

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Priscilla Pavel, Project Manager Roger Kane, YMCA Camp Mohawk for Girls Executive Director Patrick Marchand, two citizens, one reporter

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

MINUTES: Selectman Pavel made the motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2018 as presented. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Building Report Bid. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

CAMP MOHAWK: First Selectman Ridgway welcomed Patrick Marchand who introduced himself as Executive Director of Camp Mohawk, an all-girls overnight camp which has been in Cornwall since 1919. Mr. Marchand informed the Board of changes in YMCA operations enabling Mohawk to become more involved in the community. Mr. Marchand spoke of the camp objective, to help girls grow in independence, the many activities available to the campers, the availability of camp in off-season times.

BRIDGES: Project Manager Roger Kane reported on work being done for bids to go out for Smith Place and Gravel Bank bridges. The Board reviewed locations maps of the two areas. The Board discussed the alternate access during the Smith Place bridge work. A pre-bid meeting will be set for the eight teams who responded to the letter of interest. The Board will meet Thursday to review what will be presented at the pre-bid meeting. The Board discussed time line, permits needed, guard rails, logistics of the alternate access, the bid process.

Mr. Kane reported to the Board the next bridge to consider is the Lake Road bridge.

First Selectman Ridgway reported he had received bridge reports fromand passed them to Mr. Kane for his review. The Board discussed which bridges are in satisfactory or better condition and which are in fair or worse condition.

MAY TOWN MEETING: The annual budget Town Meeting will be May 18, 7:30 pm at CCS. The Board discussed the two items which will be on the agenda, the 2018-2019 Budget and the allocation of funds to repair the town beach docks. The Board will sign a call next meeting.

BIDDING PROCEDURES: They reviewed and discussed a draft of an updated town bid policy. Selectman Bramley made the motion to update the town bid policy to the April 2018 draft as submitted. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DOCKS: The Board reviewed a bid request to go out for the replacement of the docks at the town Hammond Beach. Selectman Pavel made the motion to put the replacement of beach docks bid out now. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET HEARING: First Selectman Ridgway reported there will be a budget hearing Friday, April 20 at 7:30 at CCS. Printed copies of the 2018-2019 budget are available at post offices and around town. Public are urged to attend.

WEST CORNWALL SEWER MEETING IN MAY: First Selectman Ridgway reported there will be an public meeting of the West Cornwall Water/Septic Study Group on May 8 in the West Cornwall Hughes Library at 5:00 a.m. This will be an opportunity to hear state agencies respond to questions raised by the recent completed study.

BUILDING REPORT BID: The Board reviewed and discussed a bid to go out requesting a written comprehensive report on conditions of town buildings. The Board discussed what the bid requests, how the report may be configured, anticipated town expenditures, costs, need for such a report and septic system consideration.

Selectman Pavel made the motion to put out the bid request for the Town of Cornwall buildings as listed on this form with particular attention being paid to septic tanks by being pumped out to inspect the quality of the tanks, the lids and baffles. Selectman Bramley seconded. First Selectman Ridgway reviewed the changes made to the draft. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

DELINQUENT TAXES: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to go into executive session to discuss delinquent taxes. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Board went into executive session at 8:48 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:05 p.m. First Selectman Ridgway is to consult with Town Attorney Grimes.

BILL PAYMENT and BANK RECONCILIATIONS were done in the usual manner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant