

TOWN OF CORNWALL

REGULAR MEETING OF THE

Board of Selectmen

Minutes for meeting held on:

Tuesday, February 4th, 2025

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

Call to Order	7:30 pm
Approval of Minutes	<p><u>Motion:</u> Jennifer Markow – Made motion to approve the minutes from 1/21/2025 Rocco Botto – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
Communications / Announcements	<p>First Selectmen, Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pickleball starts Thursday 6:15-7:15 – keep eye on weather • Board of Finance meeting on Thursday – school budget <p>Rocco Botto shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquarian has recently been sold – still developing
Additions to the Agenda	none
1.	<p><u>Budget</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Budget was shared and reviewed (attached). • Dick Sears, CVFD President shared information on the departments budget request. • Board of Selectmen will present budge to BoF on February 20th • Discussion ensued on the increase from departments and organizations <p><u>Motion:</u> Rocco Botto – Made motion to send draft budget to the Board of Finance Gordon Ridgway – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
2.	<p><u>CEN</u></p> <p>Rocco Botto shared a brief overview on the CEN presentation that was shared at the last meeting</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Rocco Botto – Made motion to move forward with the CEN proposal to provide high speed fiber internet to key municipal buildings and to sign the Networks Service Agreement, add both fire houses to prospect list, engage the library, Included in this proposal is both town hall buildings, the transfer station, fire departments. This would be contingent on the final proposal and key stakeholder review/approval. Gordon Ridgway – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>

3.	<p><u>COST Meeting – 1/29/2025</u> First Selectmen, Gordon Ridgway and Rocco Botto shared a recap of the COST meeting that they attended last month.</p>
4.	<p><u>Municipal Solid Waste</u> First Selectmen, Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been working on the COG level on solid waste – have made some progress but no firm agreement with Mira Dissolution Authority. Anticipating answers in the next month
5.	<p><u>USA Hauling</u> First Selectmen, Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our new hauler, USA Hauling, requested that we notify MIRA that they will be transporting the towns solid waste from the Transfer Station.
6.	<p><u>P&Z Meeting 1/22/2025</u> The Board of Selectmen shared their experience at the recent P&Z planning meeting while discussing the various focus topics which were Community & Youth, Housing, Economic Development, and Natural Resources.</p>
7.	<p><u>Federal Fund Freeze</u> First Selectmen, Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received notice of federal freeze, also received notification that federal freeze was reversed • Advised by HUD in Hartford our grant for the West Cornwall Wastewater Project should be in good shape because it was a statutory appropriation legally done by Congress in a previous fiscal year
8.	<p><u>STEAP Grant</u> First Selectmen, Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke with a couple of organizations and homeowners in town that are interested in down a façade program – will try to put something together
9.	<p><u>Appoint Richard Bramley – WMPWCY</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway – Made motion to appoint Richard Bramley to the Wastewater Management Project in West Cornwall Village Rocco Botto – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
10.	<p><u>Executive Session: Personnel Salaries</u></p> <p>Gordon Ridgway – Made motion to go into executive session at 8:39pm Rocco Botto – Seconded the motion Discussion – Invited Kat Cheney into executive session to discuss Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Executive session ended at 9:10pm</p> <p>Gordon Ridgway – Made motion that we fund positions at 3% increase over last years amount Rocco Botto – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
11.	<p><u>Public Comment</u> <u>3 public comments received</u></p>
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 9:09 pm</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>