

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5
MINUTES**

Present: First Selectman P. Beaulieu, Deputy First Selectman S. Stachura, R. Newton, A. Waters, M. Johnson, S. Salvatore

Absent: F. Monnes

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Director of Finance E. Alsup, Director of Human Resources T. Roohr, Director of Public Works R. Jahn, Senior Center Coordinator T. Strong, Public and Press.

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

First Selectman Beaulieu added the following items to the agenda: H. Resignations, #3. CWPCA, a. Ellen Swent. I. Appointments, #2. Board of Finance, a. Joseph Morin, Alternate, term expires 12/07. #3. Planning and Zoning, a. Linda Duren, Alternate, term expires 12/07, b. Victor Harpley, Alternate, term expires 12/07. #4. I/W, a. Ann Halibocek, Alternate, term expires 1/10, #5. Park and Recreation Commission, a. John Schmaltz, term expires December 2009. #6. CWPCA, a. Eric Zeilor, term expires January 2010. F. Old Business, #6. CRCOG update.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as amended.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Rich Waters, South Street – inquired who purchased John Deere tractor for the new school? Mr. Waters also stated his opinion and made inquires regarding several other issues.
2. Christine Trousdale –Timber Hill Road –asked the Board of Selectmen to investigate options for a swimming pool in the Town of Cromwell. A petition supporting a swimming pool and information packet was presented to the Board.
3. Theresa Amato, Willow Brook Road – Supported Ms. Trousdale’s request for a pool and asked if the Board would consider the request?

D. STAFF/COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS

First Selectman Beaulieu advised the Board that he signed a 12-month contract with East River Oil for gasoline at a fixed price of \$2.20 per gallon.

Selectman Stachura asked Public Works Director Jahn for the following updates:

1. Sign in front of Town Hall. Director Jahn stated that it would be done this winter.
2. Football Field – The field received it’s final seeding.

3. Vehicles parked at the Highway Garage that are not been used –Mr. Jahn stated that they would be auctioned off at the first opportunity with the State. Selectman Salvatore inquired if the vehicles are insured and registered? Mr. Jahn stated that they are not registered but they have minimal insurance on them.
4. Selectman Johnson inquired if Public Works Director Jahn has come to any resolution with the Building Committee regarding the drainage problems. Mr. Jahn responded that it is up to the project's Engineer of Record to come up with a resolution and bring it back to the Town Engineer.
5. Selectman Waters requested that Public Work Director Jahn take a look at the deep depression on Geer Street near the Park exit and repair it before someone is injured.

First Selectman Beaulieu proposed that the Board adopt a new process called the Selectman's Punch List. Issues, such as those that were brought forward this evening, should be submitted to the First Selectman, before the board meetings, preferably in writing. This process will give the First Selectman an opportunity to have staff be prepared to provide answers to the board's questions at the next board meeting. The issues brought forward this evening that will be worked on for the next meeting are, the sign in front of town hall and schedule an auction date for the vehicles.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports

First Selectman Beaulieu advised the board that the boiler at the Highway Garage had to be replaced, at an unbudgeted cost of \$3,700. This may represent an over-run of an emergency nature.

No action necessary

2. Tax Refunds

a. Sold

1. Ford Motor Credit -\$522.74
2. Donlen Trust -\$129.21
3. Harleysville Mutual Ins -\$83.47

b. Overpayment

1. Fashion Bug -\$41.69

c. Vet Benefit Credit Adjustment Reversed

1. Joanne Lukasik -\$43.50

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds a, b and c.

3. Authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Special Town Meeting to approve New England Energy Management CL&P Energy Program.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Special Town Meeting to approve New England Energy Management CL&P Energy Program.

First Selectman Beaulieu suggested that the Special Town Meeting could be held before the February Board of Selectmen's meeting.

4. Approval for the First Selectman to apply for a 5310 DOT Transportation Grant to replace a vehicle within our Transportation Services Program.
Senior Center Coordinator Strong presented the request.
Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to apply for a 5310 DOT Transportation Grant to replace a vehicle within our Transportation Services Program.

5. Approve request for Educational Assistance from Officer McGuiness.

6. Approve request for Educational Assistance from Theresa Strong.

7. Approve request for Educational Assistance from Officer Cunningham.

Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to table # 5, #6, #7 and item F 2.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on request from Board of Education for waiver of local building permit fees.

