

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 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: None

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Acting Finance Director M. Sylvester, Public  
Works Director B. Jahn, Engineering Technician B. Niesyn, Tax Collector  
S. Ramsay, Town Clerk D. DiProto, Police Captain R. Nelson, 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,  
#2. Tax Refunds, b. Bank Overpayments, #4. First American Real Estate -\$3,940.65, c.  
Overpayments, #3. Amato and Rita Feola -\$3,865.36, f. Duplicate Bill, #1. Jeffrey or  
Laura Kehlenback -\$411.44, g. Board of Assessment Appeals Adjustments, #1. Alice  
Halstedt -\$938.70, #2. Alice Halstedt -\$1,728.40, #3. Aresco/Calhoun -\$1,437.96  
#4. Aresco/Calhoun -\$1,408.83, #5. Robert Wice -\$121.62, #6. Anthony Pantano -  
\$264.33. Under E. New Business, #4. Return of Road Maintenance Bond, Add Horse  
Run Hill.

Selectman Salvatore added the following item to the agenda: Under F. Old Business, #4.  
Revisit December 14, 2005 meeting relating to vote on COLA for exempt employees.  
**Motion** made by S. Salvatore seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to  
approve the agenda as amended.

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street –spoke regarding traffic conditions relative to the  
buses exiting the new school parking lot.
2. Julius Neto, Cannata Drive Member of the Board of Finance, I/W and the POCD  
Advisory Committee –distributed a list of ten basic common sense approaches to  
effective meetings.
3. Jeff Polke, Pondview Drive –Spoke in favor of forming a Charter Revision  
Commission.
4. Dick Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace-spoke regarding traffic conditions regarding  
the buses exiting the new school parking lot.
5. Anthony Varricchio, Kowal Drive-Spoke in opposition to forming a Charter  
Revision Commission at this time.

6. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road-Agreed with Mr. Polke regarding forming a Charter Revision Commission. Stated that the gate at the end of Shadow Lane is demolished and should be replaced.
7. Peter Amato, Willowbrook Road-spoke in regard to article in the press regarding a possible conflict of interest regarding the budget.
8. Rich Waters, South Street –Agreed with Chief Salvatore regarding Exit 19. Suggested that bond for Sovereign Ridge should be held another year. Mr. Waters also spoke stated his opinion regarding several other issues.
9. Jeff Polke, Pondview Drive-Spoke about the poor condition of Willowbrook Road near Liberty Bank. Asked that the Public Works Department take a look at the situation and possibly come up with a solution to this long standing problem.

#### **D. STAFF COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS**

1. Report of the Cromwell Representatives to the Mattabassett District.  
Mattabassett Representatives Thomas Tokarz and Douglas Sienna presented the report to the Board of Selectmen. In the year 2010 with the new census and the increase in population between Berlin and Cromwell we would automatically increase our membership by one member. New Britain would lose one member. It would be a board that is split 6 – 6. With the proposal that is before the board of directors now it would increase the membership of the board to 12 members and when we take the formula to determine what the number of people would be; we would still have 3, New Britain would still have 7. The board will at a 7 - 6 split. Mr. Tokarz and Mr. Sienna are bringing this issue before the Board of Selectmen to make the determination of what they want to do. Cromwell would be guaranteed another member right now if all participating communities votes in favor. Do you want to have a board that is 6 to 6 or 7 to 6; New Britain would still have control of the board.  
Lengthy discussion followed.  
**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to resolve to vigorously oppose the expansion of the Mattabassett Board from 12 to 13.  
Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, S. Stachura, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes  
Abstained: M. Johnson
2. Selectman's Punch List.  
First Selectman Beaulieu recommended that the following Sidewalks be repaired this summer to the extent of available funding.
  - a. Connect 275-foot stretch of sidewalks on West Street from the new Smith Farms subdivision to Fox Glen.
  - b. Sidewalks on lower Main Street between the American Legion Hall and the Congregational Church.

