

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

7:30 p.m. – Remotely via Zoom

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway; Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey; Selectman Priscilla Pavel; One Member of the Press; 3 Members of the Public

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

MINUTES: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway encouraged residents to mail in or pay their local taxes online. Local tax payments are due July 1st.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE / HONORARIUMS: First Selectman Ridgway noted that social distancing and mask requirements are still in place as required by the State of Connecticut. First Selectman Ridgway then discussed his recommendation to present honorariums to Town employees and volunteers who have helped people in need and made extra efforts during the Pandemic.

First Selectman Ridgway's Honorarium Recommendation:

(1) Honorariums of \$1,000 for: Social Services Director Heather Dinneen, Emergency Management Director Diane Beebe, Transfer Station Manager Ted Larson, and Transfer Station Associate Will Berry.

(2) \$250 Gas Cards for: Town Clerk Vera Dinneen, Finance Director Barbara Herbst, Admin. Assistant Jonathan Berry, Fire Chief Fred Scoville III, EMS Chief Joyce Hart, EMS Officer Jayne Ridgway, EMS Officer Elizabeth Ridgway, Food Pantry Volunteer Becky Hurlburt, Mask Coordinator and Food Pantry Volunteer Cay Tyson, Food Pantry Volunteer Heidi Kerns, and Food Pantry Volunteer Jessie Bate.

Selectman Priscilla Pavel moved to implement First Selectman Ridgway's recommendation. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded and the motion passed with 2 votes in favor. First Selectman Ridgway abstained from the vote because it involved gas cards for his immediate relatives.

TRUCK BIDS: Cornwall Highway Dept. Foreman James Vanicky discussed the bid process and the bids received from 3 truck companies. Mr. Vanicky recommended that the Board of Selectman accept the bid from Western Star of Connecticut located in West Hartford. Mr. Vanicky stated that the Western Star cab and chassis was well built and should last longer, as well as having the desired wiring and better components. The Western Star bid was for \$103,632.00 to be delivered by September 30, 2020. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to accept the Western Star bid. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

HAMMOND BEACH: Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey provided an update on Hammond Beach which is opening at 10:30 am on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Social distancing markers have been installed and the Hammond Beach Covid19 regulations will be mailed along with outgoing beach passes for 2020. Selectwoman Marina Kotchoubey noted that she wants people to be able to enjoy the beach.

WEST CORNWALL WATER TREATMENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reported that there had been no recent changes regarding the water treatment plans. Stephen McDonnell of WMC Engineering will contact the USDA to check on the status of Cornwall's application.

AG FAIR: First Selectman Ridgway discussed a letter received from the Cornwall Agricultural Commission recommending that the 2020 AG Fair be canceled due to Covid19 concerns. The Board of Selectman discussed the possibility of revisiting the decision to cancel later in the year, however; ultimately the Board agreed to abide by the recommendation of the AG Commission and officially cancel the 2020 AG Fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Berry
Administrative Assistant
Town of Cornwall