

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

CORRECTED 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, Captain R. Nelson, Acting Finance Director M. Sylvester, Committee to Support People with Disabilities Chairman E. Gaulton, Public Works Director R. Jahn, Town Clerk D. DiProto, Assessor S. O'Neil, Public and Press.

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 8:46 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

First Selectman Beaulieu added the following items to the agenda; Under E. Financial, #2. Tax Refunds, a. Overpayment #6. First American Tax Service - \$651.12. Under Financial #3. Unfinished Budget Workshop business a. Committee to Support People with Disabilities. D. Approve Grand Total of General Fund Budget. Under F. Old Business, #3. Ratify Phone Poll vote authorizing First Selectman to apply for Transportation Grant and approve the following Resolution: Resolved, that the First Selectman Paul Beaulieu is hereby authorized on behalf of the Town of Cromwell to negotiate and execute all necessary contract documents required to obtain operating and administrative funds from the Connecticut Department of Transportation per Cromwell Town Charter Section C702. Under G. New Business, #3. Approve road names for Evergreen Active Adult project, a. Long Green Terrace, b. Gatesville Lane, c. Woodsboro Circle, d. Harwood Gardens, e. Brookview Road. #4. Motion to have budget go to Referendum until it's passed. Under J. Approval of Minutes, #3. Budget Workshop, March 6, 2006.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as amended.

First Selectman Beaulieu informed the board and the public of a new process. Starting this evening, there is a sign up sheet near the clerk. People that wish to speak during citizen's comments should put their name and address on the sheet. Comments should be limited to three minutes on the same subject.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Peter Keithan, Iron Gate Lane – Member of Planning and Zoning – Felt as though the Board of Selectman's changes are overriding P&Z (in regard to the proposed Road Specifications). Mr. Keithan stated that the P&Z members had a meeting

- the other evening after everyone left and they feel the same way. Mr. Keithan was concerned about the money for the Educational Assistance on this evening's agenda.
2. Rich Waters, South Street - His opinion is that we have to keep the officers up to date with the most modern technology and all the classes that they need. Mr. Waters inquired once again when something is going to be done about the appearance of the entrance to the Town? Mr. Waters asked why the vehicle that the police junked wasn't sold. He asked; where is the title to the car and where was it junked? Mr. Waters also spoke about the Geer Street project and several other issues. Mr. Waters also stated his concern regarding Selectman Salvatore voting on the Police Budget.
 3. Darlene DiProto, Town Clerk -3 Oak Road - Stated that Selectman Salvatore was elected by the voters of this town to vote on issues and she was performing her official duties when she voted on the Police Budget. Ms. DiProto commended her for voting. Ms. DiProto also spoke in favor of the People with Disabilities budget.
 4. Charles Epstein- Democratic Town Chairman, 19 Crest Drive - Stated that they are very proud of Ms. Salvatore for the courage that she portrayed for voting for what she felt that she had to do. Mr. Epstein also spoke regarding the Educational Assistance item.
 5. Bob Jahn, 3 Woodside Road - Suggested that Town Meetings and Public Hearings should not be scheduled for the same evening. Mr. Jahn inquired if it is possible for residents to add to the Selectman's Punch List and listed a few items that he would like to see corrected. Mr. Jahn requested that he be allowed to review a copy of the Independent Forensic Audit of the Sewer Department, which was approved at the April 11, 2001 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Jahn read a memo dated April 3, 1981 from Town Attorney F. Odell to First Selectman P. Harrington. The subject was Conflict of Interest in Police Matters
 6. Dick Coughlin-19 Glenwood Terrace -Requested that the town fix the gate on Shadow Lane near Gaffney Pond.

D. STAFF/COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Chief Salvatore brought the Board's attention to two memos', which he handed out this evening.

1. Selectman's Punch List.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports

Acting Finance Director M. Sylvester presented the reports.
No action necessary

2. Tax Refunds

- a. Overpayment

1. New Alliance Bank -\$69.00
2. Robert Milardo -\$28.51
3. ABN-AMRO -\$345.24

4. Chase Home Finance LLC -\$86.62
5. GMAC Corporation -\$55.99
6. First American Tax Service - \$651.12
- b. Donated
 1. Cauvin Polycarpe -\$37.74
- c. Moved to East Hampton
 1. Lisa K. (Grimley) Howard -\$329.15
- d. Sold
 1. Diane R. Wilson -\$34.01

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

3. Any unfinished business from March 1st and 2nd 2006 Budget Workshops.
 - a. # 12. Committee to Support People with Disabilities. -Tabled

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

First Selectman Beaulieu recommended that funds be reallocated to a new line item in the Recreation Department called Therapeutic Recreation, by reducing The Committee to Support People with Disabilities programs line items and the Youth Services Program Subsidies line item and requested the following amendments.

#12 Committee to Support People with Disabilities

First Selectman Beaulieu recommended reducing \$15,000 from various line items in the Committee to Support People with Disabilities budget in order to transfer these resources to Therapeutic Recreation, leaving a balance of \$1,050 in Committee to Support People with Disabilities.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the amended amount of **\$ 1,050.**

#41 Youth Services

First Selectman Beaulieu recommended reducing \$2,500 from Youth Services program subsidies line item in order to transfer these resources to Therapeutic Recreation, leaving a balance of \$89,332 in Youth Services.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve the amended amount of **\$89,332.**

#42. Recreation Department

First Selectman Beaulieu recommended creating a new line item of \$17,500 titled Therapeutic Recreation. Mr. Beaulieu stressed to the Board that there would be no loss of programs simply a transfer of resources.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the amended amount of **\$299,530.**

- c. Approve **Grand Total of General Fund Budget**

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Grand Total of General Fund Budget **\$12,368,157.**

4. Discussion and action on request from Building Maintenance Department for an appropriation of \$35,000 from the CNR fund for the repair of the Town Hall Roof.

(Approximately 50% of which is expected to be reimbursed by Insurance).

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve appropriation of \$35,000 from the CNR fund for the repair of the Town Hall Roof.

5. Discussion and action on request from Tax Assessor for an appropriation of \$350,000 in the CNR fund for upcoming 2007 revaluation, as approved by Board of Finance.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve appropriation of \$350,000 in the CNR fund for upcoming 2007 revaluation.

6. Approve LoCIP Projects and request to apply for supplemental (Phase II) reimbursement grants.

- a. Coles Road Phase I Improvements (LoCIP)

Increase funding for consultant fee(s) by \$20,000 (LoCIP)

- b. Christian Hill Road Bridge Construction

Increase for construction \$198,934 (LoCIP)

- c. Evergreen Road Drainage Project

Increase funding for Construction -\$100,000 (LoCIP)

- d. Allocate specific funds from the Town's LoCIP funds for the project and authorize the First Selectman to set date for a Special Town Meeting.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve a, b, c, d and authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting.

F. OLD BUSINESS

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

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

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve adding Article 1 and Article 2 of the Fire Hydrant Ordinance to Cromwell Code.

2. Discussion and action to accept Road Construction Specifications as revised January 6, 2005.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura for purpose of discussion. Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the board that additional information needed to be gathered before the Road Construction Specifications can be approved. The board recommended that the Public Works Department meet with various boards and commissions regarding the Specifications, receive their input and bring it back to the Board of Selectmen for acceptance.

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

3. Ratify Phone Poll vote, which was taken on February 21, 2006, authorizing First Selectman to apply for Transportation Grant and approve the following resolution; Resolved, that the First Selectman Paul Beaulieu is hereby authorized on behalf of the Town of Cromwell to negotiate and execute all necessary contract documents required to obtain operating and administrative funds from the Connecticut Department of Transportation per Cromwell Town Charter Section C702.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to ratify the phone poll vote and approve the resolution.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Insurance Agent of Record for 3-year term.
 - a. H. D. Segur Insurance

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to appoint H. D. Segur Insurance as Agent of Record for 2-year term.

2. Discuss the creation of a Charter Revision Commission.

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

3. Approve road names for Evergreen Active Adult project.
 - a. Long Green Terrace
 - b. Gatesville Lane
 - c. Woodsboro Circle
 - d. Harwood Gardens
 - e. Brookview Road

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the road names.

4. Motion to have budget go to Referendum until it's passed.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve having the budget go to Referendum until it's passed.
Motion was rescinded Board of Selectmen Meeting of April 12, 2006.

H. RESIGNATION

1. Library Commission
 - a. John Haywood

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to accept Mr. Haywood's resignation with regret.

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Library Commission

- a. Al Spotts, Term expires February 2008

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to appoint Mr. Spotts to the Library Commission.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, February 8, 2006

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve minutes of February 8, 2006.

2. Budget Workshop, March 1, 2006

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve minutes of Budget Workshop, March 1, 2006.

3. Budget Workshop, March 6, 2006

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve minutes of Budget Workshop, March 6, 2006.

K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

R. Newton- CWPCA and Midstate Regional Planning Agency

P. Beaulieu-Road Report

S. Stachura-Inland Wetlands and Downtown Development

M. Johnson-Economic Development and Planning and Zoning

F. Monnes-Fire Commission Meeting

L. GOOD AND WELFARE

First Selectman Beaulieu informed the Board that he would be meeting with Cory Anderson, President of the Central Connecticut Wood turners to work out the details of how many turned pieces would be given back to the town.

Ms. Salvatore stated for the record; Putting aside personalities, putting aside any relationships, putting aside everything else that I was truly embarrassed today to be a member of this board with what happened during discussion between the people in the audience, people here and Department Heads. I really think that we need to examine why we are here what we are here for. I have been on numerous boards and I have never seen any disruption like that. I truly have to say that I'm embarrassed with what happened here tonight. It wasn't warranted and I don't think anybody in the audience or in the Town deserves any of this from the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Waters responded to Ms. Salvatore for the record; it was brought up that I went to the Town Hall to get this information. I never went to the Town Hall; a taxpayer brought it to my attention. That is why I brought it up. I do honestly want to apologize for what happened tonight. I was just bringing up what was on the worksheet. I didn't want to see this get to the point that it got to. I had the floor and it got out of control over what happened from here forward. I did not start the flare up. I was just bringing the point forward of what was happening as to how the

town worked to auction off vehicles. If you feel like I started the flare up I will apologize.

Discussion followed regarding the events of the evening. First Selectman Beaulieu made the resolution that everyone should be treated with courtesy.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Paul C. Beaulieu
First Selectman