

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 10, 2011
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM

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Joan Ahlquist
TOWN CLERK

MINUTES

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

Absent: Deputy First Selectman R. Newton

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Human Resources Director T. Roohr,
Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Senior/Human Services Director T. Strong, Public
Works Director E. Hood, Director of Public Health W. Bell, Chairman Charter Revision
Commission E. Faienza, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

First Selectman Flanders added the following items:

Amend E. Financial #1. Tax Refund list by substituting s & t on list (approved at
meeting 7/13/11) with s. Scott J. Rivkin -\$5.85 and t. Michael J. Tracey -\$59.05
Add M. Appointments #5. Veterans Affairs Commission d-h; d. Cathy Hodlin, e.
Ken Caruso, f. Thomas Fazio, g. Brian Hodlin, h. Madeline McDermott

Motion made by A. Halibozek to change G4 Discussion and action to set time and
date for Public Hearing and possibly a Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. No
second received.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to
approve the agenda as amended.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. D. Sienna, Lincoln Street, Cromwell Representative to the Mattabassett -Spoke
regarding the Mattabassett District and was concerned that Cromwell would not
receive the yearly \$100,000 that was promised.
2. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority-Spoke
regarding the Mattabassett stipend Cromwell is supposed to receive and stated
that a large portion should be used to offset the increased costs that
sewer users will receive in years to come. They are the ones that pay for the
Mattabassett.
3. B. Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace -Spoke regarding the Mattabassett District and
the Landlord Ordinance. Ms. Coughlin will speak regarding the Charter Revision
during the Public Hearing that will be held in the future.

4. E. Maley, Shawnee Court -Member of the Charter Revision Commission - Spoke regarding the timing of the Charter Revision and urged the board not to rush the process since the new charter would not take effect until November 2013.
5. D. Phillips, Linda Court - Stated that he is not in favor of a Town Manager form of government.

D. STAFF/COMMISSION/BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Eric Hood presented an update of Public Works Projects.

Discussion followed.

A. Spotts inquired about Northwood Estates since the deadline passed June 30th. Winter is coming and that will present more problems. Mr. Spotts asked if inspections are being done for the various projects. Mr. Hood responded that the developers are required to hire inspectors.

A. Halibozek spoke regarding the culvert projects. She advised Mr. Hood that they are disintegrating on Scott Lane, North Road near the triangle and also on North Road Extension. Ms. Halibozek inquired about the milling project on Coles Road and noted that the State came out and did some borings.

P. Ahlquist inquired if the drainage work has been completed in the Municipal Parking Lot. Mr. Ahlquist also stated that the culvert project should be completed before the beginning of the School year because they are in proximity of the schools. Lastly Mr. Ahlquist requested that Carl Townsley attend a future meeting and give a Transfer Station presentation.

A. Halibozek advised Mr. Hood that people are pleased with the way the Parks are looking.

A. Waters spoke about the P&Z minutes regarding the drainage on 25 Applewood. Mr. Waters also spoke about 1 Crest Drive and stated that is the worst apron he ever saw. Mr. Waters also commented regarding the Dayharsh property on Main Street. Mr. Waters stated that the Parks Department did a good job on the PBA building; it looks good. Lastly, Mr. Waters stated that the resident on 85 South Street said that he called the Public Works Department four times and never received a phone call back.

A. Varricchio spoke about a tree problem on 177 Shunpike Road and stated that the State is connecting the drainage on Kowal Drive.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds (attached to agenda)

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds a-kk.

2. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the budget reports.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action regarding the Mattabassett District Agreement.-tabled
Left on table.

2. Discussion on Riverview Place improvement and acceptance as a Town Road-tabled.

Left on table.

3. Discussion and action on request from Reed Builders LLC, for refund of purchase price for property along North Road from the Town of Cromwell. - tabled

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

Attorney Petrella, representing Reed Builders, gave a presentation to the Board as to why his client is owed some sort of a refund from the Town for the land he purchased.

A. Halibozek recommended that the First Selectman obtain an opinion from the Town Attorney for this issue.

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

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to approve the Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement with the Berlin, Cromwell, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield Police Departments.

Chief Salvatore presented the request.

Motion made by A. Varricchio seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve the Non-Emergency Interagency Agreement with the Berlin, Cromwell, Newington, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield Police Departments.

2. Discussion and action to approve request for a part time Food Service Establishment Inspector position of the CWPCA FOG Program.
CWPCA Chairman A. Kelly and Director of Health Wes Bell presented the request.
Motion made by P. Ahlquist seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve request for a part time Food Service Establishment Inspector position of the CWPCA FOG Program.

Questions were asked regarding if the revenue collected would offset the salary and a suggestion was made to hire a contractor to do the inspections. Ms. Kelly reported that the funds for the position are in place within the Sewer Budget. Human Resources Director T. Roohr stated that if an outside contractor was hired to do the inspections town staff would not have the ability to oversee the position.

A. Halibozek was permitted to ask off-topic questions because Mr. Bell did not give a staff report.

- Ms. Halibozek inquired about the Landlord Ordinance in the case of a duplex or people that just rent rooms. Mr. Bell stated that ordinance is only for absentee landlords. If someone is renting rooms that would fall under the Hotel/Motel ordinance.

- Ms. Halibozek asked if the town treats for mosquitoes since several towns have reported instances of West Nile. Mr. Bell stated that they respond to all complaints.
 - Ms. Halibozek asked for an update regarding the abandoned properties on 2 Helena Drive and 23 Franklin Road. Mr. Bell stated that the banks are being fined on a monthly basis. He is presently working with the Town Attorney to increase the amount of the fines.
3. Discussion and action to authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$60,000 for Senior Services/Transportation Division for a Mini-Bus. This expenditure will be reimbursed at 80% (maximum of \$40,000) through a State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation Section 5310 Vehicle Grant Program.

Director of Senior/Human Services T. Strong was in the audience but was not needed to answer any questions regarding the request.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to authorize an appropriation from CNR in the amount of \$60,000 for Senior Services/Transportation Division for a Mini-Bus. This expenditure will be reimbursed at 80% (maximum of \$40,000) through a State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation Section 5310 Vehicle Grant Program.

4. Discussion and action to authorize the First Selectman to set time and date for a Public Hearing and possibly a Special Board of Selectmen' meeting for the Charter Revision draft.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* for discussion only.

Charter Revision Chairman Enzo Faienza gave a presentation and discussed timelines necessary to get the revision on next November's ballot.

A lengthy discussion followed. For the record; A. Waters stated that it was his recollection that the Charter Revision Commission was just supposed to tweak the charter. Several members of the board disagreed and stated that the majority of the board asked for a full revision of the Charter. Mr. Faienza stated that it was the Commission's responsibility to look at all options

A. Waters asked if people make suggestions during the Board of Selectmen's Public Hearing would the Charter Revision take them into consideration. Mr. Faienza stated that all suggestions are taken into consideration.

The Board of Selectmen thanked Chairman Faienza for the Charter Revision's hard work and effort that they put into the Charter Revision. They agreed that it will be up to the voters to make a final decision on whether the Charter will be accepted. The Committee feels that the best time to vote on the Charter is at the November election. It is up to the Board of Selectmen when it will be presented to the voters for a vote.

Motion made by A. Halibozek seconded by A. Varricchio to authorize the First Selectman to set time and date for a Public Hearing and Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting on August 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

First Selectman Flanders asked for some flexibility in the event the notice for the meeting could not be published in a timely manner.

Motion amended by A. Halibozek seconded by A. Spotts and *carried* to authorize the First Selectman to schedule the Public Hearing for Monday August 22nd at 7:00 p.m., if for some reason that date doesn't work out then another date may be chosen by the First Selectman to be no later than within next 15 days.

Aye: A. Halibozek, A. Waters, A. Spotts, P. Ahlquist

Nay: A. Varricchio, J. Flanders

Motion carried

5. Authorize First Selectman to sign Fiscal Year 11/12 Economic Development Services Agreement.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign Fiscal Year 11/12 Economic Development Services Agreement.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, July 13, 2011

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Spotts and *carried* to approve the minutes of July 13, 2011.

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

Abstained: A. Halibozek (was not able to attend the meeting)

2. Special Meeting, July 18, 2011

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Spotts and *carried* to approve the minutes of July 18, 2011.

Aye: A. Varricchio, J. Flanders, A. Waters, A. Spotts

Abstained: A. Halibozek, P. Ahlquist (were not able to attend the meeting)

I. FIRST SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

First Selectman Flanders reported that:

- 12 responses were received for the RFP for the Raymond Place Project and he would like a member of the Board of Selectmen to participate in the process. The consensus of the Board was that Mr. Newton might like to volunteer.
- Cromwell is part of Mid State Regional Planning Agency and the CRVCEO; at the last few meetings they have been discussing merging with the Estuary Region Planning Agency turning the CRVCEO into a Council of Government. Nothing has been decided at this point.
- MRRRA contact with Mid-State is about up. The Town will have several other options available to them; we have been approached by another plant in Wallingford. Cromwell will have a vote in terms of who the plant will be turned over to; there is talk of turning over to a MDC type facility.

J. GOOD & WELFARE

A. Waters -Asked for an update regarding the Employee take home vehicle policy in regard to the employee that was previous discussed that lives 30 miles away.

J. Flanders stated that since he is now an Acting Supervisor he will continue to have permission to take the vehicle home.

A. Spotts -Asked that the board be made aware of any Grand Openings. J. Flanders stated that he would assign C. Stevenson to keep them informed.

P. Ahlquist -Asked if Craig Stevenson will be asked to attend future meetings and present updates to the board. J. Flanders stated that he would be attending future meetings. Mr. Ahlquist asked for an update on the GKN access. Mr. Flanders said it was all taken care of at no expense.

A. Waters asked for a meeting with the First Selectman and an employee to discuss work performance. Mr. Flanders stated that the employee reports to him so if Mr. Waters has concerns he needs to meet with him.

K. COMMISSION REPORTS

Halibozek -Inland Wetlands had a Site-Walk on Saturday to inspect the Senator Drive parcel. The purpose was to make a slight revision to the special conditions in terms of the placement of concrete markers to clearly identify where the conservation easements are but mostly to identify where the wetlands are.

Varricchio -Planning & Zoning had a discussion with P. Snow regarding the problem with the 372 wall.

L. RESIGNATIONS

None

M. APPOINTMENTS

1. Planning & Zoning Commission
 - a. John Keithan, Alternate, Term expires December 2011
2. Burning Official
 - a. Todd Gagnon, term expires 5/15
3. Conservation Commission
 - a. Jonathan Pinney, Alternate, Term expires 01/15
4. Director of Health
 - a. Wesley Bell, term expires 02/15

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 1 - 4.

5. Veteran's Affairs Commission
 - a. Cecile Fazio
 - b. Lou Gagnon


- c. Anthony Salvatore
- d. Cathy Hodlin
- e. Ken Caruso
- f. Thomas Fazio (alternate)
- g. Brian Hodlin
- h. Madeline McDermott

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments a - h. Mr. Fazio was appointed as an alternate.

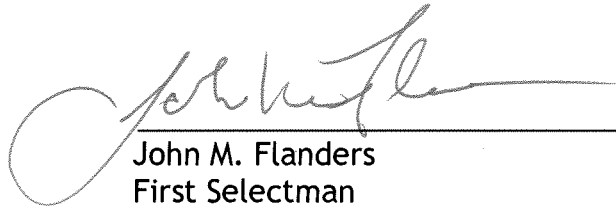
N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Varricchio and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary



John M. Flanders
First Selectman

- a. John or Susan Faits -\$35.41
- b. Corelogic -\$4,168.52
- c. Matthew S. Fallon -\$19.08
- d. Michael C. Henclewski -\$18.00
- e. William W. Fisk -\$8.00
- f. Carmelo Serrantino -\$17.22
- g. Daniel R. Cartee -\$10.47
- h. Robyn G. Morris -\$20.23
- i. DCFS Trust -\$314.73
- j. DCFS Trust -\$424.32
- k. Gloria Duszak -\$8.14
- l. Steven M. Ryan Sr. -\$50.21
- m. Jean M. or John M. Drena -\$17.67
- n. Lauren E. Rondinone -\$12.35
- o. Financial Ser Veh Trust -\$531.24
- p. Financial Ser Veh Trust -\$223.10
- q. Julia A. Hadman -\$22.03
- r. Michael J. Polke -\$23.89
- s. ~~DCFS Trust -\$297.03~~ Scott J. Rivkin -\$5.85
- t. ~~Shirley A. Salafia -\$17.07~~ Michael J. Tracey \$59.05
- u. Raymond J. Bedard -\$21.45
- v. Nina M. Catalano -\$43.04
- w. Lena A. Battaglio -\$43.03
- x. Remote DBA Plus LLC -\$25.24
- y. Rosalind Wynter -\$10.00
- z. Melissa M. Hadvab -\$100.00
- aa. Lauren E. Mascolo -\$83.26
- bb. William A. Dickerson -\$50.21
- cc. Robert L. Donohue -\$9.75
- dd. David A. Hess-\$150.95
- ee. David E. Yanaros -\$35.57
- ff. Cirikovic Dusanka -\$16.32
- gg. William or Carolyn Hoder -\$194.15
- hh. Raymond or Beverly Manierre -\$64.21
 - ii. Scott H. Graves/ Joint/ Lisa M. Graves -\$151.80
- jj. Yolanda M. or Glenn Frank Anderson -\$33.28
- kk. Mark F. or Susan S. Martin -\$30.84