

TOWN OF CORNWALL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for meeting held on:
Tuesday, September 17th, 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

10 Total Attendees

Call to Order	7:30 pm
Approval of Minutes	<p><u>Motion:</u> Rocco Botto - Made motion to approve the minutes from 9/3/2024 Jennifer Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
Communications / Announcements	<p>First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to everyone who put in work for the Ag Fair – thanks to winner of Cow Chip raffle for donating funds to CVFD <p>Jennifer Markow shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming vaccine clinics and Park & Rec events
Additions to the Agenda	<p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to add Security Cameras Jennifer Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – None Motion passed unanimously</p>
Addition #1	<p><u>Security Cameras</u> Vera Dinneen, Town Clerk, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 7/1/2025 it will be a state law requiring security cameras on ballot boxes (Town Offices) – received quote of \$2,500 from NYCONN for installation of camera – recommending installation ahead of this coming election. Absentee ballots will be available after October 4th <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to accept proposal from NYCONN to install the camera for \$2,500, to come out of Building Repair Capital Line Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – Discussion ensued on installation Motion passed unanimously</p>
1.	<p><u>5-Year Capital Planning</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the 5-year capital plan draft, will have a firmer draft to review by next meeting – this gets voted on in the Annual Town Meeting, • Will be working with Fire Dept, school, highway dept on capital planning items
2.	<u>October Annual Town Meeting</u>

	<p>First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typically annual town meeting is the last Friday of October, this will depend on when the audit is finalized
3.	<p><u>MSW Update</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHCOG met last week – looking at a regional approach, NHCOG has hired legal counsel
4.	<p><u>Cornwall Bridge Traffic</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting tomorrow at 10:00am at Chimney Rock, Stephen McDonnell and NHCOG will be attending <p>Discussion ensued on 2016 traffic study, speed limit changes, TRIP grant funding and plans, public engagement</p>
5.	<p><u>Rt. 7 Housing Site Assessment</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHCOG has signed on to work on a Brown Field Assessment Grant for housing on a Route 7 property
6.	<p><u>Highway Department Vacancy Interview</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 applicants – schedule interviews for tomorrow starting at 7:00pm – special meeting with executive session for interviews
7.	<p><u>Heating Oil Quotes</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received 3 quotes for fuel oil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinico fixed \$2.85 / gallon Klebe variable not to exceed \$3.69 / gallon Valiant fixed \$3.39 / gallon <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to go with Quinico at \$2.85 per gallon Jennifer Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – None Motion passed unanimously</p>
8.	<p><u>Appointments / Vacancies</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to appoint Maggie Cady and Bill McClane to the Affordable Housing Commission Jennifer Markow - Seconded the motion Discussion – None Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>The Board of Selectmen voted to appoint 2 out of the 3 individuals interested in joining the Cornwall Conservation Commission, the votes are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tony Scott – 3 Votes Robin Gray – 2 Votes Brad Harding – 1 Vote <p>Discussion – Appointing Tony Scott & Robin Gray to the Cornwall Conservation Commission and Expanding commission in the future to allow for more members</p>
9.	<p><u>West Cornwall Wastewater Update</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good meeting last week, hybrid option – National Park Service rep and Housatonic Rive Commission Rep joined the meeting Stephen McDonnell is scheduling his team to be in the field starting surveying

10.	<p><u>Housing Summit – 9/30/2024 5:00pm-7:00m - Lakeville</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming Housing Summit
11.	<p><u>Sale of Aquarian Water Company</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In NHCOG meeting, it came up that Aquarian was bought by Eversource and Eversource is having a big of financial issues, entertaining the idea of selling Aquarian, possibly to a regional water authority
12.	<p><u>River Road Property</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received word that a property owner on River Road wanted to give their property to the town – 0.72 acres and it is landlocked. Will discuss in tomorrows special meeting
13.	<p><u>Tax Refund Request</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway - Made motion to grant tax refund requests totaling \$1,000.50 for overpayment of taxes Rocco Botto - Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
14.	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 public comments received
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 8:22 pm</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>