

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

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 25, 2022

A duly warned and notified Special Town Meeting was held Friday, June 25, 2022 in the Cornwall Consolidated School gym. Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 67 citizens were in attendance.

First Selectman, Gordon Ridgway called the meeting to order. Vera Dinneen nominated Scott Cady for Moderator. Richard Bramley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk, Vera Dinneen, read the legal notice of the meeting (attached **Exhibit A**) and stated that the return of posting and publication thereof, on file and of record states that said Notice, signed by the Selectmen, had been posted on the Town signpost on June 14, 2022, and that a copy thereof had been published in the Waterbury Republican, a newspaper having substantial circulation in said Town, in its issue of June 15, 2022.

Vera Dinneen read: Since the Selectmen voted to submit the question on the call of the meeting to a referendum vote, this meeting will continue for purposes of discussion only with respect to the bond resolution for the Wastewater Management Project in West Cornwall Village.

Gordon Ridgway read the bond resolution being considered.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$6,230,000 FOR THE
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT IN WEST
CORNWALL VILLAGE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF
\$6,230,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID
APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF
THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH
PURPOSE.

Richard Bramley seconded the motion.

Communications from the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance approving the resolution were received and incorporated in the minutes of the meeting. **See Exhibit B attached.**

Moderator, Scott Cady, stated that a copy of the bond resolution authorizing the Wastewater Management Project in West Cornwall Village is available at the meeting and asked if there was a motion to waive the reading of the resolution. Lisa Simont moved to waive the reading of the resolution. Bill Hurlburt seconded the motion. The Moderator stated that the vote would be taken by voice vote. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the Bond Resolution, which was

referenced in the letters from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance will be placed in the minutes of this meeting. **See Exhibit C attached.**

Gordon Ridgway thanked the study committee for their years invested in finding an appropriate system for Cornwall. He also thanked Steve McDonnell, Engineer, for consistent attendance at meetings and site visits and for coming up with a design. Mr. Ridgway has reaffirmed support from Cathy Weber, Torrington Area Health District and Anne Strout, DEEP. He read a portion of correspondence from Anne Strout.

Todd Piker, Chairman of the West Cornwall Septic Committee, introduced the members of the committee and gave the history and an overview of the project.

Steve McDonnell, Engineer, spoke about his background and experience. He explained that other options were considered and the committee decided that the membrane bio-reactor was the best solution for Cornwall.

Joe Pryor, Chairman of the Board of Finance, reviewed a handout regarding the financing of the project. He explained that the bond for the school expires in 2023 and the bond for bridges expires in 2027. The loan would be for 20-40 years. The debt service would be less than the current debt service.

Several citizens spoke both for and against the project. Discussion ensued regarding: the budget, underutilized buildings, proximity to existing wells, location, size and design of the building, the need for the project, odor, noise, water requirements, and revitalization of West Cornwall.

Lisa Simont made a motion to call the question. Emilie Pryor seconded. The vote was 64 Ayes and 3 Nays. The motion carried.

Anna Timell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa Simont, the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera L. Dinneen
Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 4, 2022

The duly warned and notified Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Cornwall was held on Friday, November 4, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., in the Cornwall Consolidated School Gathering Room. First Selectman Gordon M. Ridgway presided. Approximately 18 townspeople attended.

Scott Cady was elected Moderator and Town Clerk Vera Dinneen read the call of the meeting.

The first order of business was to receive the Town Report for the year ending June 30, 2022. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway thanked Barbara Herbst, Finance Director, for putting together the wonderful report. He explained that only the audited account of the town finances is required in the report. Mr. Ridgway gave a brief overview of each section of the report.

First Selectman Ridgway made a motion to adopt the Five-Year Capital Plan for the Town of Cornwall as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. Priscilla Pavel seconded the motion. Mr. Ridgway explained that it is list of projects that are anticipated. It includes the road resurface program, fire trucks and other Fire Department equipment, town building maintenance and highway equipment. The projects are incorporated into the budget. No money expenditure is being authorized at the town meeting. The motion unanimously passed.

Lisa Lansing Simont made a motion to adjourn. Richard Bramley seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera L. Dinneen, Town Clerk

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2023

The duly warned and notified special town budget meeting was held Friday, May 19, 2023 at the Cornwall Consolidated School Gathering Room at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 18 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, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as recommended by the Board of Finance. The motion was seconded by Asher Pavel. The budget total is \$7,768,573. Mr. Ridgway reviewed the budget and thanked Barbara Herbst, the Board of Finance and all who worked hard to keep the tax rate down. Joseph Pryor, Chairman of Board of Finance, added his thanks to Anne Kosciusko and the Board of Education. There was no discussion and no questions.

Lisa Simont made a motion to call the question. Rocco Botto seconded. The budget was unanimously approved.

Gordon Ridgway made a motion to adjourn. Joe Pryor seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera L. Dinneen, Town Clerk