

**TOWN OF CORNISH
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 16, 2020**

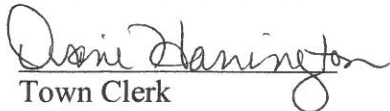
- Article 1 Richard Ruhlin was elected Moderator to oversee the town meeting at 7 pm.
- Article 2 The polls for secret ballot voting were open on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 2-8pm. Janet Carper and Diann Perkins served as Ballot Clerks; John MacIntyre as Warden. Moderator Richard Ruhlin announced the results: Selectman/Assessor/Overseer of the Poor (3-year term)-David Pike; MSAD #55 School Board Member (3-year term)- Nancy Perkins; Trustee Cornish Water District (2 positions for 3-year terms each)-Todd Tufts and John Watts. All elected officers present were sworn in their perspective offices.

Because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic the Board of Selectmen, in conference with the Local Health Officer and Local Emergency Management Agency Officer, advertised previous to the annual town meeting that they desired to postpone the annual town meeting for citizens' health and safety.

Because the 7 Day Notice of the meeting was posted there was no procedure under Maine law (MRSA 30A) for canceling the meeting once it had been legally called. The town was required to open the meeting, elect and swear in a moderator, and then move to adjourn the meeting without acting on any other articles, if the majority of the voters present agree.

There were 5 citizens present, other than Selectmen, Town Clerk & Deputy. Jessica Larson made a motion to cancel the annual town meeting, Colleen Tims seconded the motion. During discussion Richard Ruhlin noted he had researched the procedure for canceling and rescheduling the annual town meeting. The meeting must be held before June 1, 2020 to legally expend town funds. At the rescheduled town meeting the town clerk must give an account of all funds expended in the 2020 fiscal year to date of meeting. Following the discussion, the procedural vote to re-scheduled Annual Town Meeting was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted


Town Clerk