

TOWN OF CORNWALL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

Board of Selectmen

Minutes for meeting held on:

Tuesday, July 5th 2023

Present

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

Others

- Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant
- Local Press
- Citizens

11 - Total number of attendees

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| Call to Order | 7:30pm |
| Approval of Minutes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of minutes from 6/20/2023 meeting <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to approve the minutes Janet Carlson - Seconded the motion Discussion - none Motion passed unanimously |
| Communications / Announcements | First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priscilla Pavel is unable to attend tonight's meeting but will be at the next meeting • Heather Dinneen, Social Services Director for Cornwall, has decided to step down from her position. We wish Heather well, and she will be working with us to find a replacement. <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to grant Heather Dinneen a \$250 honorarium. Janet Carlson - Seconded the motion Discussion - none Motion passed unanimously |
| Additions to the Agenda | First Selectman Gordon Ridgway made the following addition to the agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8th grade fundraiser <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to add the 8 th grade fundraiser to the agenda Janet Carlson - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously |
| Addition #1 | <u>8th Grade Fundraiser</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a note from Erin Berry, 8th grade parent, for a request to be added to the list for the \$1,000 Cans & Bottles Grant list. <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to add the 8th grade fundraiser to the agenda Janet Carlson - Seconded the motion Discussion – Discussion ensued on the current list for the grant Motion passed unanimously |
| 1 | <u>Fire Department Truck</u> No fire truck committee members attended the meeting and Board of Selectmen has not received any documents from committee. No action taken. |
| 2 | <u>Little Guild Temporary Home</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming meeting on Thursday. Little Guild is zeroing in on Foote Field for the temporary location. Firehouse is close to a flood zone. Heard some concerns about barking from potential neighbors, will be meeting with neighbors to discuss concerns. BoS Needs to sign off as the owners of Foote Field before this goes to Planning and Zoning. There will have to be a public hearing before this can happen. • Little Guild will have a 24-hour hotline available for people if they hear too much barking, but they plan to reduce the number of animals they keep in the temporary home. |
| 3 | <u>Compost</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on reapplying to the state, need to remap and address some of the states concerns. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Ted, Will, and Jim at the transfer station, hope to mow the field and get the mapping and application out soon. |
| 4 | <p><u>Meeting Format</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to get back to in person meetings at some point, would like to retain the ability for the remote option as well. Will still record the meetings. Library has made some progress on getting technology in place for hybrid meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane Hall added the following information: Met with Margaret at the Library, there were some technical difficulties but a technician will be out. Seems like a good option. |
| 5 | <p><u>Highway Department Vacancy</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have received some applications. Jim and Gordon will review them and set up a convenient time to do interviews at the end of the month. |
| 6 | <p><u>Electric Vehicle Charging Stations</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intern in the office, Trent Talbot, has been researching to help start the electric vehicle charging station initiate. We are facilitating this for the business owners - there may not be a town financial component of this, but there are various sources for grant funding for these. Potentially locations include: Franks in West Cornwall and Cornwall Market in Cornwall Bridge. Thank you to Trent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trent Talbot shared the following information: Has been talking with other towns to see what they are doing and what contractors they have used. |
| 7 | <p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Laporta – Question about Little Guild location at Foote Field Riley Klein, Lakeville Journal – Question about Rail Road Spraying Forum and Wastewater update Michelle Shipp, Park & Recreation Chair – Julyfest will be on Friday 7/21/2023 5-8pm at the town Green. Country Steel will be playing and we will have 2 food trucks and ice cream truck. Rain or Shine event. |
| | <p><u>Adjournment:</u> 8:01pm</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p> |