

TOWN OF CORNWALL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for meeting held on:
Tuesday, April 2nd, 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

9 - Total number of attendees

Call to Order	7:30 pm
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes from 3/19/2024</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Rocco Botto- Made motion to approve the minutes from 3/19/2024 Jennifer Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
Communications / Announcements	<p>Jane Hall shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth of a calf at Jed Gracey’s farm on Pine Street <p>Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTIC radio is live streaming from the Cornwall Market on Friday • Daffodils are up by Town Hall – thank you to Garden club • Having issues with Septic System at CB firehouse, trying to get washing machine for gear <p>Jennifer Markow shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming vaccine clinic <p>Rocco Botto shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming solar eclipse
Additions to the Agenda	None
1.	<p><u>Budget 24/25</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway reviewed the draft budget with budget cuts and shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a meeting with the Board of Finance approx. 10 days ago – bottom line is the selectmen and the school's budget are up significantly – good news is retired debt from the school. • Approx 4% increase - BoS and BoE were asked to cut budget • Board of Finance is meeting this Thursday • Hearing on April 19th and Town meeting scheduled for May 17th <p>Discussion ensued on draft budget, proposed budget adjustments, possible tax increase, funding for fire/ambulance</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jennifer Markow - Made motion to adopt these cuts and send to Board of Finance Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>

2.	<p><u>Fire truck bid specs</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid Specs and invitation to bid have been prepared, we still need some information from Fire Department <p><u>Motion:</u> Jennifer Markow - Made motion to go out to bid for a new fire truck Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – Will fill out dates and gather contact info from Fire Dept Motion passed unanimously</p>
3.	<p><u>Road spring resurfacing schedule</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Vanicky has been working with Seymour Sealing to coordinate a schedule for resurfacing – work to be done in the springtime rather than the summertime (by end of April) • Approximately 11 miles of road resurfacing <p>Discussion ensued on methods of resurfacing, current road conditions, cost of paving vs resurfacing</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion that we retain Seymour Sealing to resurface the roads that are listed in their proposal pending approval of town meeting on May 17^h Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
4.	<p><u>West Cornwall retaining wall schedule</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are set for road closure starting April 15th for work to retaining wall –preconstruction meeting on April 8th at 9:00am with Yield Industries
5.	<p><u>Town meeting 4/19</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign the updated Call and Return of notice due to CCS not being available. Meeting will be held at The Cornwall Library
6.	<p><u>Trees by railroad tracks</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is legislation that is being more stringent on plans and that the towns would need to approve the railroads spraying plans • Received call from the Railroad to help identify dead trees along River Road – they will be doing a tree program and removal • Another area of mutual concern is the regional initiative to see if the garbage can be hauled by train instead of truck • Discussed with DOT - Railroad culvert replacement
7.	<p><u>Hammond beach update</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Marina Kotchoubey, Beach Director of Hammond Beach, to onboard last season's Head Lifeguard, Micah Matsudaira as the Assistant Beach Director • Working on hiring lifeguards – apply to Jane Hall in the First Selectmen's office by May 15th
8.	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 public comments were received
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 8:31 pm Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>