

**TOWN OF CORNWALL**  
**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes for meeting held on:**  
**Sunday February 22, 2026 6:00PM**  
**Remotely Via Zoom**

**Present**

- Selectmen
- Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman
  - Rocco Botto
  - John Brown

- Others
- Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant
  - Jim Vanicky, Highway Foreman
  - Ted Larson, CVFD Assistant Fire Chief
  - Diane Beebe, EMD
  - Public

**Total: 11**

<b>Call to Order</b>	6:04 pm
<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>Declaration of Emergency &amp; Storm Preparation</u></b></p> <p>First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just had a call with the region 5 Emergency management team for a state and regional update on the storm</li> <li>• Signed a declaration of a state of emergency due to an upcoming storm forecasted to bring heavy snow and strong winds, potentially impacting Eversource's ability to respond</li> <li>• Jim and his crew have been working on clearing snowbanks, and the highway department has a strategy in place to address the storm's impact.</li> <li>• The fire department will respond to calls as needed but will not staff the firehouse overnight for safety reasons</li> <li>• Activate WebEOC to keep track of such incidents and coordinate with the power company</li> <li>• Close Town Hall tomorrow but will monitor phone, email, and provide contact information through a statement early morning</li> </ul> <p>Jim Vanciky shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stationing a truck on Dark Entry to address access issues</li> <li>• focusing on opening major roads like Cream Hill, Town Street, and Great Hill, while prioritizing hills and main roads</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 6:23 pm</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>