

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022

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

Call to Order

7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes for the November 15th meeting were provided to all members via email as well as were available at the meeting.

Motion

Janet Carlson Made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Gordon Ridgway Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Communications

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- a) The Cornwall Bridge Holiday Tree is lit, thank you to Jim LaPorta!
- b) The Twelve Days of Christmas in West Cornwall starts on December 10th
- c) The 1st Annual Turkey Trot was a big success

Additions to the Agenda

None

1 Storm Parking

Storm parking ban

The annual customary "NO PARKING NOTICE DURING SNOW SEASON" document was prepared and distributed to the BoS members. Said document is appended to these minutes.

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to enact the proposed winter storm parking ban as written.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

2 Sharon Hosp.

Sharon Hospital Public Hearing

The community meeting was two weeks ago. The Hearing started at 10:00 a.m. today and is still ongoing. More than 200 people are monitoring the proceedings and there has been a lot of compelling testimony provided. A decision date is unknown, the committee will need time to deliberate on all the information received.

3 539 Acres

State of Connecticut buys 539 acres in Cornwall

The State of Connecticut is working with Morgan Stanley / Chase to secure a significant parcel that was part of the land associated with the Cornwall Castle. The acreage will become State Forest. Currently the State of Connecticut already owns over 6,000 acres in Cornwall

4 Cwl Housing

Cornwall Housing Committee

There will be a Special POCD 2020 Update Meeting, Monday, January 30 at 7 P.M. via zoom. Planning and Zoning will host an open discussion on progress towards Cornwall's 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development. Zoom link and detailed agenda will be posted on the town website, CornwallCT.org.

It was noted that the name of Cornwall Housing Committee may be confusing and it is not a sub-committee of the Cornwall Housing Corporation. It was suggested that the name be updated to Cornwall Housing Task Force. The charge of this ad-hoc task force will be " To promote affordable, obtainable housing in Cornwall."

This will be a Town advocacy task force without any regulatory or financial ability.

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to change the name from Cornwall Housing Committee to Cornwall Housing Task Force.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to appoint Gini Block to the Cornwall Housing Task Force.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

5 WC Wastewater

Waste Cornwall Waste Water project

The committee met with the Engineer and a preferred site has been selected. The location is between the WC Post office and the building currently housing the retail establishment "3 Guys Ski & Ride"

Documents required by the grant are being prepared to receive this grant award. These specific documents include information for project activities specified by Congress in the Act.

6 Appointments

Appointments**Motion**

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to make the following appointments:

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| 1) Chris Hopkins to the Cornwall Grange Trust Fund | Term to expire | 2025 |
| 2) Richard Bramley to the CEDC | Term to expire | 2024 |
| 3) Erin Berry to the Park and Rec Commission | Term to expire | 2024 |
| 4) Josh Tyson as the Cornwall rep to TAHD | Term to expire | 2025 |

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Discussion

Discussion ensued, the topics covered included but were not limited to the following:

- a) There are more vacancies needing to be filled. Interested individuals may contact the Selectmen's office for more information.

Motion passed unanimously

7 Annual Schedule

Annual Meeting Schedule

A proposed meeting schedule for 2023 was circulated to Board members prior to the meeting.

Two specific dates on the calendar were discussed. One was 3/7/2023 which is the same date as Purim, the other was July 4th which is a legal holiday.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Jewish holiday of Purim would not be a conflict for a meeting and that July 5th would be preferable to July 4th as a meeting date.

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule subject to changing 7/4/23 to 7/5/23.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

8 Tax Refunds

Tax Refund

One tax refund request totaling \$5,440.06 was submitted by the Tax Collector. The cover letter is appended to these minutes.

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to approve the tax refund as presented.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

9 Public Comment

Public Comment

Richard Schlesinger had one question;

- 1) What is the tax collection implication of removing 539 acres from the tax rolls?

Currently the property is classified as 490 property. Public Act 490 is Connecticut's law (Connecticut General Statutes Sections 12-107a through 107-f) that allows farm, forest, or open space land to be assessed at its use value rather than its fair market or highest and best use value (as determined by the property's most recent "fair market value" revaluation) for purposes of local property taxation. Also, the State does remit a small PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) on their other holdings in Cornwall so it is expected that the tax collection implication will be nominal.

Riley, reporter for the Lakeville Journal, requested a list of the appointments.

Anna Timell complimented Selectman Ridgway on his testimony at the Sharon Hospital hearing and asked one question.

- 1) What has become of the housing trust fund idea?

This idea is still being worked on. The Cornwall Housing Corporation will be launching a fund drive to raise funds to facilitate affordable, obtainable housing in Cornwall.

Adjournment

Motion

Gordon Ridgway Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Priscilla Pavel Seconded the motion

Motion passed unanimously

7:55 PM

Barbara E. Herbst, Clerk pro tempore

Submitted:

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

Note:

minutes for any corrections.

BoS Meeting Minutes 12.6.22

TOWN OF CORNWALL

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December 6, 2022

TO: CORNWALL RESIDENTS
FROM: THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
RE: NO PARKING NOTICE DURING SNOW SEASON

Effective December 7, 2022 the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cornwall will evoke its power to prohibit the parking of all vehicles that are situated so as to interfere with snow plowing activity on Town highways.

This restriction will apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from **December 7, 2022 through March 30, 2023.**

Plowing activity can occur at any time and includes set back plowing in clear weather.

Interference with plowing can occur unless a parked vehicle is at least 6 feet from the traveled or paved portion of the highway.

Section 14-307 of the Connecticut State Statutes empowers the Cornwall Board of Selectmen to remove vehicles parked in violation of its orders.

Your cooperation is requested. Thank you.

Gordon M. Ridgway, First Selectman

Priscilla Pavel, Selectman

Janet Carlson, Selectwoman

GMR/jh

Board of Selectmen meeting schedule for 2023

Meetings to be held 7:30 p.m. first and third Tuesdays of the month, except where noted.

Meetings to be held in-person? Or by zoom? Or hybrid?

January 3

January 17

February 7

February 21

March 7 Purim is March 6, 7 – is that ok?

March 21

April 4

April 18

May 2

May 16

June 6

June 20

July 4 Legal Holiday – choose Monday the 3rd or Wednesday the 5th instead

July 18

August 1

August 15

September 5

September 19

October 3

October 17

November 7

November 21

December 5

December 19

OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR

September 28, 2022

To the Board of Selectman:

Please add \$5,440.06 to the item of REFUND TO TAXPAYERS.

This request is from Todd Eberle and Richard Pandiscio for a duplicate payment of Real Estate Taxes on their 198 Dibble Hill Property.

Sincerely,

Jean D. Bouteiller, CCMC
Tax Collector

Enclosure 1