

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

Absent: M. Johnson

Also Present: Public and Press

- A. First Selectman Shingleton called the Public Hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.
- B. The Public Hearing Legal Notice was read into the record:

TOWN OF CROMWELL
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR OWNERS OF HYBRID PASSENGER CARS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008, 6:00 P.M.

Cromwell, CT-Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cromwell will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT, Room 224/5 to amend the Code of the Town of Cromwell by adding Article VII, Chapters 211-29, 211-30 and 211-31. The purpose of the amendment is to promote increased use of hybrid passenger cars by providing a property tax exemption to owners of such vehicles.

A copy of the entire proposal is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Jeremy Shingleton, First Selectman
For the Board of Selectmen

- C. First Selectman Shingleton opened the meeting for Public Comments.
 - 1. Brian Garcia, Upper Heatherwood, Co-Chair Cromwell Clean Energy Task Force -Spoke in favor of the Tax Exemption. Mr. Garcia stated that it is an important initiative because it helps provide another opportunity for individuals to take action to make our Country more energy independent.
 - 2. Peter Keithan, Iron Gate Lane -Opposed to giving a tax break for this cause would rather see Senior Citizens receive tax breaks.
 - 3. Jack Henehan, Crest Drive - Agreed with Mr. Keithan. Mr. Henehan would rather see the seniors or veterans receive tax breaks.
 - 4. Jude O'Connor, Copper Knoll Lane -In favor of giving people a tax break with the stipulation that the vehicle gets 35 Or 40 miles per gallon.

5. Al Spotts, Black Haw Drive -Opposed to giving a tax break for Hybrid cars.
 6. Al Nitkowski, Smith Farm Road - In favor of the tax break.
 7. Dick Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace -Opposed to giving a tax break for Hybrid cars.
 8. Michael Weidler, Main Street - In favor of granting the tax break but recommended that a sunset clause should be included in the proposal.
- D. First Selectman Shingleton called the Public Hearing closed at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary