

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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, F. Monnes

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Director Public Works R. Jahn, Director of
Finance M. Sylvester, Chairman Economic Development R. Nobile,
Economic Development Coordinator C. Stevenson, Tax Collector S.
Ramsay, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

First Selectman Beaulieu added the following items to the agenda; Under E.
Financial, #3. Educational Assistance Reimbursement request withdrawn. Under I.
Appointments, #3. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses, c. Wynn Muller,
reappointment.

Selectman Monnes added G. New Business #9, Discussion and Action to establish a
Town Pool Committee.

Selectman Stachura added G. New Business #10, Discussion Skate Park.

Selectmen Johnson added G. New Business #11, Potential Public Works Projects
(traffic issues on Willowbrook Road, Sidewalk proposal Washington Road Project
and Main Street Walkway on Main Street near Historical Society).

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

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Sandra Muller, Coles Road- Spoke regarding two topics; Assessment of Property
and how a piece of property gets on the tax rolls and the process of obtaining
building permits. Ms. Muller spoke regarding her neighbor's garage that has not
been taxed for over twenty years.
2. Rich Waters, South Street –Spoke regarding issues at the Woodside
School and the Senior Tax Abatement and several other issues of concern.
3. Theresa Griffith, Hicksville Road – Spoke regarding run-off issue that is affecting
her property.
4. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street –Spoke about G5 and several other issues.
5. Anthony Varricchio, Kowal Drive –Spoke regarding the Skate Board Park.

D. STAFF AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS

First Selectman Beaulieu updated the Board regarding: 1. Leaf-pickup, 2. Scheduling a Special Meeting on 11/15/06 at 6:30 p.m. to consider the Police Contract, 3. The Oil spill that occurred at the Public Works garage, 4. The Evergreen Road Culvert. 4. DOT approved an exception for the location of the Town Hall sign and 6. Ms. Muller's comments during Citizens Comments.

Public Works Director Jahn updated the board regarding the Oil Spill at the Maintenance Garage and also advised the Board that he received an estimate to have the two trucks that have cracked frames repaired for less than \$5,000.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding several topics pertaining to Public Works.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the reports.

Selectman Salvatore requested that next month the board be provided with background information from the Tax Assessor's Office and, Building Inspectors Office regarding the issue that Ms. Muller spoke of during Citizen's Comments. Discussion followed.

Selectman Stachura requested that Public Works Director Jahn provide monthly updates to the Board for the Evergreen Drainage Projects.

2. Tax Refunds

a. Sold

1. Wheels Inc -\$76.41
2. Joseph Salafia -\$35.42
3. George Coyle -\$5.85
4. Honda Lease Trust -\$120.56
5. DCFS -\$551.26
6. Honda Lease Trust -\$37.68

b. Sold (not BOAA Refund as listed on agenda)

1. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$377.77
2. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$439.31

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve a. & b (sold).

3. Approve Educational Assistance Reimbursement –Michelle Milardo -\$240.00. *Request withdrawn. (Class canceled)*

4. Discussion and action on a transfer of \$26,500 from the General Fund-fund balance to the Capital and Non-Recurring (CNR) Fund, as approved by the Board of Finance on 10/26/06.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve transfer of \$26,500 from the General Fund-fund balance to the Capital and Non-Recurring CNR Fund as approved by the Board of Finance.

5. Discussion and action on an appropriation of \$25,000 in the CNR Fund for repair/replacement of the garage floor in the Highway Garage, as approved by the Board of Finance on 10/26/06.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore to approve an appropriation of \$25,000 in the CNR Fund for repair/replacement of the garage floor in the Highway Garage, as approved by the Board of Finance.

After a lengthy discussion S. Salvatore *rescinded her motion*, which was made at the October 2006 meeting to approve \$50,000 appropriation from CNR for purpose of purchasing a bulldozer.

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to rescind \$50,000 appropriation from CNR for purpose of purchasing a bulldozer.

Aye: S. Salvatore, F. Monnes, A. Waters, S. Stachura

Nay: R. Newton, M. Johnson

Motion carried

Discussion followed.

