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Cornish Planning Board
LD 602

The Cornish Planning Board would like to request full funding for LD 602. Small rural towns with populations of less than 2,000 and with limited resources rely on agencies like SMPDC to help them develop ordinances to comply with federal and state regulations. Small towns such as ours have staffing issues because our towns do not have the budget to employ staff or departments to interpret and write the policies necessary to keep us compliant with state and federal rules and regulations. As an example, the town is working on implementing the ADU regulations. The Cornish Planning Board has sought the advise of SMPDC and is working on revamping our ordinances to comply with this mandate. Costs beyond the revamping include items such as the cost of holding informational meetings to inform the public of what this means to the town and the cost of town meetings to vote in new additions to the town ordinances that will need additional section(s) added. Providing funding allows for success for our small towns in Maine.