

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, July 16, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Priscilla Pavel, Roger Kane Project Manager, two citizens, one reporter

First Selectman Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

MINUTES: Selectman Pavel made the motion to approve the minutes of July 2, 2019 as presented. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Parking in West Cornwall. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported there is a press release from the Cornwall Board of Education announcing that Cornwall Consolidated School Principal Mike Croft is leaving for a job closer to his home. An interim principal has been hired.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Inquires were received concerning the upcoming Town Meeting and the status of the landscaping plans for the Eversource facility at route 4 and 128.

TOWN MEETING JULY 26: The Board reviewed the call for the July 26 Special Town Meeting seeking authorization of expenditure to apply for grants for a community sewer system in West Cornwall. The Board discussed how the vote process may work. It is anticipated it will be a paper ballot vote. Town Clerk Vera Dinneen is working on an informational flyer on eligibility to vote to be posted on the website. The Board reviewed a draft. For those who are not registered voters in town but are taxpayers, Vera needs to see proof of US citizenship for eligibility. Citizens may come in before July 26 and prove to her. This would make the process go quicker the night of the meeting. The Registrars of Voter will be present. The Board discussed the process.

SEPTIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING JUNE 28: First Selectman Ridgway reported there was good attendance at the June 28 meeting. The Board discussed the meeting.

CONNECTIVITY MEETING JULY 11: First Selectman Ridgway reported the meeting was well attended. This is the beginning of a long discussion on how the town can stay connected in an environmentally sensitive way. Information shared at that meeting will be posted on the website.

BRIDGE BIDS: First Selectman Ridgway reported two bids were received for drainage repairs on Lake Road and Cream Hill Road: Stone Construction Company for \$182,160 and Dayton Construction Company for \$444,500. The Board discussed the surprising difference of amounts and surprise only two bids were received. Roger Kane reported on his conversations with Dayton

and Stone companies concerning the bid. Mr. Kane recommended rejecting both bids as they are out of balance and put out another bid for July 29. The Board discussed this.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to reject both bids received for Lake Road and Cream Hill Road culverts and republish the bid to be due August 12. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board thanked Mr. Kane for his work.

PAVING BIDS: First Selectman Ridgway reported three bids were received for work to be done on College Street. The Board reviewed the bids: LB Corporation for \$115,800, Waters Paving for \$159,600, A&J Construction for \$182,089. Road Foreman Jim Vanicky had reviewed the bids and recommended LB Corporation as low bid. The Board discussed this.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to accept the bid from LB Corporation to do the work this summer paving and reclaiming parts of College Street. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was further discussion of time frame. Motion passed unanimously.

CIRMA REFUND: First Selectman Ridgway reported he had received a call from the town insurance agent and due to low level of claims, Cornwall will be receiving a rebate.

AIR MONITOR: First Selectman Ridgway reported on a recent meeting concerning the Cricket Valley Power Plant in New York state. Work is in progress on getting air monitors up and operational before the plant powers up. Cornwall is working on theirs.

WEST CORNWALL FIREHOUSE RENOVATIONS UPDATE: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the progress of the West Cornwall firehouse renovations. Work will begin Monday on the utility area. The project manager and fire chief are working to ensure the building remains usable during the work.

PARKING IN WEST CORNWALL: The Board discussed complaints received of the no parking along route 128 near the Bridge. First Selectman Ridgway reported on research done reviewing survey maps which show the state road right of way runs through the front of the building formerly Wandering Moose. The state approves of parking along the state road. The No Parking signs are not enforceable. The state will contact the property owner. New parking signs directing parking in the Bend area will be installed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Questions from the press were answered.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant