

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, July 2, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Priscilla Pavel, three citizens, 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 June 18, 2019 as presented. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Air Monitor Installation. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway announced the Goshen Cornwall van as of Monday is dispatched from GEER. Call 860-824-7067 to schedule a ride. The advantage is if the bus is filled there is easy access to the GEER bus.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

CONNECTIVITY MEETING: The Board discussed the July 11 date chosen for the Connectivity meeting and reviewed an agenda of topics and speakers which was discussed and revised. Comments were received from those present and questions answered.

PLANNING AND ZONING PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT LETTER: The Board reviewed the latest draft of the POCD.

CULVERTS: First Selectman Ridgway informed the Board the bid for the Lake Road and Cream Hill Road culverts has gone out and is due July 15. He recommends the work be done after Labor Day when there will be less traffic. The awardee will have 90 days to complete the work. The Board discussed the projects, scheduling and when the clock would start ticking. No action was required.

WEST CORNWALL FIREHOUSE: The Board reviewed a proposal received from Jim Terrall Construction for alterations to the West Cornwall firehouse. The Board discussed funding available, the cost and contingency included. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to accept the July 2, 2018 proposal from Jim Terrall Construction for the alterations to the West Cornwall Firehouse per the 6-17-19 design of Lisa Keskinen Architect. Selectman Pavel seconded. There was discussion of needed insurance certificate and the addition of a washer and dryer and a pre-construction meeting with fire personnel. Motion passed unanimously.

GENERATOR AT CORNWALL BRIDGE FIREHOUSE: First Selectman Ridgway informed the Board of discussion at the last fire department meeting concerning the replacement of the generator in the Cornwall Bridge firehouse. It is time to replace it. The Board and Board of

Finance member John La Porta discussed the need to go to the Board of Finance, need to obtain bids, the furnace in the fire house and possible changes in the future and upgrades needed at the Cornwall Bridge firehouse.

ASSESSOR WEB HOSTING: First Selectman Ridgway reported Assessor Barbara Bigos is back in town. They have discussed the new Assessor's office hour arrangement. The office will be open all day Wednesday and Tuesday afternoon but no longer Thursday afternoon. The Board discussed a proposal from Ms. Bigos of Web Hosting of Assessing Database with Vision which will enable people to access assessor and real estate information on line when the office is closed. The Board discussed the savings to the town. The town will lose the copy fees, but will be a help to the Town Clerk who gets interrupted from her duties to pull up assessor cards. Selectman Pavel spoke in favor as a realtor and the help this will be. The Board discussed the program. Selectman Pavel made the motion to accept Assessor Barbara Bigos' proposal to go with Vision Government Solutions for assessing database. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was discussion of where this information will be stored, accessing the Vision website and who fixes any problems. Motion passed unanimously.

WEST CORNWALL SEWER SEPTIC: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the information meeting of June 28 concerning the sewer project in West Cornwall village area and the importance of getting accurate information. First Selectman Ridgway reported he had received the annual Moody's Investors Service Issuer Comment which comments on Cornwall's financial position and he found it very interesting. First Selectman Ridgway spoke of the upcoming July 26 Special Town Meeting to authorize funds to pursue sewer proposals. When a final proposal is developed he anticipates a referendum vote. The Board discussed this. The Board and Study Group welcomes any comments.

AIR MONITOR: The Board discussed the location and work to be done to get the air monitor up and operational.

PUBLIC COMMENTs were received.

BILLS were paid in the usual manner.

Meeting adjourned 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant