

TOWN OF CORNWALL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

Board of Selectmen

Minutes for meeting held on:

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Present

Selectmen

Others

- Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman
- Priscilla Pavel
- Janet Carlson

Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant
Citizens
Local Press

Call to Order	7:31 pm
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes from 2/7/2021 meeting <u>Motion:</u> Priscilla Pavel - Made motion to approve the minutes Gordon Ridgway - Seconded the motion Discussion - Motion passed unanimously
Communications / Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway welcomed Jane Hall, new Administrative Assistant, hosting the meeting and thanked Barbara Herbst for many meetings she covered, and thanked Joyce Hart for covering the office for many months
Additions to the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIRA – municipal solid waste • Building Official <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve the additions Janet Carlson - Seconded the motion Discussion - none Motion passed unanimously
1) <u>Budget 2023/2024</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway stated that the draft budget was presented to board of finance last week and it was well received. • School will be presenting their budget to the Board of Finance on 3/16/2023 • Received a request from the SAGE project (formally known as woman’s support services) to double the annual town contribution they receive from \$1,500 to \$3,000. <u>Motion:</u> Priscilla Pavel - Made motion to approve the increase in contribution for SAGE project Gordon Ridgway - Seconded the motion Discussion – More information was requested for reason of increase. It was decided to revisit the SAGE project contribution increase at another time <i>No vote was taken</i>
2) <u>Appointments</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Sampson to Economic Development Commission, approved by EDC • Kimberly Valkenberg to Park and Recreation Commission, recommendation was made to Park & Rec <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve the appointments Priscilla Pavel - Seconded the motion Discussion - none Motion passed unanimously
3) <u>Town Hall Generator Project Bid</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valley View Services – Garrick Dinneen. Bid was reviewed and approved for \$4,876.20 <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve the appointments Priscilla Pavel - Seconded the motion Discussion – Additional bids for job not received Motion passed unanimously

4)	<u>Housatonic Railroad Company 2023 Vegetation Management Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update was given on the plan • Draft letter was presented that will be sent to TEC Associates, HRRC, Government Agencies and State Legislatures <u>Motion:</u> Janet Carlson - Made motion to approve send letter Priscilla Pavel - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously
5)	<u>Compost</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway provided an update on a visit with Transfer Station Staff and Land Use Administrator at the Transfer Station to discuss plans of the Compost project • First Selectman Ridgway would like to get the application for this out to the state this week • Advertising/Educational material was discussed
6)	<u>TRIPS grant WC/CB, etc.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April deadline to submit application through COG • Discussed cross walks, onsite meetings in March, bringing in engineer to visit, parking, speed tables
7)	<u>Tax Refunds</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 tax refunds were presented and approved for a total of \$7,909.91 <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve tax refunds Priscilla Pavel - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously
<u>Additions to the Agenda</u>	
	<u>MIRA</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectmen Ridgway discussed a zoom meeting he attended today, will send out PowerPoint presentation, discussed proposed finances short term and long term for this program, this item will stay on the agenda <u>Building Official</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Prindle, Cornwall Building Official, is looking to retire after over 20 years. • Peter Russ going to school in Hartford now to potentially take over the position of Building Official. • First Selectmen Ridgway proposed to appoint Paul Prindle as a temporary Building Official with Peter Russ becoming his assistant until he is certified and can take over.
8)	<u>Public Comment</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Shipp (Park and Rec Chair) – discussed Park and Rec upcoming movie night • Nancy Berry – SAGE Project - urged BoS to grant the extra funds. Composting project - Cornwall Conservation Commission excited about the program, April 22nd event @ Cornwall Library. • Riley (Lakeville Journal) – asked for spelling clarification on Peter Russ’s last name. Requested copy of HRR letter. • Janet Carlson – Requesting to connect for document sharing. • Priscilla Pavel – Thanked Park & Rec for events.
	<u>Adjournment 8:24pm</u> Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant