

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

7:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway; Selectman Priscilla Pavel; Selectwoman Janet Carlson; Will Berry from the transfer station; two members of the press; seven members of the public.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES: Selectman Priscilla Pavel moved to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway thanked Cornwall Park ‘n Rec for a nice Fourth of July event. First Selectman Ridgway also noted that Hammond Beach has been busy, and he thanked the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, EMS, and fire departments from neighboring towns that responded to a house fire around 4:30 a.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Ridgway moved to add the Appointment of Casey Cook to the Litchfield County Cable TV Advisory Council (CTAC). Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

REFERENDUM VOTE 7/9/2022 – NOON UNTIL 8:00 PM @ TOWN HALL: First Selectman Ridgway reminded everyone of the upcoming referendum vote regarding the West Cornwall Wastewater Project on Saturday July 9, 2022 from noon until 8:00 PM. First Selectman Ridgway thanked everyone for the Town Meeting on June 25, 2022 and thanked the Cornwall Chronicle for their Q&A segment regarding the wastewater project.

BITUMINOUS BIDS: The Board of Selectmen discussed two bids received for asphalt pavement work on Popple Swamp Road, Jewel Street, and Valley Road. The road bid from Waters Paving was \$255,017.00, and the road bid from Harwinton Paving was \$278,796.00. In addition to the bids for the three roads, the Board also received two bids for paving the parking lot at Town Hall and the Town Offices. The parking lot bid from Waters Paving was \$55,729.00, and the parking lot bid from Harwinton Paving was \$58,000.00. First Selectman Ridgway noted that the cost has gone up since last year due to the labor shortage and increase in oil prices. Cornwall Highway Foreman Jim Vanicky will review the bids and report back during the next Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting.

TRUCK BIDS: The Board of Selectmen discussed bids received for a new cab and chassis to replace an aging town plow truck. The Western Star bid came in at approximately \$127,000, and the International Truck bid came in at approximately \$110,000. Adding a plow and other equipment will bring the total price to approximately \$200,000. Cornwall Highway Foreman Jim Vanicky will review the bids and report back during the next Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting.

FRIENDS OF CORNWALL: The Board of Selectmen discussed the anonymous communications advocating for a “no” vote on the West Cornwall Wastewater Project funding referendum. First Selectman Ridgway noted that the Town has filed a complaint with the Connecticut State Elections Enforcement Commission regarding the anonymous communications from Friends of Cornwall.

APPOINT CASEY COOK TO C.T.A.C.: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to appoint Casey Cook as Cornwall's representative to the Litchfield County Cable TV Advisory Council. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Selectwoman Janet Carlson reported that there will be a covid vaccine clinic at the Cornwall Library on August 5, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Berry
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Town of Cornwall