Main Motion unanimously carried to approve an appropriation of \$25,000 in the CNR Fund for repair/replacement of the garage floor in the Highway Garage, as approved by the Board of Finance. Selectman Stachura requested that trim board is installed as part of the repair.

F. OLD BUSINESS

None

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on request for Tax Abatement –The Computer Company. Chairman Economic Development Commission R. Nobile, Economic Development Coordinator C. Stevenson and The Computer Company, Inc. President Eileen Hasson presented the request.

Discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* To grant a Tax Abatement, 3 year, 50% on improvements to Real Property to The Computer Company Inc.

2. Approve resolution authorizing First Selectman to sign FY 2006 Emergency Management and Homeland Security grant.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the resolution and authorize the First Selectman to sign FY 2006 Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant.

3. Set Board of Selectmen Meeting dates for 2007.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to set the second Monday of each month at 7:10 p.m. for the Board of Selectmen Meetings.

4. Approve waiver of Building Permit Fee for Town Hall ADA Project.

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve waiver of Building Permit Fee for the Town Hall ADA Project.

5. Discussion and action regarding distribution of turned wood pieces crafted by the Central Connecticut Wood turners from Geer Street Burr Oak.
Discussion followed.
The consensus of the Board was to allot; two pieces to Helen Zalewski and seven pieces each to the Historical Society, The Senior Crafters, Friends of the Cromwell Belden Library and the Schools.
6. Authorize First Selectman to sign \$250,000 STEAP Grant for Historic Downtown & Riverfront Improvements.
Economic Development Chairman R. Nobile and Economic Development Coordinator C. Stevenson presented the request.
Discussion followed.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign \$250,000 STEAP Grant for Historic Downtown & Riverfront Improvements.
7. Ratification of Rockfall Grant Application for Conservation Commission.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to ratify Rockfall Grant Application for Conservation Commission.
8. Authorize First Selectman to sign EnerNoc agreement.
Discussion followed.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign EnerNoc agreement.
9. Discussion and action to establish a Pool Committee.
Discussion followed.
The consensus of the board was to appoint an Ad-Hoc Pool Committee to investigate feasibility of a Municipal Swimming Pool at next month's meeting.
10. Discussion and action Skate Park.
Discussion followed.
Human Resource Director T. Roohr presented information regarding insurance and the cost of constructing a Skate Park to the board.
The consensus of the board was to send the Skate Park issue back to the Recreation Department for them to compile information on Skate Parks and report back to the Board of Selectmen at a future meeting.
11. Potential Public Works Projects.
Several issues were discussed, no action taken.
 - Traffic issues on Willowbrook Road
 - Sidewalk proposal Washington Road Project
 - Main Street Walkway on Main Street near Historical Society
 - Quality of Retaining Wall on Geer Street

H. RESIGNATIONS

None

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. Jonathan Beatty, reappointment, term expires 11/10
 - b. Thomas O'Neill, reappointment, term expires 11/10
 - c. Wynn Muller, reappointment, term expires 12/10

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments a. b. and c.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, October 11, 2006

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve minutes of October 11, 2006.

Selectman Salvatore stated for the record that there is nothing in the minutes of the previous meeting to support Mrs. Zalewski's statement made this evening regarding Ms. Salvatore's alleged comment regarding the dog that was buried in Ms. Zalewski's yard.

For the record; Selectman Johnson stated that it is his opinion that the Sidewalk Project was not done in accordance with his professional opinion.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved to Special Meeting November 15, 2006.

L. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. Waters –Economic Development Commission and Historical Society
- R. Newton- Connecticut River Assembly
- P. Beaulieu- Senior Services Board and Inland Wetlands
- S. Stachura –Inland Wetlands and Zoning Board of Appeals and Downtown Development Group
- M. Johnson –Planning and Development and Economic Development
- S. Salvatore –No report this month
- F. Monnes –Fire Commission and Tax Abatement Committee

M. GOOD AND WELFARE

Selectman Waters requested that the Board of Selectmen receive copies of the Blight Committee Reports.

Discussion followed regarding Public Works issues.

Selectman Newton asked if the signs designating the greens could be refurbished in time for the Memorial Day Ceremony? A Veteran in town advised that they are in poor condition.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Paul C. Beaulieu
First Selectman