

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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

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

MINUTES: Selectman Pavel made the motion to approve the minutes of July 3 and April 19, 2018 as presented. Selectman Bramley seconded. The Board reviewed the minutes of April 19. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Bituminous Bid, Fox Painting, Road-Stream Crossing Management Plan, and Building Official Contract Renewal. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

LORCH FARM TOWN MEETING: First Selectman reported on the recent town meeting where the Board of Selectmen were authorized to sign a 30 year lease agreement with the Casels for the town Lorch Farm property. First Selectman Ridgway extends his thanks to Mr. Hopkins and the Lorches for their hard work in keeping this farm viable in town. The Board discussed the meeting.

THE BEND: The Board reviewed and discussed a draft of a license agreement with Eversource for the use of 3+/- acres on Lower River Road in West Cornwall, agreement is available for inspection at the town office. The Board discussed a possible Town Meeting date for presenting the agreement for voter consideration and what should be on the call to town meeting.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to call a Town Meeting to discuss the authorizing of the Board of Selectmen to enter into a license agreement with Connecticut Light and Power doing business as Eversource using the property of 3+/- acres on Lower River Road in West Cornwall on August 24 at 7:30 p.m. here in the Town Hall, details to follow next meeting. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board further discussed the license and the area it will cover which includes the lawn area south of the library.

HIGHWAY UNION NEGOTIATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Board was successful in renewing a three year contract with the highway union, AFSCME Council 4. The contract is essentially the same as the current contract.

BRIDGES: First Selectman Ridgway presented plans received which are 90% done for the Smith Place and Gravel Bank bridges. They are available in the Selectman's office for review. The Board discussed the plans and easements which are needed.

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITIES DISCOUNT PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM: First Selectman Ridgway updated the Board on the progress of the CCM prescription program. A mass mailing will go out to the town citizens from CCM containing information on how to use the program and cards to present to the pharmacy. The program will not cost the town or the participant and is available to all town citizens whether they have insurance or not. The Board discussed this.

BITUMINOUS BIDS: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Highway Foreman had received three bid responses for work to be done on Ballyhack and Mohawk Mountain Roads.

Waters Paving for \$137,700
B Metcalf Paving for \$139,998
A&J Construction for \$140,559.20

The Board discussed the bids and the work to be done. Selectman Bramley made the motion to accept the low bid of Waters Paving to do the paving for this 2018 season. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FOX PAINTING: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the painting work that has been done on the highway garage and is in progress on the town hall.

ROAD-STREAM CROSSING MANAGEMENT PLAN: First Selectman Ridgway presented to the Board the Road-Stream Crossing Management Plan produced by the Housatonic Valley Association as the result of a grant. The Board discussed the plan which addresses all the road-stream crossings in Cornwall and identifies those with the higher priority for replacement. The plan also provides information on best practices for management.

BUILDING OFFICIAL CONTRACT: The reviewed and discussed the recently expired contract with Building Official Paul Prindle. Selectman Pavel made the motion to extend Paul Prindle's contract with the town to provide Building Official services for another year from July 1 to June 30, 2019. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

BILLS and BANK RECONCILIATIONS were done in the usual manner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant