

**TOWN OF CORNWALL**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes for meeting held on:**  
**Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Present**

**Selectmen**

**Others**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Pavel</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janet Carlson</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</li> <li>Heidi Cunnick, Cornwall Conservation Commission Chair</li> <li>Local Press</li> <li>Citizens</li> </ul> |
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**16 - Total number of attendees**

<b>Call to Order</b>	7:30pm
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of minutes from 4/4/2023 meeting</li> </ul> <p><u>Motion:</u>  Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve the minutes  Janet Carlson - Seconded the motion  Discussion - none  Motion passed unanimously</p>
<b>Communications / Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared a conversation he had with Connecticut DOT about the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DOT is going to be redoing the signs at the West Cornwall Covered Bridge, which should be up in a week or so. DOT will also be painting all of the new lumber on the bridge this spring, during the nighttime.</li> <li>2. First Selectman Gordon Ridgway alerted DOT about the issue with the bridge on Route 4, which beavers have clogged up causing flooding on Jewel Street. DOT is looking into this situation.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Additions to the Agenda</b>	None
<b>1</b>	<p><b><u>Budget Hearing 4/21/2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The annual budget hearing will be this Friday at 7:30 at Cornwall Consolidated School, in person meeting. The draft budget is on the website and paper copy at post offices.</li> <li>• Town meeting on the budget will be held in May.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b><u>Hammond Beach / Park &amp; Rec</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park and Rec has appointed several people to work as a subcommittee. Jane Hall has been named chairmen of that subcommittee.</li> <li>• First Selectman Gordon Ridgway asked Jane Hall for information on the subcommittee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jane Hall indicated she reached out to Marina today to set up an initial meeting to discuss expectations of the subcommittee and how park &amp; rec can be a support to her and Hammond Beach, meeting to take place in the next week or so.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The beach is expected to open mid-June after school gets out.</li> <li>• Discussion ensued between Selectwoman Janet Carlson and First Selectman Gordon Ridgway about Head Lifeguard position being posted and scheduling of the lifeguards.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p><b><u>Compost Application / Earth Day Event 4/22/2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised compost application and \$500 application fee was put out in the mail today. The site of compost facility has been adjusted at the transfer station (to the left of the bulky waste box).</li> <li>• Earth Day Event at the library – The Great Big Day of Composting - details provided by Heidi Cunnick, Cornwall Conservation Commission Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Event will be on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 3-5PM at the Cornwall Library; will have a panel component, a hands-on demonstration, and a walk through of a couple of compost locations in the village.</li> <li>○ Richard Schlesinger will be moderating the panel of 4 experts; Dr. Jane Lucus, Michael Nadeau, Barbara Bettigole, and Ted Larson</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ted will be reporting on Compost application process and how the compost project will work</li> <li>○ RSVP for event now, event is just about full</li> </ul>
4	<p><b><u>Road Projects</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First Selectman Gordon Ridgway discussed the resurfacing that is happening tomorrow on Scoville Hill, Town St (north of Yelping Hill), Yelping Hill – roads will not be closed, expect a little bit of delay if you are going through that part of town.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b><u>Railroad Issues</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First Selectman Gordon Ridgway wrote to Mr. Rodriguez from HRR to set up a meeting with municipal Officials, has not heard back from Mr. Rodriguez. He has heard back from Maria Horn, she is lining up a meeting with people from DEEP and DOT, expecting to meet sometime in early may.</li> <li>● First Selectman Gordon Ridgway did talk to the HRR about railroad safety and track safety/trackmaintenance and derailment issues in Ohio.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b><u>Animal Control Officers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Animal Control Officers week – First Selectman Gordon Ridgway wants to acknowledge the work of our ACO officers Lee and Jim Sohl, Brad Hedden, Jack Malahan.</li> <li>● Michelle Shipp, Cornwall Association added to this topic with: Cornwall Association is hosting a Meet &amp; Greet to meet Lee Sohl at the Cornwall Library on 4/24/2023 at 6-7pm</li> </ul>
7	<p><b><u>Sexual Harassment Awareness Training</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● First Selectman Gordon Ridgway discussed meeting that took place with towns insurance company to make sure town is doing everything it needs to. All town employees are required to take a sexual harassment training course. CIRMA has an approved course that meets the legal requirements that municipal employees must have.</li> </ul>
8	<p><b><u>Cyber Security Insurance</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Working to get Cyber Security Insurance – working with our IT person to upgrade our computers to make them resilient to cyber threats.</li> <li>● Several towns in Connecticut have already been hacked, some multiple times.</li> </ul>
9	<p><b><u>Tax Refunds</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$5,729.70 tax refund request for overpayment of real estate taxes on 35 Dibble Hill Rd to Bette Klegon Halby</li> </ul> <p><u>Motion:</u>  Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve tax refund  Janet Carlson - Seconded the motion  Discussion - none  Motion passed unanimously</p>
10	<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Michelle Shipp, Cornwall Park &amp; Recreation Chair – discussed the following events (more details on events can be found on Park &amp; Rec website) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ P&amp;R is partnering with Chris Jackson, owner of C&amp;M Carting Solutions to host a Cleanup Cornwall Event 4/21-4/23 between 9:00-1:00pm – Chris Jackson has purchased gloves, trashbags, and safety vests for event and will have drop off spots for trash bags <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First Selectman Gordon Ridgway added that any if anyone comes across cable on during their cleanup to please take photos and email them in so it can be relayed to utility companies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ P&amp;R Community social hour, Wednesday 4/19 3-4pm at Town Hall, monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday</li> <li>○ Hammond Beach – annual town picnic June 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ Summer Music events – July 21<sup>st</sup> 5-8pm July Fest and August 11<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm Taste of Cornwall</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Riley Klein, Lakeville Journal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Asked for clarification on the location of bridge that is flooding</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Heidi Cunnick, Cornwall Conservation Commission Chair – July 15<sup>th</sup> - CCC sponsoring event to have Limnologist Aerlimnology conduct a demonstration on lake water testing, open to public. Hosted at Cream Hill Lake Association.</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Adjournment</u></b> 8:01pm</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>