

TOWN OF CORNWALL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

Board of Selectmen

Minutes for meeting held on:

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Present

Selectmen

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

Others

- Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant
- Betsey Mauro, Project SAGE
- Citizens
- Local Press

10 - Total number of attendees

Call to Order	7:35 pm
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes from 2/21/2023 meeting <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway- Made motion to approve the minutes Janet Carlson- Seconded the motion Discussion - none Motion passed unanimously
Communications / Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornwall resident communicated that the signage at the covered bridge is not up. First Selectman Ridgway will be in contact with DOT as part of the repair.
Additions to the Agenda	NONE
1	<p><u>Budget Request – Project Sage</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway provided an update on the Board of Education budget. BoE plans to present the budget to the Board of Finance this week. • Betsey Mauro, guest speaker from Project SAGE discussed change in organization and what they do for help in the community. Explained funding that they receive and where they still have needs for raising fund. All services they offer are free of charge to educate and help the community and individuals in need. <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve the additional funding for Project SAGE Priscilla Pavel- Seconded the motion Discussion - none Motion passed unanimously
2	<p><u>Compost</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway provided an update to the board on the Compost project. • Location of the Transfer Station is listed the State of CT list of homes to an endangered species of turtles. Guidance was given by state on how to proceed cautiously to not disturb the turtle's habitat.
3	<p><u>HRRR Spraying</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway Spray discussed progress with the ongoing meetings for HRRR spraying for this mutli-town effort. • Spray season will not start until late spring.
4	<p><u>Fiber Optic Install</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway provided an update on the work crews working throughout town to install Fiber Optic. • First Selectman Ridgway is working with Casey Cook/Optimum to get more information to provide to the community (schedule, cost, implementation, etc.)
5	<p><u>TRIPS Grant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway will be setting up a meeting do walk through of West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge to see what roadway, bridge, sidewalk, parking improvements can be made. Walk through will be publicized so the public can attend.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway and the highway department are working with Terry Burke on putting up signs for the <i>Western New England Greenway</i> that goes through town, US bike route 7 – tentatively put up within the next month. • Minimum grant is \$300,000
6	<p><u>WC Wastewater Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Selectman Ridgway is working with Steve McDonnell to hire a consultation to do the environmental report. Report can take approximately 2 months to get completed, no work can be done until the report is complete and submitted. • The committee will be in touch to get public updated on the project.
7	<p><u>Tax Refunds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 tax refund presented and approved for a total of \$54.34 <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve tax refund Priscilla Pavel- Seconded the motion Discussion - none Motion passed unanimously</p>
8	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riley, Lakeville Journal – HRRR Spraying questions and upcoming meetings – Asked if Optimum was the company installing the Fiber Optic – Cornwall was listed in the top 100 best small towns to live in in America.
	<p><u>Adjournment</u> 8:11 pm</p> <p>Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>