

TOWN OF CORNWALL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

Board of Selectmen

Minutes for meeting held on:

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024

Hybrid – In Person at Cornwall Library (moved to Town Hall)
& Remotely Via Zoom

Present

Selectmen

- Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman
- Rocco Botto
- Jennifer Markow

Others

Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant
Citizens

9 - Total number of attendees

Call to Order	7:36 pm
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes from 2/6/2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Markow requested a typo be corrected (“r” added to the end of the word waste in error on item #1), also requested her comment about the loose guard rail on Essex Hill be added to the minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2/6/2024 BoS Meeting – Jen Markow noted that her and her son went to Essex Hill to take photos of the site using her son’s drone, her son noticed the guard rails were loose. <p><u>Motion:</u> Rocco Botto - Made motion to approve the minutes from 2/6/2024 with amendments Gordon Ridgway - Seconded the motion Discussion – Jen Markow requested a typo be corrected and requested her comment about the lose guard rail on Essex hill be added to the minutes. Motion passed unanimously</p>
Communications / Announcements	None
Additions to the Agenda	<p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to add Culvert on Dibble Hill* and Cornwall Housing & Conservation Collaborative Meeting Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously *Clerk addendum – Culvert on Dibble Hill is covered on agenda item #9</p>
Addition #1	<p><u>Culvert on Dibble Hill</u> *Clerk addendum – Culvert on Dibble Hill is covered on agenda item #9</p>
Addition #2	<p><u>Cornwall Housing & Conservation Collaborative Meeting</u> Jen Markow gave an overview of the Cornwall Housing & Conservation Collaborative meeting she attended.</p>
1.	<p><u>Budget 24/25</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget was presented last week, school is presenting in 2 weeks, Board of Finance may ask for reductions • West Cornwall Library submitted request, Rocco Botto will look into it
2.	<p><u>COST meeting 2/8</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared a recap of the COST meeting which included information on insurance savings</p>

3.	<p><u>Appoint Jim Stewart ZBA</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to appoint Jim Stewart to Zoning Board of Appeals Jennifer Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
4.	<p><u>Freedom of Information Training 2/29</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOI Training will be held at Cornwall Library 2/29 at 10:00am, in person & on zoom – it will be recorded
5.	<p><u>Compost Update</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a quote from engineering firm for the composting for \$19,000, would cost more than we would save • Will suggest to Maria Horn and DEEP to get a program for DEEP to come out to do site visit during application process to reduce costs
6.	<p><u>MSW Update</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COG has initiatives to get handle on future of garbage including sponsoring a regional trash authority, expansion of the current incinerators in CT
7.	<p><u>TRIP Grant</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMC will do a proposal for the construction, WMC is the engineer for the waste water project
8.	<p><u>BAA Vacancy</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals – any interest in joining should send letter to Selectman
9.	<p><u>Collapsed pipe – Dibble Hill</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dibble Hill culvert at the steep embankment is deteriorating causing issues in the roadway. Steve McDonnell from WMC looked at site. Also working with Karen Nelson & Inland Wetlands.
10.	<p><u>Public Comment</u> Two public comments were received</p>
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 8:19 pm Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>