

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 11, 2010
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5
CORRECTED MINUTES (ADDED E.2 IN BOLD)

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

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Town Clerk D. DiProto, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director Community Services J. Mazurek, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Flanders called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio to approve the agenda.

First Selectman Flanders added F8. Resolution of thanks for Betty Gaulton's many years of service to the town.

Selectman Halibozek added F9. Discuss inspection responsibilities in regard to developments in the town.

Selectman Waters added E4. Status of GKN.

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

Main Motion unanimously carried.

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. H. Zalewski, Geer Street - Against item Lb.
2. A. Thomas, Cedar Lane Court -Gave an update regarding the Dog Park Committee's progress, thanked the First Selectman for obtaining mediation for the repair of Cromwell Hills Drive and requested an update regarding 30 Berlin Road.
3. F. Seidel, Cross Street -Asked that his name be considered for appointment to the Charter Revision Commission.
4. **Staff Report** regarding several road projects was given by Community Development Director J. Mazurek. Mr. Mazurek also clarified statements and addressed accusations that were made during the Cider Hill Information Meeting that was held the previous week. Discussion followed regarding the report.
5. Budget Report was given by Finance Director M. Sylvester. Discussion followed.

D. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

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| a. Richard S. or Candace E. Uliano -\$225.68 | b. Ronald J. Wasserman -\$18.81 |
| c. CAB East LLC -\$289.26 | d. Michael R. Francoeur -\$6.44 |
| e. Cromwell Square Liquors -\$14.31 | f. Earl F. or Alice M. Lassen -\$339.99 |
| g. Richard S. Uliano -\$170.98 | h. Gary A. Kelly -\$19.94 |
| i. Brandon Ireton -\$32.57 | j. Robert or Dorothy Bernier -\$144.92 |
| k. DCFS Trust -\$260.63 | l. Christopher J. Mason -\$20.76 |
| m. DCFS Trust -\$91.36 | n. Armand A. or Sherry M. Menard -\$21.94 |
| o. Helen C. Liistro -\$37.98 | p. John Lomartra -\$16.33 |
| q. Roy J. Rowland -\$29.82 | r. Michael J. Harrington -\$19.94 |
| s. Peter J. Stoker -\$41.10 | t. GMAC -\$157.48 |
| u. GMAC -\$247.64 | v. Evelyn M. Stross -\$74.64 |
| w. Brian C. Cota -\$15.27 | x. Daniel Lapin -\$1,150.00 |
| y. Raymond & Gail Gill -\$84.18 | z. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$519.47 |
| aa. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$129.89 | bb. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$111.50 |
| cc. Steven M. Libera -\$8.65 | dd. Kathryn K. Or Gary M. Nenninger -\$14.25 |
| ee. CT Law Group -\$1,738.30 | ff. CT Law Group -\$116.58 Fire Dist |

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

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Spur Road in Newbury Estates by the Town of Cromwell. -Tabled
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.

Motion from previous meeting to accept Spur Road *unanimously failed*.

2. Authorization to establish a special revenue fund dedicated for communication improvements for the police department to be funded by the revenue generated from the tower site. -Tabled

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

Chief Salvatore and Finance Director Sylvester presented the request. A lengthy discussion followed regarding creating a special fund for the communications improvements. **A. Halibozek felt that funding could be obtained in other ways. Ms. Halibozek did not like the approach because it felt like it was going behind the backs of the voters that rejected this at Referendum.**

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to set a sunset date of five years for this fund at which time the board of selectmen seated at that time has to review and reauthorize.

Main Motion carried

Aye: A. Varricchio, J. Flanders, R. Newton, A. Waters, A. Spotts, P. Ahlquist

Nay: A. Halibozek

3. Appoint a Charter Revision Committee. -Tabled

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

The consensus of the board was that each member chooses five names from the list of candidates:

A. Halibozek: J. Polke, M. Salamacha, R. Duffy, S. Bayley, F. Seidl
A. Varricchio: J. Polke, L. Worden, C. Banic, F. Seidel, R. Duffy
J. Flanders: J. Polke, L. Worden, R. Duffy, R. Donahue, F. Seidl
R. Newton: J. Polke, C. Banic, R. Duffy, S. Bayley, F. Seidl
A. Waters: R. Donahue, J. Polke, R. Duffy, F. Seidl, M. Salamacha
A. Spotts: R. Donahue, J. Polke, M. Salamacha, C. Banic, F. Seidel
P. Ahlquist: R. Donahue, J. Polke, M. Salamacha, C. Banic, F. Seidel

J. Polke	7 votes
M. Salamacha	4 votes
R. Duffy	5 votes
S. Bayley	2 votes
F. Seidl	7 votes
L. Worden	2 votes
R. Donahue	4 votes
C. Banic	4 votes

J. Polke, F. Seidl and R. Duffy selected for appointment to the Charter Revision Commission from the first round of votes.

