

CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS



April 10, 2025

Hello Friends,

More activities are coming to the busy town. Tomorrow night, Friday April 11th at 7:00pm will be the town budget hearing. Hybrid on zoom and in person at the Library on Pine Street. Now is a good time to hear what is being proposed for the municipal and school budgets. Questions are welcome.

On April 23rd, the CCS 7th graders will present their research on Naomi Freeman, who lived in Cornwall in the 1800s. She is believed to be the first female former slave to acquire land here. Their efforts persuaded the Board of Selectmen to give a section of Great Hollow Road the honorary designation of Naomi Freeman Road. Apparently, this is the first time a Connecticut road has been given an honorary designation for a female former slave. Thanks to the 7th grade for bringing this history to light. More details to follow.



The Town will resurface several roads in the Cream Hill/Cogswell area towards the end of April. Your patience and respect for work zone safety signs is always appreciated.



AROUND THE TOWN

Below are brief updates from various Town boards, departments, and organizations.

Anna Timell, Chair | Planning & Zoning Commission

Since the last newsletter, the Planning and Zoning Commission has held 2 meetings where the Planning portion has focused on responding to a request to consider how more building lots might become available in Cornwall by modifying our regulations. Cornwall is the only town in our area that has 5-acre zoning. In addition, Commissioners attended lectures provided annually by the CT Bar Association on various topics related to Land Use law. A new CT statute mandates a modest amount of training for all Land Use Commissioners (P&Z, Wetlands, Zoning Board of Appeals).

Michelle Shipp, Chair | Park & Recreation

Cornwall Park & Rec will be hosting a Clean Up Cornwall event on Saturday April 26th throughout town. For more information visit [Park & Rec's website](#).

Happy Spring!

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