

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006 7:30 p.m.
41 WEST STREET
Room 224/225**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Michael Gengler, Loraine Caruso, Julius Neto, Greg Bedell, Doug Payne, Edwin Maley, and Alternate Member Jack Henehan.

Also Present: First Selectman Paul Beaulieu

- A. Call to Order: Chairman Michael Gengler called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. The above members were noted.**

A motion was made by Greg Bedell to seat Alternate Henehan, seconded by Julius Neto. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

- B. Approval of Agenda:**

A motion was made by Edwin Maley to approve the agenda, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

- C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

- 1. Regular Meeting, May 25, 2006**

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Doug Payne to approve the May 25th, Minutes. All were in favor except Greg Bedell, Edwin Maley, and Doug Payne abstained. Motion Passed.

- D. Citizens Comments: None.**

- E. Report of the First Selectman:**

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu reported the following items:

1. Tax Collector Sharon Ramsey will be holding a Tax Sale for 14 Alcap Ridge on Friday, June 24, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

2. Finance Department will be adding a new hire starting on July 17th, 2006. Her name is Janet Murphy; she is a lifelong resident of Cromwell and a certified public accountant.

3. Legal fee expenses are high at the current time due to arbitration costs.

4. Lowe's public hearing for zone change may be delayed to July 11, 2006. There was a brief discussion about the members submitting a letter as a group and a subcommittee being formed so they are aware of all issues. The Subcommittee members are Loraine Caruso, Jack Henehan, and Michael Gengler.

5. Annual Report 2006-currently working to put this on the website and have hard copies available.

6. Willow Brook Road sidewalk should be completed by next week.

F. Old Business: None.

G. New Business:

1. Approval of June 2006 Interdepartmental transfers.

A motion was made by Edwin Maley, seconded by Loraine Caruso and it was unanimously approved to pass the interdepartmental transfers of June 2006. Motion Passed.

Marianne Sylvester reported that due to legal expenses we are in a \$60,000 deficit.

Marianne Sylvester also reported that due to the high gas prices Theresa Strong, Senior Services would like to transfer her part time wages account to cover the gasoline expenses for senior transportation.

The members discussed the high cost in gas and the difference in cost of natural gas, diesel fuel, and ultra low sulfur gas.

2. Request of Sewer Department to withdraw appropriations of \$154,000 for the proposed North Road Sewer Project.

A motion was made by Loraine Caruso, seconded by Doug Payne and it was unanimously approved to withdraw the appropriations of \$154,000 for the proposed North Road Sewer Project. Motion Passed.

H. Budget Reports:

Marianne Sylvester reported that the BOE transfers reflect a monthly balance.

Marianne Sylvester also reported that the revenue is at a positive in areas due to tax collections and interest income.

I. Report of the Tax Collector:

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu and members of the Board of Finance commended Sharon Ramsey, and staff Kim Spurlin and Patti Kratchovil for their great job in the tax office.

J. Board of Education-Liason Report: Julius Neto reported that he was not available for attendance of their last meeting.

K. Chairman's Comments:

L. Good and Welfare:

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu briefly discussed the Primary held in August that will be conducted at the Woodside School. Woodside School is the official polling place and this will be a good tune up for November elections.

M. Adjournment: A motion was made by Alternate Jack Henehan to adjourn at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Doug Payne. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Michelle Milardo
Clerk**