The consensus of the board was that each member should now choose two names:

A. Halibozek: M. Salamacha, C. Banic
A. Varricchio: C. Banic, R. Donahue
J. Flanders: L. Worden, C. Banic
R. Newton: R. Donahue, C. Banic
A. Waters: R. Donahue, C. Banic
A. Spotts: R. Donahue, M. Salamacha
P. Ahlquist: R. Donahue, M. Salamacha

M. Salamacha	3 votes
C. Banic	5 votes
R. Donahue	5 votes
L. Worden	1 vote

C. Banic and R. Donahue were selected for appointment to the Charter Revision Commission on the second round of votes.

Charter Revision Commission

1. Ed Maley Appointed July 14, 2010
2. Enzo Faienza Appointed July 14, 2010
3. Jay Polke Appointed August 11, 2010

- 4. Richard Duffy Appointed August 11, 2010
- 5. Frank Seidel Appointed August 11, 2010
- 6. Robert Donahue Appointed August 11, 2010
- 7. Carl Banic Appointed August 11, 2010

4. Update GKN

First Selectman Flanders advised that several options were being considered to obtain high speed internet to the GKN facilities.

F. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approve Tax Collector's request to hire Michael Serrantino as a part time/seasonal tax office worker.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve hiring Michael Serrantino as a part time/seasonal tax office worker.

- 2. Approve Town Clerk's request to hire Lori Caracoglia to replace part time position.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *carried* to approve hiring Lori Caracoglia to replace part time position in the Town Clerk's Office.

Aye: A. Halibozek, A. Varricchio, J. Flanders, R. Newton, A. Waters, A. Spotts
 Abstained: P. Ahlquist

- 3. Authorize First Selectman to sign agreement with Benner Associates to mediate road repair of Cromwell Hill's Drive.

First Selectman Flanders impressed on the board that the town's only participation was to cover the cost to mediate a resolution of road repair to Cromwell Hill's Drive, which is a private road. Discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by P. Ahlquist and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign agreement with Benner Associates to mediate road repair of Cromwell Hill's Drive.

- 4. Approve bid waiver for Inspector for Iron Gate Lane project.

Community Services Director J. Mazurek presented the request.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve bid waiver for Inspector for Iron Gate Lane project.

R. Newton stated that the next time inspection services are needed the town should put the project out to bid so other companies would be given an opportunity to bid on future town projects.

- 5. Reconsider request to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the CNR Fund fund balance.

First Selectman Flanders stated that the information given may not have been clear as presented and asked the board to reconsider the previous vote that had failed. Since the former Board of Selectmen approved applying and accepting the Incentive Housing Grant this request is to put the funds in place.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Halibozek and *carried* to approve request to transfer \$20,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the CNR Fund fund balance.

Aye: A. Halibozek, J. Flanders, R. Newton, A. Waters, A. Spotts

Nay: A. Varricchio, P. Ahlquist

Motion carried

- a. Appropriate \$20,000 within the CNR fund for reimbursable Incentive Housing Zone Regulations Grant.

Motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to appropriate \$20,000 within the CNR fund for reimbursable Incentive Housing Zone Regulations Grant.

Aye: A. Halibozek, J. Flanders, R. Newton, A. Waters, A. Spotts

Nay: A. Varricchio, P. Ahlquist

Motion carried

6. Discussion and possible action on the Frisbee Wall at River Road.

Community Services Director J. Mazurek presented the request.

Discussion followed.

The consensus of the board was to go forward with the drawings and prepare the bid documents in phases.

No action necessary

7. Discussion and possible action on Emergency Generator Grant Award.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve request to transfer \$143,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the CNR Fund fund balance.

- a. Appropriate \$143,000 within the CNR fund for the Emergency Generator Grant Award.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to appropriate \$143,000 within the CNR fund for the Emergency Generator Grant Award contingent on Capital Expenditure Committee review and Board of Finance approval. Approximately \$46,000 will be reimbursed by the grant.

8. Resolution of thanks for Betty Gaulton for her many years of service to the town.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve resolution of thanks for Betty Gaulton for her many years of service to the town.

9. Discuss inspection responsibilities in regards to developments in the town.

Selectman Halibozek spoke regarding the inspection process. Discussion followed regarding taking steps that would clarify which departments are responsible for the various aspects of each project. The consensus of the board was that changes have to be made to prevent similar problems from occurring in the future.

No action taken

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting July 14, 2010.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve the July 14, 2010 minutes.

H. FIRST SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

First Selectman Flanders updated the board on several issues:

- Requested that the Cromwell Police Department perform an Administrative Investigation of all aspects of the Cider Hill Project.
- Informed the board that he has visited several residents on Cider Hill and is in the process of scheduling additional appointments for both Cider Hill and Capilos Drive residents that are interested in meeting with him.
- Informed the board that five RFP's were received for the EDC coordinators position. Interviews should begin next week or as soon as the interview committee is ready to go. Mr. Flanders is waiting for the Cromwell Chamber Division to find someone that is interested in serving on the panel.

I. GOOD & WELFARE

None

J. COMMISSION REPORTS

None

K. RESIGNATIONS

1. Economic Development Commission

a. Richard Duffy, Alternate

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to accept Mr. Duffy's resignation with regret.

L. APPOINTMENTS

1. Senior Services Commission

a. Mertie Terry

(or)

b. Alice Kelly

Motion made by A. Spotts seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to appoint Mertie Terry to the Senior Services Commission.

Aye: A. Halibozek, A. Varricchio, R. Newton, A. Waters, A. Spotts, P. Ahlquist

Nay: J. Flanders

Motion carried

2. Committee to Support People with Disabilities

a. Pat Sienna, Term expires June 2012

b. Dan Delisle, Term expires June 2011

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the appointment of Pat Sienna and Dan Delisle to the Committee to Support People with Disabilities.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by A. Varricchio 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