

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11, 2012
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM

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TOWN CLERK

MINUTES

Present: First Selectman M. Terry, Deputy First Selectman R. Newton, E. Faienza,
A. Halibozek, F. Emmanuel (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), A. Waters, A. Spotts

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester,
Senior/Human Services Director T. Strong, Health Director W. Bell, Board of Education
liaison P. Sousa, Public and Press

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Selectman Terry asked Deputy Newton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Terry called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. Faienza added a break right before New Business

E. Faienza added K.6. Discussion and possible action on charging applicants for
taking written portion of the Police Exam.

M. Terry added K.7. Authorization for First Selectman to hire Attorney Morris
Borea for negotiation of Alcap Ridge.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to
approve the agenda as amended. (Mr. Emmanuel hadn't arrive and did not vote)

D. STAFF/COMMISSION/BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Board of Education liaison to the Board of Selectmen P. Sousa presented
highlights from the last Board of Education Meeting. Mr. Sousa also advised the
board of upcoming student activities in each of the schools.

(F. Emmanuel arrived at 7:17 p.m.)

A. Waters hoped that either Mr. Mazurek or Mr. Hood would be present at this
evenings meeting to discuss the oil tanks on River Road. Mr. Waters would like to
know who owns the property and recommended that phase 2 should begin. A
short discussion followed; First Selectman Terry and Mr. Waters exchanged
information on the topic.

In Public Works Director Hood's absence A. Halibozek asked Chief Salvatore to
update the board regarding the progress of the project on North & Coles Road.
Chief Salvatore believes that the project should be completed within the next
few weeks.

A. Spotts requested that Public Works Director Hood provide a written report that should be included in the packet each month.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds for overpayment

- a. Ernest H.Lacore -\$168.98
- b. Chris Blaszczyński -\$41.91
- c. Richard A. Baronowski -\$37.86

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by E. Faienza and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds a-c.

2. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the budget reports and provided information regarding the 2008 bond issue.

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. J. Polke, Harrison Drive -asked that the garbage across the street from his business on Willowbrook Road is cleaned up. It makes the area look terrible and makes it difficult to lease properties.
2. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road -spoke as Chairman of the CWPCA-Ms. Kelly spoke about the problems with the sound system in room 224/5 and advised that something has to be done to fix it immediately.
3. B. Anderson, Chestnut Court-added to Mr. Sousa's report that the Cromwell High School Boys Basketball team is undefeated.
4. P. Keithan, Iron Gate Lane -agreed with Ms. Kelly that something has to be done about the sound system in room 224/5.
5. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road -asked if the Board of Selectmen would like her to obtain letters of support to fix the sound system in Room 224/5.

G. FIRST SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

- Announced that a Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be held on January 18, 2012. The topic will be an Executive Session to discuss Grievance Settlement for Brett Trepanier Sr.
- Announced that a Joint Meeting with the Board of Finance will be held on January 18, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. for discussion and action regarding the outstanding taxes on Alcap Ridge.
- Advised that the Man of the Year presentation will be held on January 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the town hall lobby. This year's recipient is Frank Golden.

- Advised the board that Cromwell Works Business Appreciation Day will be held on January 19th at 7:45 a.m.
- Advised that in the future when the Cromwell Senior's are going on a day trip they will be asked to park at Pierson Park. The bus will pick them up and drop them off at that location. This will free up spaces in the Town Hall Parking Lot.
- Mr. Spotts added that Champions will begin a program called Cromwell Skates on February 12th.

H. RESIGNATIONS

None

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Civil Preparedness Director -tabled

a.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by E. Faienza and *unanimously carried* to take off the table.

A short discussion followed. W. Bell was present to participate in the discussion. First Selectman Terry advised that in the future the topic of appointing a deputy will be discussed. The deputy will be available at the beginning of the event and Mr. Bell will take over when he arrives. Discussion will be held to divide the present stipend 70/30.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to appoint Wes Bell as Civil Preparedness Director.

2. Mattabassett District Representative

a. (third member)

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

3. Insurance Commission

a. Robert Lynch, reappointment, term expires January 2016

Motion made by A. Spotts seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 3, 4, 6 and 7.

4. Conservation Commission

a. Amanda Thomas, alternate, to fill an expired term, term expires January 2013.

Motion made by A. Spotts seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 3, 4, 6 and 7.

5. Appoint Board of Selectmen liaison to the Dog Park Committee.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emmanuel and *unanimously carried* to appoint A. Halibozek to the Dog Park Committee as Board of Selectmen liaison.

6. Recreation Commission
 - a. Paul Cordone, to fill a vacant position, Term expires December 2013
 7. Planning & Zoning Commission
 - a. Fred Hayward, Alternate, Term expires December 2013
- Motion** made by A. Spotts seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 3, 4, 6 and 7.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action regarding the Mattabassett District Agreement.-tabled
Left on table.
2. Discussion and possible action regarding Alcap Ridge.-tabled
Left on table.

20 minute recess was held at 8:05 p.m.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adopt below resolution that was approved for previous First Selectman's signature.

Senior/Human Services Director Strong presented the request.