#### **E. FINANCIAL**

1. Budget Reports  
*No action necessary*
2. Tax Refunds

- a. Junked
  - 1. Mark F McCann -\$35.44
- b. Bank Overpayment
  - 1. Countrywide Tax Services -\$1,993.79
  - 2. LandAmerica -\$308.43
  - 3. Liberty Bank -\$49.78
  - 4. First American Real Estate -\$3,940.65
- c. Overpayment
  - 1. Washington Mutual -\$244.48
  - 2. Home Focus -\$1,151.46
  - 3. Amato and Rita Feola -\$3,865.36
- d. Traded
  - 1. William Perry -\$36.55
- e. Moved Out of State
  - 1. Daniel DeAngelis -\$102.27
- f. Duplicate Bill
  - 1. Jeffrey or Laura Kehlenback -\$411.44
- g. Board of Assessment Appeals
  - 1. Alice Halstedt -\$938.70
  - 2. Alice Halstedt -\$1,728.40
  - 3. Aresco/Calhoun -\$1,437.96
  - 4. Aresco/Calhoun -\$1,408.83
  - 5. Robert Wice -\$121.62
  - 6. Anthony Pantano -\$264.33

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to Approve a- g.

- 3. Modify previous month's \$35,000 appropriation for Town Hall Roof Repairs from CNR to include roof repairs at the Sewer Department Garage.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve modifying the \$35,000 appropriation for Town Hall Roof Repairs from CNR to include roof repairs at the Sewer Department Garage.

- 4. Discussion and action on request to release Road Maintenance Bond for Sovereign Ridge, Sydney Lane and Horse Run Hill.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to release the Road Maintenance Bond for Sovereign Ridge, Sydney Lane and Horse Run Hill.

- 5. Discussion and action on Interdepartmental Transfers of \$1,790 for April 2006.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve the Interdepartmental Transfers of \$1,790.

- 6. Approve Public Works Interdepartmental Transfers.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to Approve Public Works Interdepartmental Transfers.

7. Discussion and action on recommendation from Chief Salvatore to revise fees and penalties. Authorize First Selectman to set time and date of public hearing after review by Town Attorney.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to send to the Town Attorney for review and authorize the First Selectman to set time and date of Public Hearing.

8. Authorize First Selectman to sign Agreement with The Metropolitan District for the 2006 Hazardous Waste Collections.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to Authorize the First Selectman to sign agreement with the Metropolitan District for the 2006 Hazardous Waste Collections.

#### **F. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and action to accept Road Construction Specifications as revised January 6, 2005 -Tabled

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

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to adopt Road Specifications as presented tonight, effective April 20, 2006.

2. Discuss the creation of a Charter Revision Commission. -Tabled

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

Lengthy discussion followed.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura to establish a Charter Revision Commission.

Roll call vote:

F. Monnes -Nay

S. Salvatore -Nay

M. Johnson -Nay

S. Stachura -Nay

P. Beaulieu –Passed, did not vote

R. Newton -Aye

A. Waters -Nay

**Motion defeated**

3. Modification of the Resolution for Budget Referendum.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to rescind the original resolution.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to resolve to send the fiscal year 06/07 budget to a Referendum Vote.

4. Revisit December 14, 2005 meeting relating to vote on COLA for exempt employees.

R. Newton pointed out under Robert's rules that a motion to reconsider has to be made at the next meeting and has to be made by someone who voted in the affirmative. S. Salvatore pointed out that it would be to revisit and not to reconsider. First Selectman Beaulieu stated that the budget has been transmitted to the Board of Finance at their March Meeting and this action would not change anything. Ms. Salvatore stated that it would not change the effect of it but would give her the opportunity to abstain from that vote. Lengthy discussion followed.

**Motion** made by S. Salvatore seconded by S. Stachura *and failed* to revisit December 14, 2005 vote relating to COLA for exempt employees at 3.25%.

