

TOWN OF CORNWALL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for meeting held on:
Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024
Hybrid – In Person at Cornwall Library
& Remotely Via Zoom

Present

<u>Selectmen</u>	<u>Others</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman	Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rocco Botto	Press
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Markow	
11 Total Attendees	

Call to Order	7:32 pm
Approval of Minutes	<p>Minutes from 6/18/2024</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Jennifer Markow - Made motion to approve the minutes from 6/18/2024 Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
Communications / Announcements	none
Additions to the Agenda	none
1.	<p><u>Railroad Spraying</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received 3 communications from concerned residents about the railroad spraying, have forwarded to State Legislatures and have been trying to get information from the Railroad about the timing of the spraying. <p>Discussion ensued, joined by Bruce Bennett, Heidi Cunnick, and Anna Timell. on HB 5219, current practices, and ongoing issues with the railroad spraying</p>
2.	<p><u>West Cornwall Wastewater Project / TRIP Grant</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental review is paused until the design work is completed – we have sent in an amended grant application to use grant funds for engineering -3 week turn around time • Received letter from Steve McDonnell from WMC – proposal for \$20,000 to design the safety improvements for the TRIP grant in West Cornwall & Cornwall Bridge – he will also do design for Wastewater project – projects will overlap <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to accept Steve McDonnell’s proposal to design the traffic improvements and to go through the process with DOT and the public to bring those plans in front of the town. Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>

3.	<p><u>Fire Truck</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the bid process so far – proposal for truck is \$730,000 plus \$30,000 for equipment – the town currently has \$640,000 available – fire department has some funds that could be used to supplement the town funds. Surcharges would be passed along to the town as an expense, with no cap in price. <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to reject the proposal for fire truck bid Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – Ensued on going out to bid with new specs & options to proceed. Motion passed unanimously</p>
4.	<p><u>Compost</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke with Maria Horn and will be working together to push application forward for composting permit <p>Discussion ensued, joined bn Heidi Cunnick and Ted Larson, on an interim solution for composting, which included a drop off food scrap program, at home composting, and food scrap for livestock.</p>
5.	<p><u>Dibble Hill Culvert</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dibble Hill is now open, ahead of schedule – thank you to Highway Department and Josh Tyson & crew
6.	<p><u>Park & Rec donation request</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received request from Park & Recreation to put money from Park & Rec budget that just closed to the UCC for use of the parish house – some question of how much funds are left <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to grant up to \$2,000 to the UCC for the use of the parish house Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
7.	<p><u>Highway Signs</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on this, not a lot of success – can put them on people’s properties with their permission as long as it is not in the state right of way
8.	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 public comments received.
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 8:23 pm</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>