Resolution authorizing the First Selectman, Mertie L. Terry, to sign and execute Agreements and Contracts, along with all necessary Agreement/Contractual documents, on behalf of the Town of Cromwell with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut for a vehicle replacement within the Senior Services/Transportation Department fleet under the Federal Transit 5310 Grant Program.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to adopt resolution.

2. Approve supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 from General Fund fund balance to Public Works/Highway-Tree Work due to additional work necessitated by Storm Alfred.

Finance Director Sylvester presented the request in the Public Works Director's absence.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 from General Fund fund balance to Public Works/Highway-Tree Work due to additional work necessitated by Storm Alfred.

3. Discussion and action to approve Solid Waste Ordinance.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibocek and *unanimously carried* to approve the Solid Waste Ordinance effective February 17, 2012.

4. Authorization to endorse and submit a grant to prepare a Regional One Point PSAP Regional Dispatch with the secretary of the Office of Police under the Management Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program.

Resolved that the Board of Selectmen endorses and authorizes the First Selectman to execute a joint grant application to the CT Office of Policy and Management under the Regional Performance Incentive Program, in partnership with the towns of Berlin, Newington, Wethersfield and Rocky Hill, for development of a regional One Point PSAP Regional Dispatch. This grant does not commit Cromwell to anything beyond the Planning phase.

First Selectman Terry asked Chief Salvatore to speak on the subject. Chief Salvatore agreed to speak but made the board aware that he was not kept in the loop regarding the initial study but received a copy of the draft report from another Chief. The members of the board stated that they never received a copy of the initial study either. Chief Salvatore said that he would send them a copy. A lengthy discussion followed; the board agreed to support this with the absolute understanding that they are approving the study only.

Motion made by E. Faienza seconded by F. Emmanuel and *unanimously carried* to approve resolution.

5. Discussion of Police Mobile Radios.

Chief Salvatore presented the request.

A short discussion followed. Chief Salvatore advised that the radios are over 12 years old and it is no longer possible to obtain replacement parts to keep them operational. Chief Salvatore also advised that in the future he will request bonding to replace the Police Communication System. The board agreed that the Mobile Radios are essential for public safety both for the public and the officers.

a. Approve transfer of funds \$30,000 from General Fund fund balance to CNR.

b. Appropriate \$30,000 within CNR fund for mobile radios.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve a. & b.

6. Discussion and possible action on charging applicants for taking written portion of the Police Exam.

Chief Salvatore presented the request. A short discussion followed. The consensus of the board was to charge each applicant \$25.00 to help defray the cost of the written exam.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve charging each person \$25.00 to take the test.

7. Approve hiring Morris Borea to represent the Town of Cromwell regarding negotiations on Alcap Ridge.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to approve hiring Morris Borea to represent the Town of Cromwell regarding negotiations on Alcap Ridge.

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, December 14, 2011

Motion made by A. Spotts seconded by F. Emmanuel and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011.

M. GOOD & WELFARE

F. Emanuele-Inquired, on behalf of a resident, regarding the Exit 19 ramp progress. A. Spotts advised that this was not approved at the state level and is now a dead issue.

A. Spotts-Advised that the sound system and camera in room 224/5 need to be fixed or replaced immediately.

N. COMMISSION REPORTS

F. Emanuele -Inquired when the Cromwell Skates program is scheduled to begin.

A. Halibozek -Inland Wetlands

E. Faienza-Recommended that the Land Use Board Chairman, Fire District and Planning and Zoning get together quarterly to discuss current issues.

D. Newton -Mid State and CWPCA

A. Spotts -Conservation/Farmland.

Mr. Spotts brought the idea forward to ask the Fire District to provide a liaison to the Board of Selectmen.


O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. H. Zalewski, Geer Street -Wonders what we can do to get more people to attend meetings.

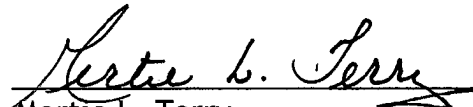
P. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by E. Faienza seconded by A. Halibozek and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Re Matus
Secretary



Mertie L. Terry
First Selectman

RESOLUTION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CROMWELL
JANUARY 11, 2012

“Authorization to Endorse and Submit a Grant to Prepare a Regional One Point PSAP Regional Dispatch with the Secretary of the Office of Policy under the Management Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program”

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s, as amended by Section 5 of Public Act 11-61, establishes the Regional Performance Incentive (RPI) Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the RPI is to encourage municipalities to participate in projects that will produce measurable “economies of scale” that will benefit the municipalities providing desired or required services and lowering the costs and tax burden related to providing those services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-124s, as amended by Section 5 of Public Act 11-61, the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management is authorized to disburse such monies to Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs) in Connecticut, any two or more municipalities, any economic development district(s) or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this grant is to determine that costs would be reduced and public safety would be enhanced if the Towns of Rocky Hill, Wethersfield, Cromwell, Newington and Berlin regionalized to provide One Point PSAP Regional Dispatch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Selectmen endorses and authorizes the First Selectman to execute a joint grant application to the CT Office of Policy and Management under the Regional Performance Incentive Program, in partnership with the towns of Berlin, Newington, Wethersfield and Rocky Hill, for study of a regionalized One Point PSAP Regional Dispatch.