

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

Monday, January 24, 2022
7:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway; Selectman Priscilla Pavel; Selectwoman Janet Carlson; Highway Foreman Jim Vanicky; Transfer Station Manager Ted Larson; four members of the public.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

FY 2022 / 2023 BUDGET - HIGHWAY / TRANSFER STATION and MORE: First Selectman Ridgway provided an introduction to the draft budget discussion and noted that the Board plans to have their draft presented to the Board of Finance by mid-February. The Board of Selectmen discussed the 2022/2023 Highway Budget draft with Highway Foreman Jim Vanicky. There was a typo for the supply line-item under the Highway Administration budget: the Board discussed changing line #60014 from \$1,000 to \$11,000. The proposed 2022/2023 highway budget increased to \$496,692.00 from \$484,820.00 in 2021/2022. The Board also discussed capital projects. Next, the Board discussed the Sanitation and Recycling Budget with Transfer Station Manager Ted Larson. The Board agreed on a proposed increase from the 2021/2022 Sanitation and Recycling budget of \$183,369.00 to \$198,363.00 in 2022/2023. The possibility of adding municipal composting was also discussed. Next, the Board discussed designating Social Service Director Heather Dinneen as a full-time employee, which would include health insurance. The Board members were in agreement to have the draft budget reflect Heather Dinneen as full-time employee, which would increase the Employee Health insurance line item to \$256,813.00 for 2022/2023. Selectwoman Janet Carlson moved to insert the amounts discussed into the draft budget proposal for 2022-2023. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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