

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006
9:35 P.M.
WOODSIDE SCHOOL**

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

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Paul Beaulieu, Recreation Department Sue Schein, Zoning Compliance Officer Fred Curtin, Theresa Strong, Senior Center, Ann France, Youth Services, Al Kaplan, Social Services Director, Darlene DiProto, Town Clerk, Sharon Ramsey, Tax Collector, Kim Spurlin, Assistant Tax Collector, Shawna O'Neil, Assessor, Mary Amenta, Voter Registrar, Michelle Hodge, Voter Registrar, Wes Bell, Health Department, Eileen Branciforte, Library, and Jeff Mills Middletown Press Reporter.

A. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Michael Gengler called the meeting to order at 9:35. p.m.

B. SEATING OF ALTERNATE: A **motion** was made by Ed Maley, **seconded** by Julius Neto to seat Alternate Jack Henehan. Motion Passed.

C. BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Discussion and action on General Government Department budgets and Board of Education Budget:

1. Committee to Support the Disabled.

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Doug Payne and it was unanimously approved to pass the Committee to Support the Disabled Budget of \$1,050. Motion Passed.

2. Recreation Department.

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Doug Payne to table the Recreation Department Budget. All were in favor.

After discussion on this item it was agreed that this item be tabled. The commission would like to see something that generates the dollar amount.

3. Human Services.

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Human Services Budget of 88,754. Motion Passed.

There are no other changes beside the salary increases.

4. Senior Services.

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Greg Bedell and it was unanimously approved to pass the Senior Services Budget of \$ 98,148. Motion Passed.

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu mentioned that a lot of Senior Services are funded by state grants.

5. Transportation Services.

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Ed Maley and it was unanimously approved to pass the Transportation Services Budget of \$ 119,672. Motion Passed.

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu discussed that Senior Services increased the part time driver's hours as appropriate and extended the hours to after 4:00 p.m. for the seniors on a case by case basis. The Senior Services are anticipating an increase in the number of dial a ride participants and funding from a grant.

6. Youth Services.

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Greg Bedell and it was unanimously approved to pass the Youth Services Budget of \$ 89,332. Motion Passed.

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu discussed that this item went down by 15,000 due to the Manes and Motions Program that was adjusted into part time wages to the recreation department and the fee to the vendor under committee to support the disabled.

7. Planning and Zoning Commission.

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Planning and Zoning Commission Budget of \$3,365. Motion Passed.

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu discussed that there is a caveat. We have had trouble this year with paying our commission clerk. Planning and Zoning has extensive meetings and the pay rate has increased.

8. Inland Wetlands.

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Alternate Jack Henehan and it was unanimously approved to pass the Inland Wetlands Budget of \$1,300. Motion Passed.

9. Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion was made by Alternate Jack Henehan, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Zoning Board of Appeals Budget of \$1,000. Motion Passed.

10. Conservation Commission.

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Conservation Commission Budget of \$1,000. Motion Passed.

11. Developer / Planner.

A motion was made by Doug Payne, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Development/Planner Budget of \$100,900. Motion Passed.

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu stated that this budget amount includes half of the secretary salary. The second half of her salary is covered under Development Compliance. .

12. Development Compliance.

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to pass the Development Compliance Budget of \$82,628. Motion Passed.

First Selectman Paul Beaulieu stated that this budget amount includes the second half of the secretary salary. The first half of her salary is covered under the Developer/Planner. .

D. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ed Maley, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:31 p.m. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Milardo
Clerk