

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Selectman Richard Bramley, Selectman Priscilla Pavel, two 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 the meetings on February 20 and 26, 2018 as presented. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway communicated to the Board that the Highway Department is ready for the next storm. Emergency Management Director is calling the people on the storm list.

Selectman Pavel inquired about e mail received concerning speed signs on Lower River Road. This was addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

TRANSFER STATION PERSONNEL: First Selectman Ridgway announced the Board had hired Ted Larson as Transfer Station Operator at the Board meeting last week. They had very good candidates to choose from. A thank you party for departing Transfer Station Operator Steve O'Neill was held at the Transfer Station. The Board discussed all this.

WEST CORNWALL FIREHOUSE REPAIR BIDS: First Selectman Ridgway updated the Board on the progress of the firehouse repair/renovation work. The Board reviewed two bids received to do preliminary work in the attic space before insulating. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to hire Peter Nestler to do the work. Selectman Pavel seconded. There was discussion of the difference between the two bids. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a bid received for blow-in insulation as recommended by Building Official Paul Prindle. Mr. Prindle has reviewed the bid and reported it to be a fair price. The Board reviewed the bid. There was discussion and comment was received that there is only one bid which was addressed. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to accept this bid for \$9000 from New England Building Products. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT FOUNDATION: First Selectman Ridgway presented a report titled "Community Crossroads" received from the Northwest Connecticut Foundation. The report

analyzes demographic trends in the area and challenges towns are facing, timely as Cornwall is working on the 10 Year Plan. The Board discussed and reviewed the report.

APPOINTMENTS: The Board reviewed a letter from the Conservation Commission recommending Kate Freygang be added to their group. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to appoint Kate Freygang to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed possible candidate that may fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

The Board reviewed a list of vacancies remaining and noted on which Boards and Commissions.

BRIDGE PROJECTS: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board that Roger Kane is receiving letters of interest in the Smith Place and Gravel Bank bridges project. There will be a pre-bid meeting and then an invitation to bid will go out.

LIBRARY CROSSWALK: First Selectman Ridgway reported the Highway Foreman had received a request for a crosswalk in front of the library crossing Pine Street. The Board discussed this.

TAX REFUND: The Board reviewed two tax refund requests. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to grant the two tax refund requests upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector of \$1,242.05 to Torrington Savings Bank for duplicate payment and \$38.69 to John Collins for duplicate motor vehicle tax payment. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

FARM MARKET: First Selectman Ridgway reported another Farm Market season is coming up and the Cornwall Farm Market wants to return to the Town Green. First Selectman Ridgway acknowledged that as he and Selectman Bramley participate in the market, it would be best if Selectman Pavel made any decisions concerning the market. She was willing. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to appoint Selectman Pavel as Town Agent to deal with all things concerning the Farm Market. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was discussion. Motion passed: Selectmen Ridgway and Bramley voted aye, Selectman Pavel abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS were received concerning how bids were requested for work on the firehouse and decision made and a question from the press was answered.

BILLS were paid in the usual manner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant

