

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CORNWALL BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, June 7, 2022
7:30 p.m. – Via Zoom

PRESENT: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway; Selectman Priscilla Pavel; Selectwoman Janet Carlson; one member of the press; five 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 May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

COMMUNICATIONS: First Selectman Ridgway informed that Music Mountain will host a Summer Fest Cookout and Concert to celebrate First Responders and Veterans. The event takes place at Music Mountain on June 18, 2022 at 2:00 PM. First Selectman Ridgway also noted that State Representative Maria Horn will be following up on a possible public hearing on Sharon Hospital's plan to discontinue labor and delivery services.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to add (1) Housing Update; (2) RR Spraying; (3) Appointing Alan Bahn as full member of Inland Wetlands Commission. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

COVID UPDATE: First Selectman Ridgway noted that the Community Health and Wellness mobile health van has Covid vaccines and boosters available outside the Union on Rt. 128 in West Cornwall on Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The First Selectman also thanked Park 'n Rec. director Jen Markow and Park 'n Rec. Chair Michelle Shipp for the recent covid vaccine clinic held at Town Hall. Over 80 people came to the vaccine clinic to get shots.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING – WEST CORNWALL WASTE WATER PROJECT: First Selectman Ridgway discussed the upcoming Waste Water Project information meeting scheduled for Saturday June 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. There will be a Town Meeting regarding the project on June 25, 2022 – 7:30 p.m. at CCS, two weeks prior to the referendum vote at Town Hall on July, 9.

HIGHWAY TRUCK: The Board of Selectmen discussed sending out bid invitations for a new town truck. First Selectman Ridgway noted that the expense was approved in the 2022-2023 Budget. The bids will be due back by July 5, 2022. First Selectman Ridgway moved to go out to bid on a new highway truck. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

ASPHALT BIDS: The Board of Selectmen discussed sending out bid invitations for pavement work on Jewel Street, Popple Swamp, and the Town Hall / Town Offices parking area. First Selectman Ridgway noted that less pavement work is planned this year due to increases in petroleum prices.

HAMMOND BEACH OPENING: The Board of Selectmen discussed the Hammond Beach summer opening. Hammond Beach is scheduled to open on June 18, 2022. There will be a special pre-party at Hammond Beach on June 10 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., sponsored by Cornwall Park 'n Rec. The Board also discussed an increase in the hourly pay rate for lifeguards.

HOUSING UPDATE: First Selectman Ridgway updated the Board regarding the latest meeting of the Cornwall Housing Plan Implementation Committee. Director of the Litchfield County Center for Housing Opportunity, Jocelyn Ayer, presented information about creating a housing trust to assist with costs associated with affordable housing. First Selectman Ridgway also discussed using ARPA Funds for affordable housing.

RAIL ROAD SPRAYING: First Selectman Ridgway reported that the Rail Road's contractor recently applied herbicide around the rail road tracks Cornwall. It appears there was some spraying in areas requested as "no spray zones". First Selectman Ridgway stated that he would seek a public meeting with representatives from CT DOT and the Housatonic Rail Road, to address this issue going forward.

APPOINTMENT ALAN BAHN: The Board discussed appointing Alan Bahn as a full member of Cornwall's Inland Wetlands commission. Alan has been serving on the commission as an alternate member. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway moved to appoint Alan Bahn as a full-member of Cornwall's Inland Wetlands Commission. Selectman Priscilla Pavel seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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