

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Priscilla Pavel, one citizen, two reporters

First Selectman Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES: Selectman Bramley made the motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019 as presented. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Budget Transfers Last Fiscal Year. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Fiscal Year ended in a surplus of \$300,000 due in part to receiving more funding from the State than anticipated and success in collecting back taxes.

First Selectman Ridgway reported new to the office is his own computer for use and hot running water in the Town Hall.

Selectman Pavel inquired about the Air Monitor, making a motion to add this to the agenda. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

WEST CORNWALL MEETING OF JULY 26: First Selectman Ridgway reported the special Town Meeting of July 26 was well attended and thanks citizens for coming out and participating in democracy. The motion passed by a decisive vote. The West Cornwall Water Septic Study Group now has a mandate to proceed with pursuing a system. First Selectman Ridgway reported he has spoken with Stephen McDonnell and a USDA Loan Specialist. They will meet to discuss grants and funding sources. First Selectman Ridgway will be touring the Lt. Governor around West Cornwall next Monday. Selectman Bramley expressed his thoughts on the Town Meeting.

CULVERTS: First Selectman Ridgway reported three bidders came to the pre-bid meeting for the culvert work to be done on Lake Road and Cream Hill Road. Bids will be due next Monday. Work is to begin after Labor Day.

JULY MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES: First Selectman Ridgway reported there had been ten motor vehicle crashes in Cornwall in the month of July, most of them on route 4. First Selectman Ridgway urges citizens to not be distracted while driving and be careful in the curvy sections. First Selectman Ridgway has contacted Troop B to request speed monitoring in sections of route 4. Selectman Pavel reported the use of Popple Swamp Road as a detour for the most recent

accident on route 4 was problematic in drivers were excess in speed for the narrow, winding road. Citizen present expressed concern for the speed through the Brook Road area as drivers access Popple Swamp.

CIRMA REFUND: First Selectman Ridgway reported the town has received a refund check in the amount of \$7,179 from the town insurance carrier Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency due to a good year of few claims.

TOURISM REPRESENTATIVE: First Selectman Ridgway reported a volunteer representative is needed for the Board of the Western Connecticut Convention and Visitors Bureau to represent Cornwall's tourism interests. He will ask the Economic Development Commission for a recommendation.

HAMMOND BEACH EASEMENT REVISIT: First Selectman Ridgway reported after 30 years of an easement on the beach with Housatonic Valley Association, discussion has begun on how to simplify the 25-section agreement and to visit the possibility of paddle board and kayak use.

DAY ROAD: First Selectman Ridgway reported the town crew has completed the 75 foot road improvement of the end of Day Road which will provide better access to the town road for property owners.

WEST CORNWALL PARKING: First Selectman Ridgway reported concerning the No Parking signs on the formerly Wandering Moose, the boundary lines are established and the state right of way line goes through the building, but the state says they do not own the building. First Selectman Ridgway reported he had received a call from Mr. Sawicki who reports he has a new tenant interested in running a business in the building. Mr. Sawicki and First Selectman Ridgway discussed this possibility and the permitting process for a new business. First Selectman Ridgway has informed the prospective tenant that parking for all visitors to West Cornwall is permitted on Town and State rights of way, including in front of the former Wandering Moose, and cannot be restricted without town or state permission.

TAX REFUND: The Board reviewed tax refund requests. Selectman Pavel made the motion to grant the tax refund requests of \$76.45 to Kathleen Cain, \$55.28 to Kathleen Rogers and \$13.84 to Stephen and Dermot Woods for overpayments of motor vehicle taxes. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board reviewed and discussed four budget transfers to balance out the fiscal year ending. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to transfer \$361 from contingency line 10000 to BoS Temporary Clerk line 50204, \$1,000 from contingency 10000 to Tree Maintenance line 64016, \$500 from contingency 10000 to Registrar Salaries line 56602, \$13,500 from contingency 10000 to Bulk Waste line 62787 \$3,000, to Salaries/Wages line 67002 \$3,100, to Supplies/Repairs line 67114 \$4,100, to MSW Hauling line 67116 \$2,000 and to Recycling Hauling line 67388 \$1,300. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was discussion and questions answered. Motion passed unanimously.

AIR MONITOR: First Selectman Ridgway presented a proposal from Valley View Services for \$975 to install the air monitor on a site south of the town clerk's window. The Board reviewed and discussed the site and what installation entails. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to accept Valley View Services' proposal to install Aeroqual air monitor for \$975. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The Board discussed the possible estimated time for the Cricket Valley Power Plant to go on line.

PUBLIC COMMENTS were received concerning a parking sign to direct to the Bend area, invasive vines on the Cornwall Bridge green, progress of landscaping at the Eversource facility route 4 and 128 corner. The press inquired if any progress on the ownership of the miro-cell boxes on the cable lines.

BILLS were paid in the usual manner.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to adjourn, Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant