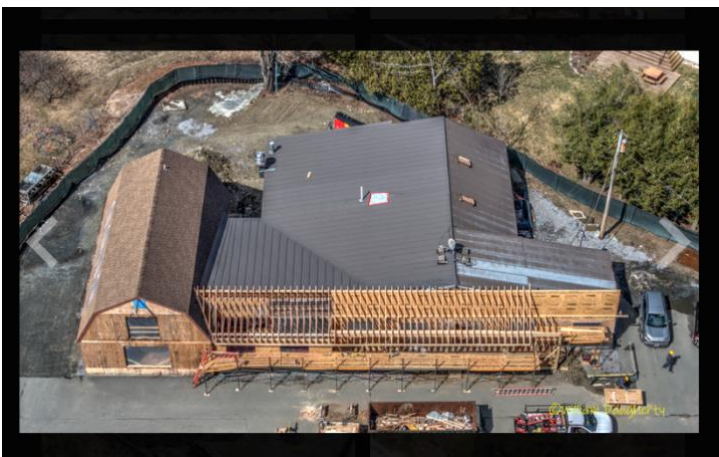


# Cornish Community Initiative

## February 2026 Newsletter #22

### Construction Continues!

- Construction of the new Library & Community Center is on target to be completed in early December 2026.
- 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 a 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 sheathing 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



*Drone photo by William Daugherty*

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**Cabin Fever Coffee House** – Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki & Dan Faiella performed to a large crowd in February with excellent Celtic music on fiddle and guitar. Special thanks to Molly & Jay Young, JP Stohrer, and Tamsin Orion & Christ Surunis for stage set up, refreshments, lighting design, and sound engineering. Art by weaver Amanda Posner. Funding by the Tasker Covered Bridge Fund and audience donations. Thank you!



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