

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 19, 2024

A duly warned and notified special town meeting was held Friday, April 19, 2024 at the Cornwall Library. Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman, presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Approximately 19 citizens and 1 member of the press were in attendance.

Gary Steinkohl nominated Scott Cady for moderator. Rocco Botto seconded. Gordon Ridgway asked for a motion to close nominations. Richard Bramley seconded. The vote to close nominations was unanimous. Scott Cady was unanimously voted as moderator.

Gordon Ridgway made the following motion: Upon recommendation of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen to transfer capital projects account interest \$50,000 to capital projects road improvements for spring resurfacing of roads. Rocco Botto seconded the motion. Mr. Ridgway explained that the storms in July and September have depleted this budget line. Road surfacing will begin on Tuesday. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Gordon Ridgway made the following motion: Upon recommendation of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen to transfer \$50,000 from Town general fund balance to capital road improvements to complete summer storm damage repairs. Annie Kosciusko seconded the motion. Essex Hill Road repairs are complete. The West Cornwall River Road repair is ongoing and on schedule to reopen after two weeks. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Gordon Ridgway made the following motion: Upon recommendation of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen to authorize repairs to Essex Hill Road of \$147,000 be paid out of capital projects road improvement. Michelle Shipp seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Gordon Ridgway made the following motion: Upon recommendation of the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen to increase capital projects fund road improvement by \$17,000 to be reimbursed by state grant for hazardous tree removal. The state has recognized that there are many dead trees in the state and each town will receive a portion of the funds. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Michelle Shipp made a motion to adjourn. Annie Kosciusko seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 to the Public Hearing on municipal budget 24/25.

Respectfully submitted,



Vera Dinneen  
Town Clerk