

# TOWN OF CORNWALL

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE

Board of Selectmen

Minutes for meeting held on:

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Hybrid – In Person at Cornwall Library  
& Remotely Via Zoom

**Present**

Selectmen

Others

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

- Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant
- Press
- Citizens

**10 - Total number of attendees**

<b>Call to Order</b>	7:36 pm
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Minutes from 2/20/2024  <u>Motion:</u> Rocco Botto - Made motion to approve the minutes from 2/20/2024 Gordon Ridgway - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously
<b>Communications / Announcements</b>	Gordon Ridgway shared the following communications: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Received thank you letter and verbal thank you's for the tree work and getting Essex Hill Road opened</li> <li>2. Received communication about EV charging stations – has been forwarded to Will Schenk of the Cornwall Market</li> </ol>
<b>Additions to the Agenda</b>	<u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to add appointment of David Keisman to EDC to the agenda Jen Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously
<b>Addition #1</b>	<b><u>Appointment of David Keisman to EDC</u></b>  <u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to appointment of David Keisman to the Economic Development Committee Jen Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – Review of David's qualifications Motion passed unanimously
<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Budget 24/25</u></b> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornwall Consolidated School will present budget to Board of Finance this coming Thursday at 7:00pm</li> <li>• Discussion ensued on CCS budget changes</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Municipal Solid Waste</u></b> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIRA Dissolution will be out of business by 2027, due to state regulations and legislation, and they are going to purpose a significant rate increase from \$106 per ton to \$131 per ton</li> <li>• USA Hauling offer – longer term contract, municipalities are working with USA on contracts</li> <li>• Discussion ensued on importance of our transfer station and recycling, long term solutions for Cornwall, solutions for regional solid waste removal</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b><u>Fire Truck Bid Draft</u></b>  First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department is looking to replace the pumped in Cornwall Bridge</li> <li>• Bid Specs from the CVFD truck committee were received and a draft Invitation to Bid was prepared by Selectmen’s office</li> <li>• Discussion ensued on process of the purchase and possible timeline</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b><u>West Cornwall Retaining Wall</u></b>  First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WMC has reviewed and approved the proposal from Yield Industries</li> <li>• Estimated start of repair is end of March or early April – there will be a 2-week notice given to residents on River Road of start date and it will be advertised</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b><u>Essex Hill Road - Guardrails</u></b>  First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Vanicky is looking into having a guard rail company come out to put in deeper posts</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b><u>West Cornwall Wastewater</u></b>  First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting on consulting engineer to post update on the federal platform so project can proceed</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b><u>Railroad vegetation management, legislation</u></b>  First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anna Timell and Bruce Bennett testified at a legislation hearing with Representative Maria Horn and Senator Steve Harding to strengthen local review of spraying and herbicide plans for railroads</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b><u>Covered Bridge News</u></b>  First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoke with Department of Transportation and they are going to investigate methods to prevent crashes into the covered bridge</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b><u>Public Comment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three public comments were received</li> </ul>
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 8:22 pm  Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>