

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, June 20, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

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

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

MINUTES: Selectman Bramley made the motion to approve the minutes of June 6, 2017 as presented. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda Town Clean-up, Railroad Spraying Bill from Representative Ohler, and Heidi's addition of Food in West Cornwall. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: Selectman Kearns inquired about the letter to Mr. Hofer concerning Lake Road Culvert and requested an update on the missing West Cornwall Pedestrian signs. These items were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

FAÇADE PROGRAM: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Façade Committee is active and have approved five applications to date. There are funds remaining in the program. The Board reviewed what had been approved and discussed the program.

BUDGET TRANSFERS: First Selectman Ridgway reported there will be a few budget transfers to do in July when all the bills have come in. The Board discussed the status of the present budget.

CORNWALL BRIDGE CROSSWALK AND KIOSK: First Selectman Ridgway reported he had received from the Department of Housing an amendment to the Main Street Grant to allow construction of the Cornwall Bridge crosswalk and a kiosk in Cornwall Bridge. The Board discussed this. Selectman Kearns made the motion to reauthorize First Selectman Ridgway to sign off on the Main Street Grant amendment. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was further discussion. Motion passed Selectman Kearns and Selectman Bramley voting aye; First Selectman Ridgway abstained.

The Board discussed the findings of the traffic counter in Cornwall Bridge.

CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TANKER: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board two members of the CVFD have flown out to Wisconsin to inspect the new tanker. It will be driven to New Haven next week. The Board discussed the tanker.

ASPHALT BIDS OUT: First Selectman Ridgway reported the bids had been sent out for bituminous concrete and are due early July. The Board discussed paving, roads and what is due to be paved.

TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION: The Board reviewed and discussed an application received for the tax abatement program. There are questions to be answered, no action was taken. It will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

RAILROAD SPRAYING: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the progress of the bill concerning railroad spraying which was introduced by Representative Willis and sponsored by Representative Ohler. It has passed the house and senate and awaits the Governor's signature. The Board discussed this.

CLEAN UP DAYS: First Selectman Ridgway reported on the plans for a Clean Up Day in Cornwall sponsored by the Cornwall Conservation Trust to be held September 23. The Board discussed the plans and a request to use town property to congregate on. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to allow the Cornwall Conservation Trust to use part of the Town Green for their Clean Up Day on Saturday, September 23, rain date of Sunday, September 24. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FOOD IN WEST CORNWALL: Selectman Kearns reported to the Board she had heard from citizens who expressed their disappointment that there is no more food options in West Cornwall - could a food truck be there on weekends. The Board discussed this, the process a possible vendor would need to follow, and could the word be put out for the need.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

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

First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to adjourn. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant