

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Heidi Kearns, three citizens, one reporter

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

MINUTES: Selectman Bramley made the motion to approve the minutes of July 5, 2017 as presented. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Tax Refunds. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway informed the Board he had received from the Town Clerk a resignation notice of Mr. Woods from the Planning and Zoning Commission as alternate. The Beach Director has organized a music session at the town each for this Saturday. Selectman Kearns inquired about the office wi-fi, why it is not working. This will be looked into. Selectman Kearns relayed she had received inquiries about the no parking signs in front of the Wandering Moose. The Board discussed this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: The Board reviewed and discussed budget transfers which the Board of Finance will act on.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to transfer \$306. From Contingency line #10000 to Selectmen's office supplies line #50305 and legal line #50308. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the highway budget. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to transfer \$10,600 from Contingency line #10000 to Highway Contracted Services line #60016 & Snow Removal line #62050. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was discussion. Motion passed unanimously. First Selectman Ridgway reported the bridge for Flat Rocks Road has been cast earlier than planned. The Board discussed the schedule for August for the bridge work.

The Board discussed highway vehicle maintenance. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to transfer \$3600 from Contingency line #10000 to Highway Vehicle Maintenance all vehicles line #63022. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed temporary labor at the Transfer Station. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to transfer \$3,300 from Contingency line #10000 to Transfer Station Salaries/Wages line #67002. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and reviewed lines for town office supplies, utilities, contracted, and town counsel. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to transfer \$11,630 from Contingency line #10000 to Town Office Administration to balance those accounts. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed how the budget year ended. The Selectmen's budget came in under budget this year.

CORNWALL BRIDGE CROSSWALK: The Board reviewed a map and discussed the details of the Cornwall Bridge area under consideration for a crosswalk. The Board discussed the proposed island on one side, plantings, handicap accessibility. Plans are subject to Department of Transportation approval. The Board discussed the north bound/south bound passing zones.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to encourage the engineer to send the plans off to the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WEST CORNWALL PEDESTRIAN SIGNS: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board he had found out what happened to the West Cornwall pedestrian signs that went missing. They had been removed as part of a federal program removing signs out of compliance. Presently DOT is awaiting a contractor to put them back up in compliance.

NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the NHCOC meeting of July 13. The Board discussed topics that were presented at that meeting.

TAX REFUND: The Board reviewed two requests for tax refunds. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to grant the two tax requests of \$28.28 to Gaynor Cote Trustee for overpayment of real estate tax and \$29.53 to Wendy McFarlane due to the sale of a vehicle, upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Board received and answered questions from the press concerning the removed West Cornwall pedestrian signs.

BILL PAYMENT: Bills were paid in the usual manner. Bank reconciliations were not available.

First Selectman made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Kearns seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant