

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022

	<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Others</u>
Present	Y Gordon M. Ridgway (First Selectman) Y Priscilla Pavel Y Janet Sanders	Barbara Herbst - Clerk Pro-tempore citizens local press some members of Cornwall Conservation Trust

Call to Order

7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes for the August 2nd meeting were provided to all members via email as well as available at the meeting.

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to approve the minutes subject to the following corrections;

- 1) Removal of Stephen McDonell from the citizens appointed to the WMPWCV Construction Committee.
- 2) Addition of Don Bachman to the list of citizens appointed to the WMPWCV Construction Committee.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Communications

Mention was made that funding is needed for the Food and Fuel fund, a letter to the ARPA committee will be submitted for their next meeting.

Additions to the Agenda

First Selectman Ridgway requested that the following items be added to the agenda

- a) Tax Refunds

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to add tax refunds to the agenda

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

#1 WC Wastewater

First Selectman Ridgway reported the following in relation to the WMPWCV

- a) The WMPWCV Construction Committee held it's first meeting and have elected Todd Piker as the Chairman and Don Bachman as the Vice Chairman.
- b) The WMPWCV Construction Committee moved and approved a recommendation to the BoS to continue with the services of WMC Engineering for this project. A draft contract will be forthcoming for review by Town Counsel. The basic terms will be time and materials.
- c) Monthly meetings will commence in October

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to ratify the recommendation of the WMPWCV committee and retain the services of WMC Engineering for this project.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Discussion

Discussion ensued and covered the following item.

Activity timeline

Motion passed unanimously

#2 Bruce Whiteford

First Selectman Ridgway would like to appoint Bruce Whiteford to the WMPWCV committee Bruce lives in WC and has shown interest in being on the committee.

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to appoint Bruce Whiteford to the WMPWCV committee.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

#3 Quarry Hill

Cornwall Conservation Trust support request for Quarry Hill properties.

Members of the Cornwall Conservation Trust were at the meeting and spoke about this request. The discussion covered the following topics.

- a) How many acres are being preserved - 32
- b) Location of the property - Coltsfoot Valley
- c) Does the former blue blaze / Appalachian trail go through this property? - No
- d) What does support look like, funding, a letter or just a vote? - a vote and a letter
- e) Natural diversity of the properties
- f) Other preserved properties and abutment of the property in discussion
- g) Local support is required for the CCT to apply for grant funding.
- h) Suitability for affordable housing - not suitable

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion that the BoS support the CCT acquisition of these properties.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Tax Refunds

Two tax refund requests were submitted and are appended to these minutes.

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to approve both tax refunds as presented.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Discussion

Discussion ensued and covered the following item.

What happens to the overpayments if the BoS does not vote to refund them.

The overpayments would stay in the General Fund and become part of the Undesignated Fund

Motion passed unanimously

4 - Public Comment

a) One query was about the current balance in the Food and Fuel Fund - approximately \$10,000

b) One query was about the proper spelling of Bruce Whiteford.

It was noted that there is a Housing Committee Meeting at 4:00 on Monday and an

ARPA committee meeting on 8/24, Wednesday

Adjournment

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

7:46 PM

Submitted:

Barbara E. Herbst, Clerk pro tempore

Note:

Minutes remain "Draft" until approved at the next regular Selectmen's meeting. See future minutes for any corrections.

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
 This is to certify that GRIGGS RICHARD G

- has presented satisfactory proof that he/she is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2021
- Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
 - Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
 - Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
 - Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
 - Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
 - Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
 - Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
 - Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

GRIGGS RICHARD G
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WEST CORNWALL, CT 06796-1401

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To **JEAN D. BOUTEILLER** Collector of **TOWN OF CORNWALL** State of Connecticut.

I hereby apply for refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

The service exemption or Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.
 (State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)

		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	07/01/2022	14.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.56	
Total Paid	07/31/2022	43.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.68	-29.12 ***
Adjusted Refund		-29.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.12	

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Richard Griggs
 Print Name

[Signature] 8/4/22
 Signature of Taxpayer Date

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or _____
 It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 29.12
 be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s):

Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

DATED AT TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT THIS 01 DAY OF August 2022

[Signature]
 JEAN D. BOUTEILLER

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or _____
 approved on the 16th day of August 2022. It was voted to refund
 Property Taxes and Interest amounting to \$ 29.12 to Richard Griggs.

First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Mail To : JEAN D. BOUTEILLER
 TOWN OF CORNWALL
 PO BOX 97
 CORNWALL, CT 06753

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
 This is to certify that BEURKET SHEILA T

has presented satisfactory proof that he/she is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2021

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BEURKET SHEILA T
 37 WOODRUFF LN
 WEST CORNWALL, CT 06796-1530

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To **JEAN D. BOUTEILLER** Collector of **TOWN OF CORNWALL** State of Connecticut.

I hereby apply for refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

The service exemption or Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.
 (State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)

		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	07/01/2022	33.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.53	
Total Paid	07/10/2022	403.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	403.98	-370.45 ***
Adjusted Refund		-370.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	370.45	

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

SHEILA T. BEURKET
 Print Name

[Signature] 8/5/22
 Signature of Taxpayer Date

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or _____
 It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 370.45
 be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s):

Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

DATED AT TOWN OF CORNWALL, CONNECTICUT THIS 27 DAY OF July 2022

[Signature]
 JEAN D. BOUTEILLER

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or _____
 approved on the 11th day of Aug 2022. It was voted to refund
 Property Taxes and Interest amounting to \$ 370.45 to Sheila T Beurket

First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Mail To : JEAN D. BOUTEILLER
 TOWN OF CORNWALL
 PO BOX 97
 CORNWALL, CT 06753