

CORNWALL TOWN HALL NEWS



January 22, 2026

Hello and Happy New Year!

We are having a real New England winter. Additional significant snow is forecasted for Sunday with very cold temperatures continuing through the end of the month. Please take appropriate winter precautions, [click here for a list of Winter Weather Awareness tips](#). The Town maintains a winter storm call list to check on people during emergencies at their request. If you would like to be added to that list, contact Jane Hall at assistant@cornwallct.gov, or [click here to register online](#). If you are in need of food or fuel, contact Becky Hurlburt at socialservices@cornwallct.gov. The State of Connecticut also has a notification system, which includes severe weather updates, [to sign up for alerts click here](#). Also please keep your cars well off the roads, especially during storms and aftermath, this will help the road crews keep roads open. **The Transfer Station will be closed on Sunday, plan accordingly.**

At Tuesday night's Board of Selectmen's meeting, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles for two new Rescue and Fire trucks. The Fire Department has led a very successful fundraising campaign that helped make this happen. We thank them for their hard work on the community's behalf and all the donors.

The Board is about to start its Town 2026/2027 budget work for presentation to the Board of Finance next month. Also upcoming is a Town meeting in March to authorize the Town to join the Northwest Resource Recovery Authority to handle our garbage and recycling. The Town has secured funding for a grant to design a food waste composting program at the Transfer Station.

There are vacancies on several town boards including the Housatonic River Commission, the Park and Recreation Commission, the Conservation Commission, Cornwall Grange #32 Trust Fund, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Cream Hill Lake Study Group. Please send letters of interest to the Selectmen's office at selectmen@cornwallct.gov

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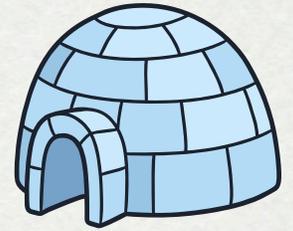
A cute little pair of prescription glasses were left on a desk in the Selectmen's office. Please call or stop in to claim them.

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July 4, 2026, will commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Cornwall has an exciting lineup of events planned to celebrate America 250. Please stay tuned to the Cornwall Chronicle and our newsletters, as we will be highlighting and promoting these events as they are announced.

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The Town of Cornwall will be hosting an in-person Freedom of Information (FOI) training session on Tuesday, March 3rd 6:00pm at the Cornwall Library. This session will provide an overview of FOI requirements and best practices for public records, open meetings, and government transparency. Community members interested in learning more about FOI laws and how they apply to local government are welcome to attend.

[Please click here to register.](#)



AROUND THE TOWN

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

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION | ANNA TIMELL, CHAIR

At it's January 13 regular meeting, and after a Public Hearing, the P&Z approved a Zoning Regulation amendment that will do the following: 1. separate the West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge Business Districts because of different and individual zoning needs. 2. Reduce the lot size requirement in West Cornwall to 10,000 sq. ft, and reduce the front, side and rear setbacks to 0,10 and 10 feet respectively. Street frontage minimum is reduced from 150 to 50 feet. This amendment meets one of the goals of the 2020 Town Plan. The Commission will hold its Annual Town Planning Meeting for all Cornwall volunteer organizations on Thursday Feb. 5 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall.

CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT | DICK SEARS, PRESIDENT

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce that its New Fire Trucks Campaign exceeded its \$600,000 goal at the close of 2025! This generosity will ensure the purchase of two of the very finest firefighting and emergency vehicles available for our first responders. This success is a testimony to the community spirit displayed by hundreds of Cornwall individuals, organizations and businesses who generously donated. CVFD officers and members wish to thank everyone who supported the campaign.

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION | BETHANEY MASTROCOLA, DIRECTOR

Visit the [Cornwall Park & Rec website](#) to see all the latest events and activities, including the VERY popular Pickleball at CCS & Ice Skating at Hotchkiss. We are always looking for volunteers to help with events and coaching - if you are interested in helping out, please email: park.recreation@cornwallct.gov

We hope you enjoy this real New England weather. Please cooperate with the Highway Department trucks road clearing efforts by parking your vehicles well off the roadways.

Sincerely,

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