

Town of Cornwall, CT
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020 7:30 PM
Cornwall Town Hall

In Attendance:

First Selectman, Gordon Ridgway
Selectman, Priscilla Pavel
Selectwoman, Marina Kotchoubey
4 Citizens and 2 Members of the press

Motion: Selectman Pavel - Approval of Minutes of December 17, 19, 2019 and January 2, 2020

Second: Selectwoman Kotchoubey

Vote: 3 yes

Motion: First Selectman Ridgway – Additions to the Agenda

- 1) Cornwall Association Presentation
- 2) Executive Session on Cyber Security

Second: Selectwoman Kotchoubey

Vote: 3 yes

Communications:

- Katherine Freygang – Presentation of Sustainable CT Bronze Award Plaque to Town of Cornwall

Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant Hire

- First Selectman Ridgway announced new hire, Jonathan Berry, as Administrative Assistant replacing Joyce Hart.

Highway Department Hire

- First Selectman Ridgway announced new hire, Ted Cheney, to the Highway Department.

Presentation by the Cornwall Association RE: Mailing List

- Gary Steinkohl of the Cornwall Association proposed an initiative to reach out to the community gauging interest of joint effort to create database of Email and Home addresses. The use of the database is to be defined going forward.

Town Wide Email

- Selectwoman Kotchoubey proposed a subscriber-based email to be administered by the Board of Selectmen
- Discussion occurred, and Selectwoman Kotchoubey shared a written proposal for use of “Mail Chimp”.
- Uses proposed include a Newsletter and Informational Communications.
- First Selectman Ridgway made a motion for Selectwoman Kotchoubey and Jonathan Berry to proceed on the initiative and to maintain as an agenda item going forward.
- Second by Selectman Pavel
- Vote: 3 yes

Motion was made by First Selectman Ridgway to give Joyce Hart the night off after Joyce returned from an EMT call.

Second: Selectwoman Kotchoubey

Vote: 3 yes

Joyce Hart added to the record: In response to a letter to the Cornwall Chronicle, Joyce noted that communications addressed to the Board of Selectmen are always provided to each of the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Joyce Hart, and noted her dedication and exemplary service to the Town of Cornwall over the last 22 years.

Freedom of Information Session – January 21, 2020 in Warren

- First Selectman Ridgway discussed the potential merits of attending the FOI session.
- First Selectman Ridgway made a motion to cancel the regular Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled Tuesday the 21st of January, and schedule a special meeting of the BOS Wednesday the 22nd of January, 7:30 PM at the Cornwall Town Hall. Some discussion on upcoming agenda.
- Second: Selectman Pavel
- Vote: 3 yes

Housing Forum - Spring, 2020

- First Selectman Ridgway noted that the Housing Committee is working on forum initiative.
- Discussion on the potential format / topics for the proposed Housing Forum.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Information NWCOG

- First Selectman Ridgway noted that there are grants available for such an initiative.
- Some Discussion ensued.

Public Comment

- Question posed RE: Freedom of Information Session in Warren
- First Selectman Ridgway explained the merits of attending the meeting.
- Selectman Pavel noted that the FOI session is open to the public and scheduled for Tuesday January 21st at 7:00 pm at the Warren Town Hall.

Bill Payment

- The Board of Selectmen examined the bills and signed off on the payment of bills.

Executive Session

- Motion made by First Selectman Ridgway to conduct an Executive Session on Cyber Security
- Second: Selectwoman Kotchoubey
- Vote: 3 Yes
- Jonathan Berry and Diane Beebe (Cornwall Emergency Management Director) were invited to the Executive Session which started at 8:18 pm and ended at 9:10 pm.
- No actions were taken pursuant to the executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully Submitted,