

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, October 1, 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 7:35 p.m.

MINUTES: Selectman Bramley made the motion to approve the minutes of September 17 and September 24, 2019 as presented. Selectman Pavel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were none.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway reported he has heard from Cornwall's Cable Advisory representative who reported that Altice stated the white boxes seen around town are for their new mobile phone service Altice has just started offering. Altice is rolling out fiber optic cables and would hopefully be able to tell the counsel in January when that might be coming to Litchfield County and the timeframe for each town. It appears the white boxes are not small cell transmitters.

First Selectman Ridgway reported there will be an open house at the West Cornwall firehouse on Sunday, October 20 from noon to 4:00 pm. Public is invited to come see the new renovations of the firehouse and demonstrations of department equipment.

First Selectman Ridgway reported there will be a presentation at the UCC church in Cornwall at 3:00 pm of the life of Opukahaia in celebration of the Hawaiian Mission Bicentennial. The actor, Moses Good, will also speak at CCS to the students.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

RAILROAD SPRAYING: First Selectman Ridgway reported he is working on the issue of the recent spraying along the railroad tracks. The Commissioner of the Department of Transportation was present at the Northwest Hills Council of Governments recent meeting and he brought up the issue of the spraying on the state railroad right of way. The Commissioner said he would look into it. Plans are underway for a meeting next week with the rail DOT, the first selectmen of other affected towns and representatives.

NORTHWEST HILLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT AND CONNECT: First Selectman Ridgway reported on his NHCOC meeting and conveyed information received on ConneCT. The Board discussed the work of ConneCT, companies stretching fiber optics, the mysterious white boxes on the utility poles. First Selectman Ridgway reported on a presentation on SustainableCT.

HIGHWAY PROJECT: First Selectman Ridgway reported the work on College Street is being done and going well. The culvert work on Cream Hill Road has begun, the road in that area is closed during the day but open for the evening/night.

CORNWALL BRIDGE FIREHOUSE GENERATOR: The Board reviewed and discussed a set of bid specifications for the installation of a generator in the Cornwall Bridge Firehouse. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to go out to bid for replacing the generator in the Cornwall Bridge Firehouse upon the specifications developed by the fire department with approval of the Building Inspector. Selectman Bramley seconded. There was discussion of installation date. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN REPORT SELECTMEN'S REPORT: The Board reviewed a draft of the Board's report for the Town Annual Report. Selectman Pavel made the motion to accept the draft presented for the Town Annual Report. Selectman Bramley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT: The Board reviewed and discussed a draft letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning the POCD. The Board discussed changes recommended at last special meeting. The Board reviewed the draft implementation table line by line. Changes were discussed. Further changes and edits to the letter were discussed. Comments were received from citizens present. The letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission will be updated and ready for Board signature tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS were received.

BILLS were paid in the usual manner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant