

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2010
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5

MINUTES

Present: First Selectman J. Flanders, Deputy First Selectman R. Newton,
A. Varricchio, A. Waters, A. Spotts, P. Ahlquist

Absent: A. Halibozek

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester,
Public Works Director E. Hood, Asst. Tax Collector K. Larson, Director
of Recreation S. Schein, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. B. Jahn, Woodside Road -Asked the board to reach a decision regarding the EDC Coordinator. Requested that the street address be provided for G1.
2. A. Kelly, Chairman P&Z Zoning Regs Committee-Spoke regarding a request from P&Z to hire a Special Attorney.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters to add Discussion and action to approve P&Z hiring a Special Attorney.
After a short discussion the motion and second were withdrawn. This item will be placed on the December agenda.
3. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road-Spoke regarding the lack of maintenance at Frisbee Landing Park.
4. P. Keithan, Irongate Lane-Agreed with Ms. Kelly regarding the poor maintenance at Frisbee Landing Park. Spoke in favor of F2 & F4.
5. D. Painchaud, Senator Drive -Spoke in opposition to M2.
6. S. Petrella, Wexford Lane -Spoke in favor of M2.
7. R. Waters, South Street-Spoke regarding several issues including the ball fields at Pierson Park, Cromwell Landing, Northbrook Estates poor road conditions and the Cobblestone Developer. Spoke in favor of G6 and hiring Craig Stevenson as the EDC Coordinator.
8. M. Johnson, Pleasant Street- Stated that the town crew does a professional job cutting the lawn on Valor Green. We need to attract businesses to town that make things. Spoke against town employees.
9. R. Waters, South Street-disagreed with Mr. Johnson regarding town employees.

D. STAFF REPORTS

First Selectman Flanders presented a Staff Report on behalf of Community Development Director J. Mazurek.

- Cider Hill Roads have been completed.
- Northbrook Roads are not acceptable.
- Cobblestone Developer and contactor have reached an agreement. Work will resume next week.
- 6th light pole on Main Street Project went in this week. Next two will be put in next week.
- New Flag Pole was installed.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

- a. Paulette A. or Kenneth E. Caruso -\$5.82
- b. Arthur or Phyllis Burnus -\$187.73
- c. Daniel Champ -\$14.17
- d. Jeffery W. or Joan P. Haugen -\$12.34
- e. Gregory M. Griffin -\$12.87
- f. Raymond R. Rodrigue -\$27.63
- g. LaSacare LLC -\$564.29

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds a - g.

2. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the monthly budget reports.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Authorize First Selectman to contract for legal services - Tabled.

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

First Selectman Flanders *withdrew his motion* from the previous meeting.

2. Discussion and action on Capital/Non-Recurring Fund 2010/11 requests.

2. Highway Department

- a. 40,000 lb. Dump Truck w/plow and Sander \$175,000 -Tabled

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

Public Works Director Hood presented the request. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the immediate need for the truck and different options that could be explored.

After a lengthy discussion the **motion** from the previous meeting *unanimously carried* to approve the 40,000 lb. Dump Truck /plow and Sander \$175,000.

3. Discussion and possible action to hire Economic Development Consultant. First Selectman Flanders proposed that Mr. Vose be hired.

Motion made by A. Varricchio to hire Mr. Vose.

No second received.

A lengthy discussion followed.

First Selectman Flanders recommended hiring Craig Stevenson for the remainder of this fiscal year with an option to renew for an additional year.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to appoint Craig Stevenson as our Economic Development Coordinator for the remainder of this fiscal year at which time we will assess an option to continue him for another year at this board's pleasure.

4. Appropriate \$34,000 within the CNR Fund for the purchase of a Pick-Up Truck with Plow for the Highway Division.-Tabled

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

Public Works Director Hood presented the request.