Roll call vote:

A. Waters -Nay

R. Newton -Nay

S. Stachura -Aye

M. Johnson -Nay

S. Salvatore -Aye

F. Monnes - Aye

P. Beaulieu -Nay

**Motion defeated**

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and action regarding Pavement Management Study Annex.

Informative Power Point Presentation given by Gordon Daring of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. and Public Works Director R. Jahn.

Question and answer period followed. No action taken.

2. Discussion and approval for Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Policy Statement and Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Policy Statement and Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement.

3. Authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Annual Town Meeting.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set time and date of Annual Town Meeting, which will be held on May 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

4. Authorize First Selectman to designate Colchester 's Emergency Communications as recipient of Cromwell's regional emergency telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) services for fiscal year 2006/2007.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to designate Colchester's Emergency Communications as recipient of Cromwell's regional emergency telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency Director (CMED) services for fiscal year 2006/2007.

5. Approve request for Educational Assistance in the amount of \$1,356.00 (cost of books unknown at this time) for Officer Kosinski.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura to approve depending on passage of 06/07 Budget.

**Motion amended** by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve, as amended, depending on passage of the 06/07 budget and pending the outcome of on-going contract negotiations.

6. Authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Special Town Meeting for the purpose of transferring property on Geer Street from the Town of Cromwell to the Cromwell Fire District.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set time and date of Special Town Meeting for the purpose of transferring property on Geer Street from the Town of Cromwell to the Cromwell Fire District. First Selectman Beaulieu informed the Board that the Fire District would be paying for all expenses involved in the transfer.

7. Authorize First Selectman to set date for Special Town Meeting on the energy improvement proposal providing alternative financing for energy efficient lighting and monitoring equipment for the Board of Education.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set date for Special Town Meeting on the energy improvement proposal providing alternative financing for energy efficient lighting and monitoring equipment for the Board of Education.

8. Appoint American Legion Carlson-Sjovall Post No. 105 as agent of Town for Memorial Day Ceremonies.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to Appoint American Legion Carlson-Sjovall Post 105 as agent of Town for Memorial Day ceremonies.

## H. RESIGNATIONS

None

## I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Senior Services Committee
  - a. Mary Konopka –Term expires April 2008
  - b. Frances Zacchio -Term expires April 2008
  - c. Claire Hickey - Term expires April 2008
  - d. Loris Balkun - Term expires April 2008
2. Library Commission
  - a. William Dickerson – Term expires February 2010
3. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
  - a. Thomas O'Neill –Term expires November 2006
4. Mattabassett District
  - a. Douglas Sienna, Term expires September 2006

5. Economic Development Commission
  - a. David Beauchemin, Regular Member, Term expires 3/10
  - b. Victor Harpley, Regular Member, Term expires 3/10
  - c. Dick Nobile, Regular Member, Term expires 3/10

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve # 1-5.

**J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, March 8, 2006
  - a. Correct bottom line of Employees Benefits amount to \$2,685,989.
  - b. S. Salvatore requested that her comments under Good & Welfare, which were for the record, be included in the minutes.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes as corrected and amended.

**K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS**

- A. Waters –Economic Development and Historical Society
- R. Newton- Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority
- P. Beaulieu- Board of Finance, Hiring update for Finance Director and Staff Accountant, OSHA Inspection results, PGA Tournament update, Gate on Shadow Lane and Connecticut Woodturners update.
- S. Stachura –Zoning Board of Appeals, Inland Wetlands and POCD.
- M. Johnson – Economic Development Commission and Planning and Zoning
- S. Salvatore –Library Commission and Board of Education
- F. Monnes –Fire Commission

**L. GOOD AND WELFARE**

- S. Stachura –Reminded the First Selectman that the results of the Phone Poll vote taken in regard to the Town’s Internet provider were omitted from the agenda. Mr. Stachura also spoke in regard to a letter, which members of the Board of Selectmen received from Tax Collector Ramsay. First Selectman Beaulieu stated that it was not an issue of the Board’s concern.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Paul C. Beaulieu  
First Selectman