

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

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

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

MINUTES: Selectman Kearns made the motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2017 as presented. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to add to the agenda West Cornwall Water Septic Study Group, and, per Selectman Kearns's request, Town Building Painting Contract. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported on communication from the Chronicle requesting input from boards and commissions of their hopes for the new year.

First Selectman relayed the Little Guild sends their thanks for the use of town property for the 5 k race which was a big success.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

CORNWALL BRIDGE CROSSWALK: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board on his discussion with Mr. Scott Heath, engineer, concerning the crosswalk in Cornwall Bridge. The Board discussed the project. The consensus of the Board is to proceed in seeking state approval for the project.

VACANCIES: First Selectman Ridgway reported he is putting together a list of vacancies and will put into the Chronicle a request for volunteers.

Selectman Kearns requested Bianca Griggs be added to the Economic Development Commission, reminding the Board of her memory of past discussion that Ms. Griggs be appointed to fill the next vacancy.

Selectman Kearns made the motion Bianca Griggs be appointed to fill a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission. Selectman Bramley replied he wished to see a list of the present vacancies on Boards and Commissions to know what is available. There was discussion. The motion was not seconded.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION WORKSHOP: First Selectman Ridgway reported he will pursue arranging a FOI workshop for the newly elected officials in January, depending on Mr. Hennick's schedule. Selectman Bramley suggested inviting area town's to join.

BALD MOUNTAIN TREES: First Selectman Ridgway reported he had toured and reviewed the trees on Bald Mountain Road with the Tree Warden. He has written Eversource concerning the need to take down trees. Eversource has replied they have prioritized the work as requested and may have a crew up there next week to take out the worst of the trees. First Selectman Ridgway updated the Board on which trees the town may be able to take down.

SNOW BAN: The Board reviewed the annual No Parking Notice During Snow Season, effective December 1 to March 30, 2018. First Selectman read the notice. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion the Board sign the notice. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board signed the notice.

TAX REFUND REQUESTS: The Board reviewed two requests for tax refunds. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to grant \$11.78 to Earl and Joan Thitchener and \$7.91 to Claudia Rehberg and Richard Miles for the prorating of motor vehicle bills that had been paid in full. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

WEST CORNWALL WATER SEPTIC STUDY GROUP: First Selectman Ridgway reported the study group had voted to recommend the third version of the Wastewater Management Study to the Board of Selectmen and urges prompt implementation. Friday, November 10 will be a public information meeting to hear the presentation of the report.

TOWN BUILDING PAINTING CONTRACT: Selectman Kearns inquired if the painting job was still in progress in light of the change of weather. First Selectman Ridgway reported they had started and will try to squeeze in what they can and then continue in the spring. The Board discussed the project and the color and work needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizen present had questions concerning the double fire hydrant and swing hydrant in Cornwall Bridge which were answered.

First Selectman thanked Selectman Kearns for her job as Selectman and presented her with a gift certificate to the new restaurant in town. Selectman Kearns chose to not run for re-election, this was her last meeting.

BILLS and BANK RECONCILIATIONS were done in the usual manner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant