

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012
CROMWELL TOWN HALL 7:00 p.m. Room 224/225**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Loraine Caruso, Michael Gengler, Julius Neto, Jack Henehan, Joe Corlis, Amanda Thomas.

Absent: None.

Also present: First Selectman Mertie Terry; Board of Selectmen members: Dick Newton, Al Waters, Al Spotts, Enzo Fienzo, Ann Halibozek, Frank Emanuele; Finance Director Marianne Sylvester, Tax Collector Doug Sienna.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Loraine Caruso called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

B. SEAT ALTERNATES: None.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action regarding outstanding taxes, 14 Alcap Ridge.

First Selectman Mertie Terry provided a chronological overview of the situation based on research she had done with Tax Collector Doug Sienna's assistance. Attorney Morris Borea addressed the Boards with regard to the Town's legal position on the property. The Town has been discussing a sale of tax liens with Mr. Carl Verderame but a second interested party, Mr. Ralph Cappola with Northeast Quality Service LLC, recently came forward. Mr. Borea stated the Town had three options 1) to continue solely with Mr. Verderame, 2) to consider offers by both Mr. Verderame and Mr. Cappola, or 3) to go out for public sale.

Members from the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance spoke regarding the property. Questions were raised regarding the Town's legal responsibilities and remediation requirements. Mr. Borea stated the Town has no legal obligation to Mr. Verderame at this point and can negotiate with all interested parties. Remediation is dictated by the CT DEEP and a remedial action plan (RAP) is in place.

First Selectman Terry requested the Boards to offer a consensus on the direction the Town should take on this issue. Both Boards agreed that the Town should review both proposals, with Mr. Borea to make a comparison of the differences between the two.

First Selectman Terry stated she would take all the comments offered at the meeting under advisement and she appreciated the Boards' participation.

Chairman Loraine Caruso stated this was an important decision and the Town needed to move with caution and speed.

D. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Mike Gengler, seconded by Amanda Thomas and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Sylvester
Acting Clerk, Board of Finance