

TOWN OF CORNWALL
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Board of Selectmen
Minutes for meeting held on:
Tuesday, August 18th, 2025
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	

Call to Order	7:30 pm
Approval of Minutes	<p><u>Motion:</u> Rocco Botto – Made motion to approve the minutes from 8/5/2025 Gordon Ridgway – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
Communications / Announcements	<p>Jennifer Markow shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taste of Cornwall was very successful – over 300 people – thank you to all of our sponsors • School starts Tuesday – We have about 14 kindergarteners <p>Rocco Botto shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Algrant Show went great • EDC planning for Cornwall days – September 26th - 28th • More recreation down in West Cornwall
Additions to the Agenda	<p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway – Made motion to add Main Street Program Jennifer Markow – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
1.	<p><u>Town Hall Roof</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still consulting with contractors go get proposal together – should have something by next meeting
2.	<p><u>West Cornwall Wastewater Project</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from HUD – they have rejected our request for release of funds – Environmental Review was not yet signed, premature notice. • Will resubmit and republish • HUD received a lengthy rejection from an individual – HUD confident we will be able to move forward, work with engineer to answer some questions and resubmit • Town may proceed with design – RFP will be in on Monday
3.	<p><u>More Bear Damage</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving many reports of significant bear damage; bears going into peoples houses and cars, being hit by cars, crop damage. • Continue to send reports to selectmen’s office
4.	<p><u>Signs at Cornwall Bridge Triangle</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT responded back to us about an inquiry a citizen made requesting “oncoming traffic does not stop” signs – these signs were put up at the triangle in Cornwall Bridge

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COG transportation planner did send request for corridors to study and we have signed up the triangle up for a traffic study
5.	<p><u>Paving at Transfer Station</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received quote from S&S Paving for a quote to pave, also received quote of \$60,000 higher from Hock to pave <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway – Made motion to hire S&S Paving to pave the transfer station Rocco Botto – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
6.	<p><u>Municipal Solid Waste Update</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had a visit from Rista Malica from COG – EDC Planner – to work on having a regional waste authority. Will need to have a town meeting and ordinance to join that – she is preparing a background sheet for that so we can circulate.
7.	<p><u>Housing Route 7</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COG has selected the testing company, will do phase 1, 2 and maybe 3 – both soil and water and come up with some remediation strategies
8.	<p><u>Planning & Zoning Regulations Revision</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unanimous vote by Planning & Zoning Commission to do small but significant change to buildable lot – non square building lot
9.	<p><u>Tax Refund Request</u> 6 tax refund requests received</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Gordon Ridgway – Made motion to grant 6 tax refund requests Jennnifer Markow – Seconded the motion Discussion – none Motion passed unanimously</p>
Addition #1	<p><u>Main Street Program</u> First Selectman Gordon Ridgway shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COG program – improve main street areas – working with Rista from COG to come up with a template to improve “downtown” areas , Cornwall Bridge and West Cornwall – Rocco Botto can be liaison for this program
10.	<p><u>Public Comment</u> 2 public comments received</p>
	<p><u>Adjournment:</u> 8:01 pm Respectfully Submitted: Jane Hall, Administrative Assistant</p>