

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, February 8, 2021
6:00 p.m. – Remotely via Zoom

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway; Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey; Selectman Priscilla Pavel; One Member of the Public

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

BUDGET: The Board of Selectmen discussed the 2021 – 2022 budget. Selectman Priscilla Pavel moved to give the Little Guild a separate line item in the budget with an amount of \$2000. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Next, the Board discussed the budget for the Senior Van. Last year Cornwall's share of Senior Van use increased. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to increase the proposed Senior Van budget to \$10,500, and set the Food and Fuel Fund Budget proposal at \$6,500. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Next, the Board discussed the Transfer Station budget. First Selectman Ridgway noted that the Transfer Station costs have gone up, and the Board discussed the increase. First Selectman Ridgway moved to reduce the Transfer Station proposed increase of \$22,000 by \$9,500 for a resulting proposed increase of \$11,500. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded, and the motion unanimously passed. The Board also noted their appreciation for the work done by Ted Larson and Will Berry at the Transfer Station.

Next, the Board discussed the contingency fund.

For fiscal year 2021-2022, the Conservation Commission requested \$4,560. There Board discussed the Conservation Commission's request as well as the commission's specific line items, including the Cream Hill Lake Study Task Force. First Selectman Ridgway moved to reduce the Conservation Commission request by \$1,000, for a proposed budget of \$3,560. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Next, the Board discussed Capital Projects. Regarding the Board's proposed capital projects, First Selectman Ridgway moved to shave \$25,000 off of building upgrades and put \$15,000 into fire equipment for the CVFD and \$10,000 into the Town Plan Project. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Berry of West Cornwall thanked the Board of Selectmen and appreciates their efforts to not overspend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:52 PM First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to enter an executive session regarding employee compensation. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed. At 7:06 PM the Board came out of executive session. First Selectman Ridgway moved to increase the hourly pay rate of the Tax Collector's Clerk and Registrars to \$23.00 with 3% annual raise. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Berry
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