- a. Blanket waiver -**Tabled**

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

Lengthy discussion followed. Selectman Stachura requested that the Public Works Department provide the amount of building permit fees charged over the past five years. Selectman Newton stated that some fees are 50% reimbursable by the State so if a blanket waiver is approved and all fees are waived the Town could actually be losing money.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to deny request for blanket waiver.

2. Approve requests for Educational Assistance from Officer Kosinski -**Tabled**

- a. Winter Break session -\$1,356.00 (cost of books unknown at this time)

- b. Spring Semester -\$4068.00 (cost of books unknown at this time)

Item tabled along with items 5, 6 and 7 Financial.

3. Discussion and action to approve Fire District's request of adding a Fire Hydrant Ordinance to the Cromwell Code.-**Tabled**

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

Chief Salvatore and Attorney Petrella, representing the Cromwell Fire District, presented the request and several options to the Board.

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

4. Discussion and action to accept Summer Wind Subdivision roads as town roads, contingent, upon developers' completion of all requirements.-**Tabled**

- a. Summer Wind

b. Winchester Way

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to accept Summer Wind Subdivision Roads, Summer Wind and Winchester Way as town roads.

5. Discussion and action to approve two remaining Street Names for Northwood Estates subdivision located north of Pasco Hill Road and west of North Road.

a. Applewood Road

b. Butternut Drive

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve road names Applewood Road and Butternut Drive for the Northwood Estates subdivision.

6. Update CRCOG

Update was provided during Staff Reports.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Grievance C.I.L.U. #65 Labor Union

Mr. Neisyn was given the option to have his grievance heard in Public session or Executive Session. Mr. Niesyn chose Public session.

Steward Sharon Muller, Bob Niesyn and Union Representative Leanna Noble presented the request.

a. Robert Niesyn – Step 3

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to uphold decision of First Selectman and refer Mr. Niesyn to contact section 12a.

2. NAGE RI #158

a. Neil Swanson – Step 3

Mr. Swanson was given the option to have his grievance heard in Public session or Executive Session. Mr. Swanson chose Executive Session.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. for Labor Issue purposes. Human Resource Director T. Roohr, Public Works Director R. Jahn, Steward M. Conant, Nage representative J. Horan and N. Swanson were invited into the Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:28 p.m.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to deny the grievance.

3. Authorize First Selectman sign contract with Anthem to offer Medicare Part D to retirees.

Human Resources Director Roohr presented the request.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign contract with Anthem to offer Medicare Part D to retirees.

H. RESIGNATION

1. Economic Development Commission
 - a. Peter Keithan, Alternate
2. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. Madelyn O'Brien
3. Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority
 - a. Ellen Swent

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to accept #1, #2 and #3 with regret.

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Economic Development Commission
 - a. Al Spotts, Alternate –term expires March 2006
2. Board of Finance,
 - a. Joseph Morin, Alternate, term expires 12/07
3. Planning and Zoning
 - a. Linda Duren, Alternate, term expires 12/07
 - b. Victor Harpley, Alternate, term expires 12/07
4. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. Ann Halibozek, Alternate, term expires 1/10
5. Park and Recreation Commission,
 - a. John Schmaltz, term expires December 2009
6. CWPCA
 - a. Eric Zeilor, term expires January 2010.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 1 – 6.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, December 14, 2005.

S. Stachura clarified that the motion included an increase of 3.25% for the exempt employees, the part-time employees and the elected officials.

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve minutes of December 14, 2005 as corrected.

Correction: 1st page, Executive Session Motion read; to recommend for budgetary purposed an increase of 3.25% for exempt employees, part-time employees and elected officials.

K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. Waters – Economic Development Commission
- R. Newton –Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority
- S. Stachura –Zoning Board of Appeals & Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
- M. Johnson –Participated in walk-through of Woodside Intermediate School, checked in on Fire House project and attended the Park and Recreation Commission Meeting.
- S. Salvatore-Board of Education

L. GOOD AND WELFARE

A. Waters- Inquired if the High School Gym roof is leaking? Requested that the First Selectman direct the Public Works Department to put up three temporary stop signs, to head off any problems that may occur on Geer Street & Raymond Drive, until the corrective work is done on Geer Street.

P. Beaulieu –Two topics that will be on next month’s agenda are; 1. Request for appropriation for Geer Street project. 2. Financing plan for Reval \$325,000-\$350,000. Punch-list items should be submitted in writing to the First Selectman prior to the Board of Selectmen Meetings. Proposed date for Budget Workshop with Finance Director Alsop is February 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Paul C. Beaulieu
First Selectman