

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011
TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5 9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

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

Absent: A. Spotts

Also Present: Finance Director M. Sylvester, Staff Accountant J. Murphy, Human
Resources Director T. Roohr, Assessor S. Baron, Recreation Director S.
Schein, Library Director E. Branciforte, Senior/Human Services Director
T. Strong, Public and Press.

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Flanders called the Budget Workshop to order at 9:04 a.m.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action for Supplemental Appropriation of \$3,600 for
replacement of Fleet Vehicles.

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously
carried* to approve Supplemental Appropriation of \$3,600 from General
Fund/Fund Balance for replacement of Fleet Vehicles.

D. BUDGET WORKSHOP

a. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests:

18. Assessor's Office -\$190,902

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters to approve.

Motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by R. Newton to reduce the
Department Expense Line to \$5,420.

Discussion followed

Aye: A. Halibozek

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

Motion failed

Main Motion to approve \$190,902 *carried*.

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

Nay: A. Halibozek

41. Youth Services -\$95,593

Motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve \$95,593.

42. Recreation Department -\$369,419

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$369,419.

43. Library -\$521,001

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$521,001.

38. Human Services Administration -\$99,187

Motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by P. Ahlquist and *unanimously carried* to approve \$99,187.

39. Senior Services -\$76,486

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$76,486.

40. Transportation Service -\$102,070

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$102,070.

1. First Selectman -\$255,063

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

Amended Motion made by A. Halibozek to reduce the First Selectman's salary to \$74,084 from \$76,664, which was the wage before the last salary increase. No second received.

Amended Motion made by R. Newton seconded by P. Ahlquist and *carried* to approve reducing the Deputy First Selectman's salary to \$500.00 (-\$250.00).

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

Nay: A. Varricchio

Main Motion *carried* to approve \$254,813.

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

Nay: A. Halibozek

Abstained: J. Flanders

5. Board of Finance -\$30,280

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$30,280.

6. Capital Expenditure Committee -\$90

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$90.

7. Charter Revision Committee -~~\$0~~

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek to approve.

Amended motion made by P. Ahlquist seconded by A. Waters to approve \$250.00 (\$200.00 Part-time wages, \$50.00 Departmental Expenses).

After a short discussion regarding the Charter Revision needing additional funds because of the possibility of starting over and adding a Town Manager form of government to the Charter Revision Draft; P. Ahlquist **amended** his **motion** to increase the amount of the budget to \$500.00 (\$400.00 for Part-time wages and \$100.00 for Departmental expense) seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve the amendment.

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

Nay: A. Varricchio

Main Motion *carried* to approve \$500.00.

The action was taken with the understanding that the \$500.00 is just a place holder and additional funds will have to be added at a later date.

8. Board of Assessment -~~\$1,300~~

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$1,300.

10. Donations & Dues -~~\$37,913~~

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$37,913.

11. Board of Selectmen -~~\$9,384~~

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by P. Ahlquist and *unanimously carried* to approve \$9,384.

12. Legal Expense -~~\$174,072~~

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by P. Ahlquist to approve.

A. Halibozek asked how the Special Counsel line item would be used. J. Flanders stated that he was not sure at this time but requested that \$1.00 be left in the line item as a place holder.

Amended motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by P. Ahlquist and *unanimously carried* leave \$1.00 in the Special Counsel line item (-\$1,999) and approve \$172,073.

13. Central Service -~~\$138,800~~

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by P. Ahlquist and *unanimously carried* to approve \$138,800.

14. Insurance Expense- ~~\$473,000~~

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$473,000.

15. General Expense -\$40,150

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$40,150.

16. Finance Department -\$332,882

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$332,882.

44. Employee Benefits -\$3,101,096

Motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by A. Varricchio *and unanimously carried* to approve \$3,101,096.

45. Bonded Debt -\$3,851,074

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve \$3,851,074.

b. Any other Budget matter.

None

c. Approve Grand Total of General Fund Budget

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by P. Ahlquist and *unanimously carried* to approve \$13,735,748.

Finance Director Sylvester advised that the above total represents a decrease of \$28,997 in the First Selectman's proposed budget, and an increase of 3.05% from 2010/11's budget.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Re Matus
Secretary

John M. Flanders
First Selectman