

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008  
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

**MINUTES**

Present: First Selectman J. Shingleton, Deputy First Selectman F. Monnes, R. Newton,  
A. Waters, D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Captain R. Nelson, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Town Engineer J. Mazurek, Human Resources Director T. Roohr, Public and Press

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectman Shingleton called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

First Selectman Shingleton added the following items to the agenda:

Under Appointments:

#6. Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee

1. Tom Madden, Chairman
2. Nick Demetriedes
3. Laurene McEntire
4. Julius Neto
5. Jon Beatty
6. Lu Landis
7. Eric Rennie
8. Karen Beaulieu

#7. Planning and Zoning

1. Joseph Garofalo, Alternate Member, Term expires December 2009

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as amended.

**C. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

First Selectman Shingleton reported that while we review the operations of the Police Department the Chief of Police will be on paid administrative leave and receive full benefits until further notice. We will determine the next steps after we complete our review.

**D. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. S. Muller, Coles Road – Strongly voiced her opposition that the Chief of Police being placed on paid administrative leave.
2. R. Cassella, Main Street –Felt that putting the Chief of Police on administrative leave wasn't a good decision.

3. C. Epstein, Crest Drive –Supported the Chief of Police and asked for a speedy resolution to this event.
4. M. Terry, Main Street –Supported the Cromwell Police Department, Fire Department and the Town Employees.
5. D. McGuiness, West Street Terrace – Supported the Cromwell Police Department and the Chief of Police.
6. J. Neto, Cannata Drive –Spoke to the Board of Selectmen, asking them to make a fair and equitable decision and be above the political landscape regarding the Chief’s suspension. He spoke in favor of the Chief and asked the board to stick with the process get the facts regarding this issue.
7. P. Keithan, Iron Gate Lane – Thinks that the issue regarding the Police Department has been blown out of proportion. Mr. Keithan doesn’t see anything wrong with the police department or anyone that is on it and would like the matter squared away as soon as possible.
8. A. Spotts, Black Haw Drive –Spoke in support of the Chief of Police.
9. B. Jahn, Woodside Road –Spoke about the bond issue specifically the proposed park near the river.
10. B. Yeski, Chelsea Drive –Believes in change and following the process.
11. S. Stachura, Geer Street –Spoke about the Bond issue, specifically the Nooks Hill Road portion. Spoke in support of the Chief of Police and the Captain.
12. D. DiMauro, Cambridge Drive –Stated that she hopes that the Board of Selectmen close Cocktails on the Green. Commended the Chief and Captain and the entire force for everything that they have done to try and stop anything bad from happening.
13. T. J. Liston, States Attorney for the Judicial District of Middlesex-Spoke in support of the Chief of Police and the Cromwell Police Department.

#### **E. STAFF AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS**

1. Economic Development Report  
Written report submitted.
2. Public Works
  - a. Disaster Debris Management Plan  
Emergency Program Manager F. Curtin presented the plan.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve the Disaster Debris Management Plan.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, R. Waters, M. Johnson  
D. Murphy was not present and did not vote.

#### **F. FINANCIAL**

1. Budget Report  
Finance Director Sylvester presented the budget reports. No action necessary.
2. Tax Refunds
  - a. Overpayment
    1. Robert Thompson -\$95.26
    2. Joao Pedro & Viola Fernandes -\$1,736.63

3. Reginald O. Jannelli -\$90.85
4. James Cavanaugh -\$181.70
- b. Sold/Moved
  1. Marion C. Driscoll -\$6.29
  2. Elaine A. Ostergren -\$7.01
- c. Assessor Adjusted Value/Wrong Tax Town
  1. Gregory Bezz -\$7.78
  2. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$388.88

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve tax refunds a, b and c.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, R. Waters, M. Johnson

D. Murphy was not present and did not vote.

3. Authorize release of cash maintenance bond in the amount of \$18,000 for Smith Farm Road.

**Motion** made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton to authorize release of cash maintenance bond in the amount of \$18,000 for Smith Farm Road.

Selectman R. Waters question if the road has received the second coat. Town Engineer J. Mazurek stated that he believed that the road was completed to the satisfaction of the town.

**Motion** made by R. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried to table*.

4. To consider and take action on one or more proposals with respect to an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to improvements to various Town infrastructure and facilities, contemplated to include, but not limited to, road reconstruction, widening and drainage improvements, sidewalk installation, storm drainage improvements, revitalization improvements including but not limited to expansion of parking, improvements and enhancements to existing sidewalks, crosswalks and lighting, and landscaping, land and easement acquisitions related to the Town infrastructure and facilities improvements, recreational facilities improvements including field conditioning, regrading and irrigation improvements and creation of a waterfront recreation area, and a feasibility study for construction of athletic facilities and related appurtenances for use by the Cromwell High School football team and for other recreational and athletic uses; to call a special town meeting to consider and act upon a resolution or resolutions with respect to such proposals; to designate such resolution or resolutions for submission to the voters of the Town at referendum; and related matters.
  - a. Nooks Hill Road Improvements.
  - b. Various Town Infrastructure & Facilities Improvements.
  - c. Various Recreational and Athletic Facilities Renovations and Improvements.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve above resolution for items a, b and c, send it to the Board of Finance for their recommendation and authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Special Town Meeting and Referendum.

5. To consider and take action on one or more proposals with respect to an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to renovations and improvements to Edna C. Stevens Elementary School, Cromwell Middle School and Cromwell High School; to call a special town meeting to consider and act upon a resolution or resolutions with respect to such proposals; to designate such resolution or resolutions for submission to the voters of the Town at referendum; and related matters.
  - a. Roof replacement, asbestos removal and general renovations.
  - b. Security and Safety issues and general site renovations.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve above resolution for items a and b, send it to the Board of Finance for their recommendation and authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Special Town Meeting and Referendum.

6. Approve request from Officer John Cunningham for Educational Assistance for the Spring 2008 semester in the amount of \$1,000.
7. Approve request from Captain Roy Nelson for Educational Assistance for Spring 2008 semester in the amount of \$571.00 plus \$89.50 for cost of books.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve requests for Educational Assistance #6 and #7.

#### **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Various Personnel Matters for review and possible approval.
  - a. Job Description for new Development Compliance and Zoning Enforcement Officer position, approved in budget for January 2008 start. –Tabled

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

M. Johnson stated that he doesn't think that an additional position is needed at this time since the construction industry is slowing down. Another reason for not needing the position is the re-organization of the Public Works Department.

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency Chairman J. Beatty spoke in favor of approving the job description.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve the Job Description for new Development Compliance and Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, R. Waters

Nay: D. Murphy, M. Johnson

*Motion carried*

- b. Approval of recently revised Job Descriptions. –Tabled

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

The only change in the job description is that the positions will report to the Director of Developmental Services.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the recently revised Job Descriptions.

**Motion** made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the Director of Developmental Services job description.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Change location of polling place to Cromwell High School.

Board of Education representative R. Mandeville presented the request to the board on behalf of the Board of Education. The consensus of the Board of Education is that the High School would be a safer environment for use as a polling place. Police Detective K. Vandersloot stated that a report done by the Police Department recommended that Cromwell High School Gymnasium would be the best place to hold elections due to the separate entrance and easy access from the parking lot.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve changing the location of the polling place to Cromwell High School.

2. Set dates and times for Budget Workshop Meetings.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A Waters and *unanimously carried* to set March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> (and the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 p.m. if necessary) at 7:00 p.m. for Budget Workshop Meetings.

3. Appoint American Legion Carlson-Sjovall Post 105 as Agent of the Town for Memorial Day Exercises and Parade.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to appoint American Legion Carlson-Sjovall Post 105 as Agent of the town for Memorial Day Exercises and Parade.

4. Approve awarding bid to Northern Tree Services for Arboricultural Services and authorize First Selectman to sign Contract with Northern Tree Services.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by M. Johnson to approve awarding bid to Northern Tree Services for Arboricultural Services and authorize First Selectman to sign Contract with Northern Tree Services.

After a brief discussion,

**Motion** made by R. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to table.  
*Tabled*

## **I. RESIGNATIONS**

1. Hearing Officer

a. Michael J. Camilleri

2. Youth Advisory Board

a. Dee Padwater

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to accept resignations 1 & 2 with regret.

## **J. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Zoning Board of Appeals

a. Al Spotts, Alternate -tabled

2. Conservation Commission

- a. Ernie Pandolfe -tabled
- Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to remove 1 & 2 from the table.
3. Cromwell Youth Services Advisory Board
    - a. Karen Ireland, Consumer
    - b. Ernest Pandolfe, Student Representative
    - c. Pamela Grande, Consumer
  4. Library Commission
    - a. Martha Rennie, reappointment, term expires February 2012
    - b. Al Spotts, reappointment, term expires February 2012
    - c. Margaret Colella, reappointment, term expires February 2012
  5. Code of Ethics Sub-Committee
    - a. Matt Ruske, term expires December 2009
  6. Plan of Conservation and Development Implementation Committee
    1. Tom Madden, Chairman
    2. Nick Demetriedes
    3. Laurene McEntire
    4. Julius Neto
    5. Jon Beatty
    6. Lu Landis
    7. Eric Rennie
    8. Karen Beaulieu
  7. Planning and Zoning
    1. Joseph Garofalo, Alternate Member, Term expires December 2009

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 1 – 7.

#### **K. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, January 9, 2008  
**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of January 9, 2008.
2. Special Meeting, January 18, 2008  
**Motion** made by F. Monnes seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of January 18, 2008.
3. Special Meeting, January 23, 2008  
**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of January 23, 2008.
4. Special Meeting, February 6, 2008  
**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve the minutes of February 6, 2008.  
Aye: J. Shingleton, R. Newton, A. Waters, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, R. Waters  
Abstained: M. Johnson (absent from this meeting)

**M. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS**

A. Waters –Economic Development Commission

R. Newton –Conservation Commission

F. Monnes –Fire Commission, Senior Advisory Board and Library Commission

D. Murphy – Inland Wetlands and Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority

R. Waters –Planning and Zoning Commission

M. Johnson –Economic Development Commission and Upper House Historical Society

**N. GOOD AND WELFARE**

None

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Jeremy Shingleton  
First Selectman