Motion made at the previous meeting *unanimously carried* to appropriate \$34,000 within the CNR Fund for the purchase of a Pick-Up Truck with Plow for the Highway Division

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize Town of Cromwell to accept Main Street deed in lieu of foreclosure and authorize payment of \$2,318.60 to Attorney John Watts for legal fees on the above property.

a. Authorize payment of \$2,318.60 to Attorney John Watts for legal fees on the above property.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the Town of Cromwell to accept Main Street deed in lieu of foreclosure and authorize payment of \$2,318.60 to Attorney John Watts for legal fees on the above property.

b. Approve abatement of back taxes in the amount of \$5,590.49.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve abatement of back taxes in the amount of \$5,590.49.

2. Approve request from H & C Developers for street name of Leghorn Lane for the Woodside Estates Subdivision located off of Woodside Road.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve request from H & C Developers for street name of Leghorn Lane for the Woodside Estates Subdivision located off of Woodside Road.

3. Approve request from H&C Developers for a full refund of the second application fee paid for the above eight lot subdivision. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen at their October 19, 2010 meeting to waive the second application fee.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve request from H&C Developers for a full refund of the second application fee paid for the above eight lot subdivision. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended to the Board of Selectmen at their October 19, 2010 meeting to waive the second application fee.

4. Discussion and possible action on request from John Whitney to reduce or waive Wetlands fee.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve request from John Whitney, 76 Nooks Hill Road, to reduce Wetlands fee to \$168.75.

First Selectman Flanders called for a 5 minutes recess at 9:05 p.m.
Meeting was called back to order at 9:10 p.m.

5. Discussion and possible action on proposed resolution of Spur Road at Newbury Estates.

Attorney Salvatore Petrella spoke on behalf of H & C Developers LLC.
Discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to direct First Selectman to support this effort in a proper manner and approve request to waive application fees.

6. Discussion P/A System for Room 224/5.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve request to replace P/A System for Room 224/5 for the amount of \$3156.00. Finance Director Sylvester stated that there are sufficient funds in the Building Maintenance budget to cover the expense at this time.

7. Discussion and possible action to allow the Recreation Department to accept the low quote for Gym Floor Resurfacing.

Recreation Director S. Schein presented the request.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to allow the Recreation Department to accept the low quote for Gym Floor Resurfacing.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, October 13, 2010

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of October 13, 2010 as corrected.

1. Selectman Spotts would like his name corrected to show Allan Spotts.

2. Executive Session (FI) should include that L. Labbadia and Union Representative Dave Hebert attended the Executive Session.

3. Executive Session (F1) Motion should read; Motion made by D. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek and unanimously carried to find in favor of the grievant in that her proposed solution of an arm patch should prevail.
4. Executive Session (G2) Selectman Varricchio recused himself from Executive Session.
5. Executive Session (G2) Attorney Bradley was invited into Executive Session.

2. Special Meeting, November 5, 2010

Motion made by P. Ahlquist seconded by A. Varricchio and *carried* to approve the minutes of November 5, 2010.

Aye: J. Flanders, A. Varricchio, P. Ahlquist

Abstained (not present): R. Newton, A. Waters, A. Spotts

Motion carried

I. FIRST SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

None

J. GOOD & WELFARE

R. Newton -Spoke regarding the lack of maintenance; On the East Side of Main Street, weeds are coming out of the bricks.

A. Waters -Working with AT&T regarding high speed internet for GKN. First Selectman Flanders stated he communicated with the Area Vice-President of Comcast to see what they can do to help.

A. Spotts -Asked if the Town Web-page is done. It is still very difficult to negotiate around it; are we still in fix-it mode as it is the front door to the Town of Cromwell. A lot of time you get locked out.

P. Ahlquist-Receiving concerns about Nooks Hills Road getting tidied up. Asked who is responsible for overseeing the safety of road projects in town.

K. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Varricchio -Planning and Zoning Commission

J. Flanders -Board of Finance

R. Newton -Mid State Regional Planning Authority & CWPCA

A. Waters -Economic Development Commission

A. Spotts -Board of Education

L. RESIGNATIONS

1. Committee to Support People with Disabilities

a. Barbara Kuznesof-Knee

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to accept the resignation with regret.

M. APPOINTMENTS

1. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. John Whitney, Alternate, Term expires 1/2014
2. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. Jonathan Beatty, Re-appointment Regular Member, Term expires 12/2014

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve 1 & 2.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

John M. Flanders
First Selectman