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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

CROMWELL, CONN.

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

Gloria Prudegast, Asst.
TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. To consider and take action with respect to an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to improvements to various Town infrastructure, including road and storm drainage improvements and police communications system infrastructure improvements; to call a special town meeting to consider and act upon a resolution with respect to such proposal; to designate such resolution for submission to the voters of the Town at referendum; and related matters.

2. To consider and take action with respect to an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to new construction, expansion, renovations and improvements of Town facilities, including renovations, improvements and construction of additions to the Cromwell Belden Public Library and construction of a new senior center; to call a special town meeting to consider and act upon a resolution with respect to such proposal; to designate such resolution for submission to the voters of the Town at referendum; and related matters.

D. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTIONS OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN
(February 25, 2010)

Item __. Road, Drainage and Police Communications System Infrastructure Improvements Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Cromwell appropriate \$4,270,000, and authorize the issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation, for costs related to improvements to various Town infrastructure, contemplated to include, but not limited to: (1) road and storm drainage improvements in the Iron Gate Estates area and on New Lane, consistent with the Town's 2004 Pavement Management Study, (2) police communications system infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to acquisition and installation of fixed equipment, wireless broadband, software, field units and console and dispatch center equipment, and (3) to the extent of available appropriation after completion of the road and storm drainage improvements and police communications system infrastructure improvements described in (1) and (2) preceding, design and/or construction and installation of such other road and drainage improvements as the Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer jointly may select following consultation with the Board of Selectmen, consistent with the Town's 2004 Pavement Management Study. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction and installation costs, equipment, furnishings, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, consultants, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer shall be jointly authorized, following consultation with the Board of Selectmen, to determine from time-to-time the scope and particulars of the road and drainage projects, to delete in their entirety components of the project, and to reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified. The Chief of Police shall be authorized, following consultation with the Board of Selectmen, to determine from time-to-time the scope and particulars of the police communications system project, to delete in their entirety components of the project, and to reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen hereby refers the above recommendations to the Board of Finance for its consideration.

FURTHER, RESOLVED, That, contingent on the approval by the Board of Finance of the above recommendations, the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes the First Selectman to call a special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Cromwell, Connecticut, to be held in the Cromwell Middle School auditorium on Mann Memorial Drive, in Cromwell, Connecticut, on _____ day, _____, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to consider and act upon said resolution with respect to the above recommendations.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen hereby designates said resolution for submission to the voters at referendum to be held on _____ day, _____, 2010 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following headings, respectively:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF CROMWELL APPROPRIATE \$4,270,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD, DRAINAGE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

Voters approving the resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution shall vote “No”. Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote in the Cromwell High School gymnasium on Donald Harris Drive, in Cromwell, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

OPTIONAL: FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to prepare and to cause to be printed and distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, an explanatory text with respect to the aforesaid question to be submitted to the voters pursuant to Section 7-7 of said General Statutes; and the First Selectman, in his discretion, is authorized to prepare and distribute such additional explanatory materials with respect to such question as are permitted in accordance with said Section 9-369b.

Item __. Library Expansion and Renovation and New Senior Center Construction Project

RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Cromwell appropriate \$8,500,000, and authorize the issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation, for costs related to new construction, expansion, renovations and improvements of Town facilities, contemplated to consist of: (1) renovations, improvements and construction of an estimated 7,529 square feet of additions to the Cromwell Belden Public Library contemplated to be completed substantially as set out in preliminary plans entitled "Cromwell Belden Library Renovation, Cromwell, CT" prepared by Schoenhardt Architecture + Interior Design and dated October 22, 2009; and (2) construction of an estimated 14,841 square foot new senior center to be located in Watrous Park and contemplated to be completed substantially as set out in preliminary plans entitled "A Feasibility Study for a New Senior Center for the Town of Cromwell" prepared by Quisenberry Arcari Architects, LLC and dated September 14, 2009. The Town anticipates receiving State grants in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000 to defray in part the portion of the appropriation to be expended on the library renovations, improvements and additions project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized for the projects shall be reduced by the amount of grants received for the projects and applied to defray the project appropriation. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction and installation costs, equipment, furnishings, furniture, materials, site improvements, relocation costs, consultants, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The Board of Selectmen, or any building committee or committees created by the Board of Selectmen from time-to-time with respect to one or both of the projects, shall be authorized to determine from time-to-time the scope and particulars of the projects, and to reduce or modify the scope of the projects; and the entire appropriation may be spent on the projects as so reduced or modified.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen hereby designates said resolution for submission to the voters at referendum to be held on _____ day, _____, 2010 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The resolution shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following headings, respectively:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF CROMWELL APPROPRIATE \$8,500,000 FOR THE LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION AND NEW SENIOR CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

Voters approving the resolution will vote “Yes” and those opposing said resolution shall vote “No”. Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors shall vote in the Cromwell High School gymnasium on Donald Harris Drive, in Cromwell, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

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