

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 - 7:30 p.m. - Town Hall

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

First Selectman Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

MINUTES: Selectman Bramley made the motion to approve the minutes of August 22, 2017 as presented. Selectman Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were no additions.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway relayed to the Board he had received notification that the signs are up on Flat Rocks Road notifying of the road closure dates. Selectman Kearns passed on to the Board what she has observed for preparations in the area of the bridge.

First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board the lifeguards at the beach had a busier season than last year, the beach is now closed, estimates will be sought for work on the docks.

Selectman Kearns inquired if there was any update on the e-mail to the Tree Warden concerning trees on Dark Entry Road. There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Citizen present inquired if the gravel which was put down on her road will be removed. First Selectman Ridgway will look into it. The Board discussed the use of the chip seal and sweeping on town roads.

OIL BID: The Board discussed the options for fuel oil for the Cornwall Fuel Oil Group and whether the town should participate again and if so which would be the best option. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion to go with Option C – Fixed price at \$2.049/gallon for the season. Selectman Kearns seconded. The Board discussed what the season is – September to September. Motion passed unanimously.

WEST CORNWALL WATER/SEPTIC STUDY: First Selectman Ridgway reported copies of the draft West Cornwall Wastewater Management Study have been received in the office. First Selectman Ridgway encouraged the Board to read it and join the West Cornwall Water/Septic Study Group next Tuesday to go over the draft.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT FINANCES: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board he has been keeping in touch with representatives in Hartford concerning the financial situation in the State. There should be action next week to adopt a budget. The teacher pension as an obligation is being resurrected. The Board discussed this.

CORNWALL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TANKER: First Selectman Ridgway reported to the Board he is working with the fire department on a punch list of things that need to be fixed on the new tanker. The Board discussed this and progress being made.

TAX REFUND: The Board reviewed a request for a tax refund. First Selectman Ridgway made the motion, upon the recommendation of the Tax Collector, to refund \$9.66 to Johan Winsser for overpayment of Motor Vehicle Tax. Selectmen Kearns seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN ANNUAL REPORT: The Board reviewed a draft report submitted by First Selectman Ridgway. Corrections and recommendations were made. Another draft will be composed and submitted for the Board to review and sign.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Roger Kane reported to the Board on the Flat Rocks Road bridge progress: it is underway, signs are up, utility poles have been dropped off, September 12 will be the closure date for the road, everything is on track. The Board discussed the project with Mr. Kane, closure will be less than 30 days, in light of the hurricane season the what-ifs were discussed.

BILLS were paid in the usual manner.

Motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hart, Administrative Assistant