

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Priscilla Pavel, five 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 June 4, 2019 as presented. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Bids for the Old Skid Steer and Bid for Paving Section of College Street. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

WEST CORNWALL WATER SEWER STUDY GROUP MEETING: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Study Group met last week and endorsed the proposal of the Town Meeting call but requested the call be rewritten to include the recommendation of the Study Group and to change the time to earlier. The Board discussed this. The Board signed an amended Call to Town Meeting to include the changes and the Return of Notice for the amended call.

The Board discussed the upcoming June 28 informational meeting at Cornwall Consolidated School for the community sewer system in West Cornwall and the new executive summary of the project available for review.

SPENCER MARKOW/CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL: First Selectman Ridgway introduced Spencer Markow who has taken on as his school project a Civil War Memorial. Spencer spoke to his project – a plaque of the Civil War veterans from Cornwall who enlisted and are buried in Cornwall. Spencer presented a mockup of the plaque, 179 names, explaining the different categories and presented his idea of where the plaque would be in the area of the Sedgwick Monument and who was casting it. The Board and Spencer discussed state right-of-way, time frame and possible dedication and relationship of General Sedgwick to Spencer as 6th Great Uncle. Spencer has the Board's blessing for his project. First Selectman Ridgway thanked him for his work.

WEST CORNWALL FIREHOUSE RENOVATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported Project Manager Jim Terrall is getting figures from contractors this week and will pass them along to the Board. His thoughts are to get the project going as soon as possible.

BUILDING OFFICIAL CONTRACT: The Board discussed the Building Official's contract which expires the end of June. Selectman Pavel made the motion to renew Paul Prindle's contract for another year under the existing terms. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CULVERTS: First Selectman Ridgway reported invitations to a pre-bid meeting were sent out for the replacement of culverts on Lake Road and Cream Hill Road. The Board discussed this project. There will be a pre-bid meeting next week.

THE BEND: First Selectman Ridgway reported the town crew is working on setting the footings for the kiosk which Housatonic Valley Association will install at the Bend and two bollards to prevent vehicles from driving into the river and a gate which can be closed if the need arises. HVA has interns this summer to monitor the area. This completes the project.

LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the Legislative Wrap-up meeting sponsored by the Council of Small Towns which he and Selectman Pavel attended last week. The Board discussed this and what was accomplished by the State Legislature.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board that ten years ago the Board of Selectmen had sent the Planning and Zoning Commission a letter concerning the POCD. He presented a draft of a letter to be sent to P&Z concerning the plan. The Board reviewed and discussed the letter and the different issues the town faces today from ten years ago. Further work will be done on the draft letter.

INTERNET MEETING IN JULY: The Board discussed an up-coming meeting planned concerning broad band internet and micro cells and connectivity in town, or lack thereof. Several topics are to be covered. First Selectman Ridgway suggested other towns be invited as this is a regional issue. July 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall was chosen as the date.

AIR MONITOR: First Selectman Ridgway reported the monitor has not arrived yet but is expected this week. Location outside of Town Clerk's office was discussed.

TAX REFUND: The Board reviewed a tax refund request. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to grant the Tax Collector's recommendation of tax refund in the amount of \$54.26 to Toyota Lease Trust for overpayment of Motor Vehicle tax. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman Ridgway updated the Board on his conversation with the town Assessor concerning the new arrangement in the Assessor's office which she is pleased with.

BIDS FOR OLD SKID STEER: Bids had been solicited for the purchase of the old skid steer from the transfer station. The Board reviewed three bids received. Selectman Pavel made the motion to award the bid to Matt Collins for the purchase of the skid steer for \$5050 in as-is condition. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BID FOR PAVING SECTION OF COLLEGE STREET: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Highway Foreman is putting out a bid for the grinding up and repaving of a section of College Street. The Board discussed this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Questions from the press were answered.

BILLS and BANK RECONCILIATIONS were done in the same manner.

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Selectman Pavel. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant