

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, August 1, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Heidi Kearns, Roger Kane, Dean Saccardi, three citizens, one reporter

First Selectman Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES: Selectman Bramley made the motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2017 as presented. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Selectman Kearns made the motion to add to the agenda Town Hall Wi-Fi and West Cornwall Parking. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported he had received a call from a citizen who had a bear walk in his front door. There has been an increase in frequency of bear encounters – three encounters today. The Board discussed bear sightings in town.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

FLAT ROCKS ROAD BRIDGE: First Selectman Ridgway reported Mr. Kane will be coming to the meeting to report on the Flat Rocks Road bridge project. Meanwhile, First Selectman Ridgway reported on his meeting with Towne & Aurell and Mr. Kane: at this time the schedule is to close the road after Labor Day, the bridge has been cast and is curing, mobilizing will begin last week of August.

KIOSK CORNWALL BRIDGE: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the work being done on the kiosk for Cornwall Bridge. Funding will come from the Main Street Grant. Kiosk will be located in the picnic area of the Cornwall Market. The Board discussed the project.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to proceed and order up from Cornwall Miller the kiosk for Cornwall Bridge. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITIES: First Selectman Ridgway reported on a benefit available to member towns of CCM, which Cornwall joined this fiscal year, a prescription drug program. Mr. Saccardi gave a report on his research, as office intern, into the program and area towns who have joined the program. Selectman Bramley inquired, as it is no cost to the town, no cost to the citizen, who pays for the program? The Board discussed the program and questions to be asked in pursuing the program. Selectman Kearns made the motion to proceed with the CCM prescription program. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONNECTICUT INTERLOCAL RISK MANAGEMENT AGENCY: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board he was in receipt of a \$7,234 CIRMA member equity distribution check for the fiscal year just ended. The Board discussed CIRMA as the town insurance carrier and the

carrier's low claim volume for last fiscal year. The distribution received is almost equal to 10 % of the town annual premium.

BUILDING OFFICIAL CONTRACT: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Building Official's contract is up. The Board discussed the annual renewing of the contract. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to renew for another year the Building Official contract with Paul Prindle under the same terms as last year. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TAX REFUND: The Board reviewed and discussed a tax refund request. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to grant, upon the recommendation of the tax collector, the tax refund of \$10.14 to Ralph Dzenutis for over payment of motor vehicle tax. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN HALL WI-FI: Selectman Kearns inquired why the town hall office Wi-Fi was disconnected and her need to access Wi-Fi during meetings. The Board discussed the various Wi-Fi connections and the disconnecting of those replaced by hard wiring computers. The Hall Wi-Fi is problematic in accessing through the walls from the office. Conducting meetings in the Hall was discussed. The Town Office IT Support Contractor will be contacted to reactivate.

PARKING IN WEST CORNWALL: Selectman Kearns inquired if the Wandering Moose owner had been contacted concerning the no parking signs posted on the building. First Selectman Ridgway reported he had spoken to the owner who reported it was done on the recommendation of his insurance carrier. The Board discussed the signs, the need for parking in West Cornwall village, and the ownership of the property in front of the Wandering Moose as DOT's and possible alternatives to make the area available as parking. Mr. Kane arrived and was available to verify where the DOT right-of-way is.

FLAT ROCKS ROAD BRIDGE: Mr. Kane arrived from a previous commitment and updated the Board on the Flat Rocks Road Bridge project. Mr. Kane met with the contractor this morning and reported the anticipated closing of the road is September 11 and may be closed for 30 days maximum, work will begin August 28, the bridge is cast and being cured, signs have been made to notify citizens of the road closing. The Board discussed this with Mr. Kane. Mr. Kane answered questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

BILLS were paid in the usual manner.

Selectman Bramley made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant