select Board is reviewing them and will give feedback to the CCI. We are waiting on their final report. We are hoping to hear by 9/8/2025.
- The property transfer from Colleen O'Neill to the CCI is scheduled to take place on 9/15/2025. Colleen
  has been cleaning out the store since tenants vacated on 7/31/2025.
- Nineteen hazardous box elder trees were removed by Gallagher Tree Service. They did stump grinding on the north side of the store. Jim Reuthe of Claremont excavated the stumps on the south side, on the border with the Lewis family. Abutters on all sides of the building were part of the decision-making process for the tree removal. (Note, now travelers can see the Meeting House Steeple as they drive north on Route 120.)
- Final bids on the construction work will inform the Fund Raising Committee about additional funding needs for the project.
- o Users of the store building have found alternate meeting locations. The CAIP has moved adaptive equipment to the Meeting House.

We hope the community will be excited to see construction work begin on this long-awaited project. It's been over 4 years in the planning. Watch for updates on the Library Project Page on our website by visiting https://cornishci.org/library.

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