

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

7:30 p.m. – Remotely via Zoom

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway; Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey; Selectman Priscilla Pavel; Two Members of the Press; 6 Members of the Public

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES: First Selectman Priscilla Pavel moved to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to add Japanese Knotweed Eradication to the agenda. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joanne Wojtusiak asked the Board of Selectmen to investigate the potential for using the Farnsworth property in West Cornwall Village as the site for the waste water treatment facility. Joanne also asked the Board to consider conducting an evaluation of all the Town computers to ensure efficacy.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported that the Town's insurance provider, CIRMA, was redistributing savings to its customers. Cornwall will receive approximately \$3,000 as a rebate from CIRMA. Next, The Little Guild has canceled their annual 5K Run due to Covid-19. Also, First Selectman Ridgway has spoken to Jim Terrell regarding potential building repairs to Town buildings.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway provided an update and indicated that Cornwall continues to do well, and there are currently no hospitalizations in Litchfield County due to Covid19. However, 40 States are seeing an increase in new daily cases, and Governor Lamont has postponed phase 3 of re-opening. First Selectman Ridgway thanked everyone who has worked to help curtail the spread of Coronavirus, and asked that people remain vigilant in their efforts. Also, Cornwall's Emergency group (Fire, EMS, and Social Services) continues to meet weekly to discuss issues related to Covid19.

ASPHALT BIDS: Cornwall Highway Dept. Foreman, Jim Vanicky, discussed bids received from vendors for asphalt work to be done on Cream Hill Road. Four bids were submitted. Jim Vanicky recommended accepting the bid from Metcalf Paving in Lakeville for \$113,500.00. Not only was Metcalf the lowest bid, but Jim also indicated that Cornwall has previously had good luck when hiring Metcalf Paving.

1. Metcalf Paving (Lakeville) - \$113,500.00
2. LB Corp. (Lee, Mass) - \$121,000.00
3. Harwinton Paving (Harwinton) – \$141,000.00
4. Waters Paving (Bridgeport) - \$135,000.00

First Selectman Ridgway moved to accept the bid from Metcalf for \$113,500.00 as recommended by Highway Dept. Foreman Jim Vanicky. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN GOALS 2020: The Board of Selectmen discussed goals for 2020, including: Housing, Improve Communications, Emergency Services, Improve Infrastructure, and Social Services.

KNOTTWEED ERADICATION: The Board of Selectmen considered a quote from Robert Gambino Northeast Tree, Weed & Turf Service, Inc. The proposal is for the application of Glyphosate at the gravel bank and along the roadsides around the Rattlesnake Triangle in North Cornwall. The cost for the spraying totals \$1530.00 (\$1080 labor and \$450 for the spray-mix). Selectman Priscilla Pavel moved to accept the spray proposal. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joanne Wojtusiak asked the Board to attain definitive estimates from Steve McDonald regarding the West Cornwall Waste Water / Sewer project. Joanne also expressed enthusiasm for efforts to provide affordable housing options throughout Cornwall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Berry  
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Town of Cornwall