

**Cornish Community Initiative**  
**Winter Progress Report, 3/21/2026**  
**Cornish Library and Community Center Project**

The Cornish Community Initiative is pleased to share a winter progress report on the new Cornish Library and Community Center. The former Cornish General Store in Cornish Flat is undergoing a major transformation. Despite a cold and snowy winter, our construction manager, Trumbull-Nelson, has been hard at work alongside multiple teams of contractors.

Site work began in mid-October with interior demolition and removal of the back apartment. During this phase, mold was discovered in the walls and insulation, prompting removal, abatement and remediation of the building's perimeter walls. Asbestos was also found in the flooring during plumbing work and was safely addressed in accordance with applicable US EPA regulations and New Hampshire statutes.

Throughout the winter, crews made significant progress on both the interior and exterior of the building. Walls and ceilings were removed, and structural posts with concrete bases were installed in the basement. Existing structural components were inspected and upgraded as needed, and old sheathing was replaced.

Plumbing and electrical teams have installed new systems throughout the building, including plumbing for two accessible bathrooms, a kitchen sink, and mop sink, as well as updated electrical wiring. The HVAC team has installed ductwork for heat pumps that will provide efficient heating and cooling.

The front porch, removed last fall, has now been reframed as part of a new front bump-out. Siding has been taken down, and protective sheeting was installed to allow interior work to continue through the winter. Window and door openings have been cut, and interior framing now defines the building's various spaces.

Basement stairs have been replaced with code-compliant stairways, and the mezzanine stairs will be replaced soon.

In the coming weeks, the new roofline will begin to take shape. Interior and exterior work will continue through the Fall, with construction expected to be completed by mid-December 2026. Following completion, the building will be furnished and the library collections will be moved into the new space.

In the meantime, the CCI Building Committee meets weekly with the Trumbull-Nelson superintendent. The Interior/Exterior Committee is overseeing furnishings and outdoor elements, while the Fundraising Committee continues to pursue grants and community support. In December, we sent an end-of-year appeal to Cornish residents and are deeply grateful to all who have contributed, every donation helps bring this important community project to life.

The CCI plans to offer site tours later next month. Please stay tuned for dates and times.

For more information about the library project, please visit our website at [cornishci.org](http://cornishci.org) and look for “Library Project” in the menu.

If you have questions or comments, feel free to contact any CCI board member. Contact information is available on the website, or you may email [info@cornishci.org](mailto:info@cornishci.org).

We extend our sincere thanks to our many private, public, and foundation partners for their continued support.

– Cornish Community Initiative

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