

Approved February 4, 2020

CORNWALL SELECT BOARD
Special Meeting, Cornwall Town Hall
January 29, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Ben Marks, Ben Wood, Brian Kemp, Magna Dodge,
John Roberts**

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Johnson

CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00pm

QUORUM—established

AGENDA

John. MOVED/Magna SECONDED to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed**
– 5 in favor, 0 opposed

Magna MOVED, John SECONDED a motion that premature disclosure of discussions of Town employee salaries and confidential attorney-client advice would not advantage the Town. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Ben W. MOVED / John SECONDED a motion to enter into executive session to discuss 2020-2021 Town employee salaries and consider advice from the town's attorney. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The Board went into executive session at 7:02 p.m.
The Board emerged from executive session at 7:27 p.m.

Brian MOVED, John SECONDED a motion to raise the salaries of Sue Johnson and Ken Manchester by 2.5% for the coming fiscal year. The salary of Mike Sunderland will remain unchanged for that period. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John MOVED, Ben W. SECONDED a motion that the town's 2020/2021 Highway Budget be set at \$448,790. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John MOVED, Magna SECONDED a motion that the town's 2020/2021 General Fund Budget be set at \$499,849. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Ben W. MOVED, Magna SECONDED a motion that the warning for the town's 2020 Town Meeting, be approved in the modified form presented and attached hereto, consistent with the advice of the Town's attorney. **Motion passed** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed

ADJOURNMENT: Magna MOVED / Ben W SECONDED, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.. **Motion passed.** – 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Town Meeting Warning

The legal voters of the Town of Cornwall are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Anna Stowell Sunderland Bingham Memorial School on Monday evening, March 2, 2020 to transact the following business. The Town Meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

ARTICLE 1: To elect all town officials as required by law. Voting for officials will be by Australian ballot. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at the Cornwall Town Hall. Officials to be elected are:

- 5 years:** Cemetery Commissioner
- 4 years:** Cemetery Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term)
- 3 years:** Selectboard; Lister; Auditor, Trustee of Public Funds; Two (2) Planning Commissioners
- 2 years:** Selectboard; Trustee of Public Funds (to fill an unexpired term); Three (3) Library Trustees; Planning Commissioner (to fill an unexpired term);
- 1 year:** Moderator; First Constable; Second Constable; Collector of Delinquent Taxes; Town Agent; Two (2) Grand Jurors; Library Trustee (to fill an unexpired term) Two (2) Planning Commissioners (to fill unexpired terms)

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the voters will take regarding the town's financial surplus or deficit.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the voters will approve a General Fund budget of \$499,849.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the voters will approve a Highway budget of \$448,790. State Aid is expected to be approximately \$65,000, leaving \$383,790 to be raised by taxes.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the voters will appropriate \$69,750 to be transferred to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the voters will appropriate \$4,000 to be transferred to the Cornwall Free Public Library to pay its expenses from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the voters will support the creation of a Conservation Fund Planning Group to study how towns in Vermont fund their conservation activities. The group will include representatives from the Conservation Commission, Planning Commission and other interested persons.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the voters will appropriate the following amounts to be transferred to the listed organizations:

a.	Addison Central Teens, Inc.	\$ 2,500.00
b.	Addison County Home Health and Hospice, Inc.	1,440.00
c.	Addison County Parent/Child Center, Inc.	1,600.00
d.	Addison County Readers, Inc.	350.00
e.	Addison County Restorative Justice Services	350.00
f.	Addison County Riverwatch Collaborative	500.00
g.	Addison County Transit Resources, Inc.	1,315.00
h.	Age Well	950.00
i.	Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)	2,000.00
j.	Charter House Coalition	2,500.00
k.	Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc.	2,300.00
l.	Elderly Services, Inc.	1,600.00
m.	End of Life Services, Inc.	600.00
n.	Green Up Vermont, Inc.	100.00
o.	Habitat for Humanity of Addison County	800.00
p.	Homeward Bound, Animal Welfare Center	500.00
q.	H O P E (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)	4,000.00
r.	John W. Graham Emergency Shelter Service, Inc.	1,925.00
s.	Mary Johnson Children's Center, Inc.	700.00
t.	Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT)	750.00
u.	Open Door Clinic/Community Health Services, Inc.	1,000.00
v.	Otter Creek Child Care Center	1,000.00
w.	The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, Inc.	540.00
x.	Turning Point Center of Addison County	1,000.00
y.	Vermont Adult Learning, Inc.	500.00
z.	WomenSafe, Inc.	\$ <u>1,250.00</u>
	TOTAL:	\$32,070.00

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Cornwall voters shall advise the Board of the Addison Central School District to replace the third sentence of Article 8 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement with the following: ***Each director shall be elected by the voters of the district town in which the director lives.***

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Cornwall voters shall advise the Board of the Addison Central School District to amend Article 14 of the ACSD Articles of Agreement by adding the following: ***No District elementary school shall be closed unless a majority of the registered voters at a duly warned***

special meeting of the town in which the school is located vote to close the school.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the voters will approve the billing date of September 1, 2020 for property taxes, payment of half that amount due November 1, 2020, and payment of the second half due May 1, 2021. Taxes are to be paid to the Cornwall Town Treasurer. Any taxes that are due, but unpaid after November 1, 2020, are considered late. Interest will be charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. Any taxes unpaid after May 1, 2021 will be considered delinquent. Interest will be charged on delinquent taxes at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, plus a collector's fee of eight percent (8%).

ARTICLE 12: Any other business proper to come before this meeting.

CORNWALL SELECTBOARD:

Benjamin Marks, Chair

John Roberts, Vice Chair

Magna Dodge

Brian Kemp

Benjamin Wood