

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Flanders called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. R. Waters, South Street -Spoke regarding a resident that parks his heavy equipment on town property next to Watrous Park causing the pavement to break. Mr. Waters also spoke regarding the design of Summit Drive, Employee physicals and Eager Lane.
2. D. Brisson, Nooks Hill Road - Spoke regarding the poor condition of the town parks and a open hole in Pierson Park that presents a safety hazard.
3. R. Jahn, Woodside Road - Suggested that town personnel make sure the gates are closed when done cutting the fields. Inquired if there was a duplicate entry in the Tax Refund requests; item t. was deleted as a result of Mr. Jahn's comment.
4. M. Johnson, Pleasant Street -Spoke regarding various town projects.

D. STAFF REPORTS

None

E. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

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| a. Chase Auto Finance Corp. -\$257.39 | b. CAB East LLC -\$445.64 |
| c. Claudia R. Elfreich -\$13.37 | d. Michael C. Elfreich -\$105.60 |
| e. Michael J. Pinardi -\$67.59 | f. Michael C. Rowland -\$32.27 |
| g. XDF NET LLC -\$139.18 | h. Nnissan Infiniti LT -\$394.94 |
| i. Ryan S. Santiago -\$26.75 | j. Jeanne M. Ryan -\$14.86 |
| k. Ryan T. Ahlquist -\$59.12 | l. David M. Sasinouski -\$234.82 |
| m. Olga Bazhenova -\$61.93 | n. GMAC -\$271.02 |
| o. Douglas M. Paradore -\$34.14 | p. Financial Ser Veh Trust -\$238.25 |
| q. Antonio Santos -\$5.67 | r. Melvin Hathorn -\$25.63 |
| s. Paul E. McFarlin Jr. -\$35.80 | t. Olga Bazhenova -\$61.93 |
| u. Sebastian Carta -\$14.29 | v. Heather Westcott -\$920.88 |
| w. Delores A. James -\$42.05 | x. Stanley E. Schulman -\$134.02 |
| y. Leo E. Day -\$186.62 | z. Bottling Group LLC- \$372.89 |
| aa. Helene & Stanley Schulman -\$113.58 | bb. Nancy C. King -\$11.43 |

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton to approve tax refunds a - bb.

Amended Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to remove item t.

Main Motion carried.

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

Abstained: P. Ahlquist (only on item k)

2. Authorize First Selectman to sign MOA between the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS) and the Town of Cromwell, located in DEMHS Region 3, regarding State Use of Funding Granted by the Department of Homeland Security.

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3. Approve 2009-2010 interdepartmental transfers, as attached to the minutes.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve 2009-2010 interdepartmental transfer as attached.

4. Appropriate \$45,000 within the CNR Fund for the purchase of a replacement SUV for the Police Department.

A short discussion followed. Mr. Waters asked who we would get insurance money from to purchase another vehicle since the Fire District has the same insurance carrier. Chief Salvatore stated that the insurance company would reimburse the town approximately \$36,000 for the cost of the vehicle and the contents. It looks like the total replacement cost will be in-between \$6,000 and \$7,000 that the insurance company won't cover. First Selectman Flanders stated that he would look into going after the construction company for funds that the insurance company doesn't cover if that is the board's wish. Ms. Halibozek inquired how old the pipes were and what the projected life of the pipes would be. Mr. Newton stated that they are asbestos pipes and he felt that the insurance company would go after the construction company to recoup their costs. Ms. Halibozek would like the town to see if the insurance company is successful and if so, the town should attempt to recoup its losses as well.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to appropriate \$45,000 within the CNR Fund for the purchase of a replacement SUV for the Police Department.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Grievance Step 3 (possible Executive Session)
 - a. Lori Labbadia, Records Clerk Cromwell Police Department

A short discussion followed as to whether the grievance should be heard by the Police Commission or the Board of Selectmen. P. Ahlquist made a point of order as to the procedure and timeliness of each step of the grievance.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to table until the October Meeting.

2. Approve request for Educational Assistance from Officer Matthew McCarter for the Fall 2010 session -\$1,000.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve request for Educational Assistance from Officer Matthew McCarter for the Fall 2010 session -\$1,000.

3. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract for EDC ~~Coordinator~~ Consultant.

Motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by A. Varricchio to authorize First Selectman to sign contract for EDC Consultant.

First Selectman Flanders brought the name of Jeffrey Vose forward.

Discussion followed. The consensus of the board is that they would like to review the resume of the other second round finalist before a decision is made.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to table.

4. Discussion and adoption of recommendations for Charter Revision.

Discussion followed regarding the suggestions that J. Flanders and A. Halibozek provided to the board (attached). The consensus of the board was to hold a special meeting on September 15th to give the remaining board members an opportunity to bring forth their suggestions.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, August 11, 2010

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of August 11, 2010 with the addition under discussion E. #2; 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.

I. FIRST SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

None

J. GOOD & WELFARE

A. Halibozek -Requested that Public Works Director Hood attend the October Meeting. Ms. Halibozek appreciates the residents who come out and report on the condition of the parks. Ms. Halibozek reported that she requested Mr. Curtin to provide an update on the Branciforte situation behind the old Sav Mor building on Main Street for the September I/W meeting. Mr. Curtin did not provide the update

to I/W but advised Ms. Halibozek by e-mail that Mr. Branciforte owes \$25,000 plus legal fees; Ms. Halibozek asked why this just fell beside the wayside and stated that the town needs a better process to keep track of the legal process.

A. Varricchio -Relayed that P&Z is getting heat for who is responsible for inspections. Mr. Varricchio hopes that the information could be given to P&Z.

A. Waters - Inquired if a wall would be constructed at the back of Stocking Triangle. Requested an update regarding if payment was received for town services for the Music Festival program that was held at Riverfront Park. Mr. Waters stated for the record that the board should have been informed of the status. Mr. Waters also requested that Mr. Dayharsh clean up that trash that was left on the Main Street property. Mr. Waters stated that Stocking Triangle looks very nice.

R. Newton is concerned because the board isn't aware of who is suing the town and where the law suits stand. He would like to see a list every six months or so on where the town stands on legal matters.

A. Spotts - Would like to see Department Heads attend more Board of Selectmen's meetings. Is there a completion date for Stocking Triangle? Is someone going to clean up the trash behind Stocking Triangle? The Chelsea Drive project seems like it is going on forever; is there a completion date?

P. Ahlquist -Requested an update on GKN, Melilli's and Cider Hill. Mr. Ahlquist requested that Department Heads attend Board of Selectmen Meetings on a more frequent basis. Mr. Ahlquist thanked the department heads that do attend the meetings regularly.

M. Camilleri, Board of Education liaison -Reported that the school year is off to a successful start. Mr. Camilleri also reported that the Board of Education will be negotiating with the Teachers Union and Administrators this year.

K. COMMISSION REPORTS

None

L. RESIGNATIONS

None

M. APPOINTMENTS

None

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

John M. Flanders
First Selectman