

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Priscilla Pavel, two citizens

First Selectman Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

MINUTES: Selectman Bramley made the motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2018 as presented. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported –

The new attendant at the Transfer Station had been greeted separately by the three Selectmen on his first day and they wish him well.

The fire department's new tanker has been put into service on Monday. The old tanker will go to the Cornwall Bridge firehouse. Cornwall now has three tankers giving the town more water on wheels.

The DOT engineer will be revising the Cornwall Bridge crosswalk plan because the prior beacon choice was proprietary which is unacceptable to DOT.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizen present inquired about the Cornwall Bridge crosswalk and if some signs can be removed as there is an abundance of them which is visually ugly.

AMBULANCE CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION: CVFD EMS Captain Hart updated the Board that the ambulance's certificate of operation has been changed to the Basic Life Support level of operation as of April 1, 2018. The biggest impact will be the loss of the IV Therapy skill. The positive impact is the greater pool of crew members available at the Basic level. This is the end of a long era of operation at the advanced level. Questions from the Board were answered.

LEWIS TREE COMPANY ROADSIDE TRIMMING: First Selectman Ridgway reported there will be enhanced tree trimming on Cornwall roadsides – Great Hollow Road, Hautboy Hill Road, Town Street, River Road, and Cream Hill Road - by the Lewis Tree Company. The low number of power outages in the recent nor'easter storms due to tree trimming was noted by First Selectman Ridgway.

MOODY'S REPORT: First Selectman Ridgway reported he was in receipt of a report from Moody Investors Service dated March 22, 2018 concerning the fiscal uncertainties of the state and overall impact. The other Selectmen had received and reviewed the report. The Board discussed the report: impact on bond level, demographics of the state, state wide impact.

BUILDING INVENTORY: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Board of Finance is going through the budget for next year. One thing the BoF is asking for is an inventory of town buildings. The Board discussed what may be needed, process for obtaining an inventory. Highway Foreman Vanicky is putting together a priority list of highway equipment. Selectman Pavel inquired if there is any rentable town property for a field office for the DOT Covered Bridge project. Citizen present reported DOT had found an office location.

PARKING AT CORNWALL BRIDGE FIREHOUSE: First Selectman Ridgway reported he had been working with Land Use Administrator in assisting Cornwall Plumbing and Heating in their search for a new location. First Selectman Ridgway proposed the use of a portion of the Cornwall Bridge firehouse parking lot for temporary storage of PODS and trucks. The Board discussed this. The consensus of the Board is for First Selectman Ridgway to work with CPH for the Cornwall Bridge firehouse parking lot area next to Bonney Brook for a renewable short term period.

DOCKS AT HAMMOND BEACH: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board that new docks are needed at Hammond Beach. He has looked at the docks at the Cream Hill Lake

Association beach. The Board discussed this. First Selectman Ridgway will get together some specifications to send to contractors for work to be done before June opening. Because this is not in any budget a quote will go to town meeting in May. The consensus of the Board is to proceed.

**BID PROCEDURE:** The Board reviewed and discussed the present bid procedure. The consensus of the Board is it needs to be updated with present day values.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The Board received comments and questions concerning the ambulance change of operation, obtaining requests for proposals for work on town buildings, the bid procedure.

**TAX DELINQUENCY:** Selectman Pavel made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a tax delinquency. First Selectman Ridgway seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Board went into executive session at 8:07 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m. First Selectman Ridgway will pursue several tax delinquent cases with the town attorney and report back to the Board.

BILLS were paid in the usual manner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant