

# Cornish Community Initiative

## December 2025 Newsletter

### Holiday Events & Construction Update



#### Community Tree & Caroling

On Wednesday, December 3, volunteers Dan Brown and Tony and Valerie Newton placed the colored lights on the Cornish Community Christmas Tree. Thank you for your efforts again this year. The CCI appreciates the donation of the tree by Molly and Jay Young. Holiday caroling led by Corey & Deanna Fitch was attended by approximately 30 people of all ages, complete with a beautiful fire, hot chocolate, eggnog, and homemade cookies. Everyone enjoyed the festivities in the Cornish Flat! Stay tuned for the Cabin Fever Music Series featuring local artists scheduled to take place on January 24 (Jason Cann & Jeff Davis/Steven Cutter woodcarvings), February 28 (Jordan Tyrell-Wysocki & Dan Faiella)/Amanda Posner fiber art), and March 28 (Noah & Andrew VanNorstrand/Bill Gallagher photography) at the Cornish Town Hall, 7 pm. And the Moth Story Hour returns on the 2nd Thursday at 6 pm - January 8, February 12, and March 12. Get your stories tuned up and contact Henry Homeyer, 603-543-1307, [henry.homeyer@comcast.net](mailto:henry.homeyer@comcast.net) to get on the schedule.

#### Construction Update

The Building Committee members (Keith Mullane, Peter and Caroline Storrs, Peter MacLeay, Laura Cousineau) have continued to work closely with Construction Manager Spiros Tzilianos of Trumbull-Nelson, architect Ingrid Nichols of Banwell Architects, and Adam Morse of Engineering Ventures, to keep apprised of the progress on construction of the new library and community center. In just over 12 months, the new Cornish Library and Community Center will become a reality!



#### Fundraising Continues

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to our fundraising efforts in the past and, at the same time, encourage those who have waited to see if this project would truly come to life to consider making a gift. Our past efforts have yielded \$2.7 million from generous private and grant donors. Certain factors such as inflation and tariffs that were not in place when we created our initial budget and the need to build American/buy America may increase our costs. Tax deductible donations by credit card may be made online at [cornishci.org](http://cornishci.org), or via check (using the enclosed envelope), or through wire transfer. You may also give a gift of securities, from a Donor Advised Fund, or from an IRA or other retirement account.

Our plan is to acknowledge all donors on a plaque in the main area of the library and recognize donors of \$5,000 or more in specific areas of the library such as the children's room, the community room, the outdoor patio and terrace, the tech area, the front porch, the loft, the community kitchen, or the librarian's office. If you have already given this amount or more, or would like to donate \$5,000 or more, please let us know if you would like your gift to be recognized in a specific space by contacting Merilynn Bourne at 603-675-6698 or [merilynnb@comcast.net](mailto:merilynnb@comcast.net).

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