

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006  
8:10 P.M.  
TOWN HALL  
ROOM 224/225**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Michael Gengler, Vice Chairman Edwin Maley, Members, Julius Neto, Doug Payne, Greg Bedell, Alternate Jack Henehan, and Alternate Arthur Director.

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Paul Beaulieu, Marianne Sylvester, Finance Director, Joe Corlis, Anthony Varricho, and Jeff Mills, Middletown Press.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Michael Gengler called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.
- B. SEATING OF ALTERNATE:** A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Greg Bedell to seat Alternate Jack Henehan. Motion Passed.
- C. BUDGET WORKSHOP:**  
Discussion and action on General Government Budgets.
- 1. Debt Service.**  
A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Debt Service Budget of \$ 3,136,214. Motion Passed.
  - 2. Board of Finance.**  
A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Board of Finance Budget of \$20,800. Motion Passed.
  - 3. Capital Expenditures Commission.**  
A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan and it was unanimously approved to pass the Capital Expenditure Commission Budget of \$ 100.00. Motion Passed.
  - 4. Charter Revision Commission.**  
A motion was made by Ed Maley to appropriate \$1 for the Charter Revision Budget, seconded by Doug Payne. Motion Tied 3-3.

Mr. Maley does not feel that we should do this year. This was overwhelmingly defeated by the townspeople. The Democratic Committee opposed last week. He feels that we need time to reconsider. First Selectman Paul Beaulieu discussed the importance of the Charter Revision which was originally done in 1949 and last visited in 1993. This still needs extensive cleaning up and the Board of Selectman shall consider this every 5 years. The Board of Selectman follows recommendations of political parties and these political parties come up with a type of Government that is acceptable.

Chairman Michael Gengler suggested an amendment to add \$1 per line for a total of \$2, seconded by Doug Payne. Motion Tied 3-3.

A motion was made by Alternate Jack Henehan, seconded by Doug Payne to pass the Charter Revision Commission Budget of \$1050. Motion Tied 3-3

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan and It was unanimously approved to pass the Charter Revision Budget of \$525. Motion Passed.

**5. Board of Assessment Appeals.**

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan and it was unanimously approved to pass the Board of Assessment Appeals Budget of \$1050. Motion Passed.

**6. Donations and Dues.**

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Doug Payne and it was unanimously approved to pass the Donations and Dues Expense Budget of \$ 434,154. Motion Passed.

**7. Legal Expense.**

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Legal Expense Budget of \$209,850. Motion Passed.

**8. Central Services.**

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Central Services Budget of \$ 99,200. Motion Passed.

**9. Insurance Expense.**

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan to approve the Insurance Expense Budget of \$519,450. Motion Failed.

Paul Beaulieu First Selectman mentioned that we have a new agent that came back with figures. He is recommending a cut of \$7,000 to this budget.

Ed Maley made a motion, seconded by Greg Bedell and it was unanimously approved to pass the Insurance Expense Budget of \$512,450. Motion Passed.

**10. General Expense.**

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan and it was unanimously approved to pass the General Expense Budget of \$76,920. Motion Passed.

**11. Employee Benefits.**

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Julius Neto to approve the Employee Benefits Budget of \$2,685,989. Motion Failed.

Paul Beaulieu First Selectman mentioned that the Human Resource Director called and currently we are looking at a 14% increase. Mr. Beaulieu recommends a reduction of 31,000.

A motion was made by Greg Bedell, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan and it was unanimously approved to amend the Employee Benefits Budget to \$2,654,989. Motion Passed.

**12. Health Department.**

A motion was made by Greg Bedell, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan and it was unanimously approved to amend the Health Department Budget to \$145,467. Motion Passed.

Paul Beaulieu First Selectman submitted all letters as requested from the board members to include KUHN, Behavior Health Services Region 2, Community Mental Health Center, Middlesex Hospital Outpatient Services, Middlesex Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse. The increase of \$500 was due to the amount requested for Substance Abuse.

**13. Recreation Department.**

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Doug Payne and it was unanimously approved to pass the Recreation Department Budget of \$299,530. Motion Passed.

After detailed discussion from Paul Beaulieu First Selectman and Marianne Sylvester Finance Director all monies for this program were justified.

Julius Neto expressed his concerns and requested for future reference a more detailed level of programs and breakdowns be submitted.

**TOTAL BUDGET F/Y 06-07:**

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Budget as submitted of \$38,275,556. Motion Passed.

<b>General Government:</b>	<b>\$12,304,632</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 3,136,214</b>
<b>Board of Education</b>	<b><u>\$22,834,710</u></b>
<b>Total Budget F/Y 06-07:</b>	<b>\$38,275,556</b>

**D. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS:**

Chairman Michael Gengler discussed that this will go to referendum vote on May 9, 2006 at the Middle School at 7:30 p.m.  
Chairman Michael Gengler also took up a collection for the Heart Association in honor of Lorraine Caruso’s mom.

**E. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Milardo  
Clerk