

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING HELD MAY 20, 2022

The duly warned and notified special town budget meeting was held Friday, May 20, 2022 at the Cornwall Consolidated School Gathering Room at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 12 townspeople were present.

Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Scott Cady was elected moderator. Vera Dinneen, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting.

Mr. Ridgway made a motion to approve the proposed budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Finance. The motion was seconded by Janet Carlson. The budget total is \$7,492,473. Mr. Ridgway reviewed the budget and pointed out that it included an increase for the disposal of municipal solid waste, increasing the Social Services Director to full time, with benefits and distribution of ARPA funds to some front-line workers. Joseph Pryor, Chairman of Board of Finance stated that the new mill rate will be almost exactly the same as it was ten years ago. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ridgway made the following motion: Upon recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, to authorize them to execute an Easement Agreement in Favor of Blaine E. Matthews, Jr., his heirs, successors and assigns, granting to him a permanent easement to replace maintain and repair the existing pipe carrying septic tank effluent from Parcel A beneath Whitcomb Hill Road to Parcel B as shown on a survey on file as Map 291 in the Cornwall Land Records. Blaine Matthews seconded the motion. There will be no expense to the town. Mr. Matthews explained that his septic system is on the property across the road from his house. In order to repair it and obtain the necessary permits, the easement is required. The motion passed unanimously.

Gordon Ridgway made a motion to adjourn. Blaine Matthews seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera L. Dinneen, Town Clerk