

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, December 21, 2021
7:30 p.m. – Town Hall

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway; Selectman Priscilla Pavel; Selectwoman Janet Carlson; Transfer Station Manager Ted Larson; two members of the press; and 4 members of the public.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

MINUTES: Selectman Priscilla Pavel moved to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway provided an update on holiday hours for the Transfer Station, Town Offices, and Town Hall.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to add “Opioid Settlement” to the agenda. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: First Selectman Ridgway announced Connecticut recently reported its highest positivity rate to date at 9%. First Selectman Ridgway also encouraged people to get vaccinated / boosted.

APPOINTMENTS / VACCANCIES: First Selectman Ridgway moved to appoint Jane Hall for a two-year term as alternate on the Park ‘n Rec Committee. Selectman Priscilla Pavel Seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

BUDGET 2022/2023: First Selectman Ridgway announced that budget-work notices will be sent out to town committees and other organizations as budget season will begin after the holidays. The Board discussed the property assessment re-evaluations.

TRANSFER STATION: Transfer Station Manager Ted Larson began by reminding everyone that masks are still required for everyone while at the transfer station. Ted Larson and the Board discussed potential costs of adding a composting option at the transfer station.

HOUSING PLAN: First Selectman Ridgway reported that the Affordable Housing Plan Committee voted unanimously to send the Final Draft of the affordable housing plan to the Board of Selectmen for final approval. The Board thanked the committee members and town planner Janell Mullen.

PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT UPDATE MEETING 1/27/2022:
First Selectman Ridgway announced that the annual POCD Update Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2022 @ 7:00 PM via Zoom.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT: Selectman Priscilla Pavel moved to authorize First Selectman Gordon Ridgway to sign the requisite documents needed to register the Town of Cornwall with the OPIOID Litigation Settlement against Janssen and Distributors. Selectwoman Janet Carlson seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to add Public Comment to the agenda. Selectwoman Janet Carlson seconded, and the motion unanimously passed. Leila Hawken of the Lakeville Journal commented to say Merry Christmas!

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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