

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 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, Public Works Director R. Jahn, Acting Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Deputy Assessor D. Otlowski, Chairman Economic Development Commission D. Nobile, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

First Selectman Beaulieu added several tax refunds to the agenda at the request of the Tax Collector: E. Financial, #2. Tax Refunds, b. Traded, 1. Brian Cassidy - \$42.24, c. Overpayments 1. Mavis & Charles Parker -\$2,995.49, 2. Jason Kowalker -\$27.30, 3. David & Josephine Campisi -\$170.73, 4. Flagstar Bank - \$54.84

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

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Bill Eager, Helena Drive –Spoke in favor of G-4.
2. Al Schumann, Main Street -Spoke in favor of G-4.
3. Linda Sellev, Nordland Avenue - Spoke in favor of G-4 and presented an FOIA request regarding the Staging for Memorial Day.
4. Rich Waters, South Street - Spoke in favor of G-4 and requested to be appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Town Hall sign.
5. Tom Madden, Wynwood Drive- Spoke against G-4. Mr. Madden also read a letter, which is attached to the minutes on file in the Town Clerk's Office, from Sam DiProto, Oak Road, who also was against G-4.
6. Franco Sanzo, Vicki Lane - Spoke against G-4
7. Kevin Green, Nooks Hill Road - Spoke in favor of G-4.
8. Merrie Buchsbaum, Prospect Hill Road –Stated that Cromwell has facilities such as parks and playgrounds they just need to be better.
9. Stan Jasiiecki, Geer Street –Inquired about Road Conditions Report and stated that instead of paying \$80,000 for the report, a road should have been fixed? Spoke about the sewer trunk line at Shunpike Pumping Station. Stated that he was asked by several members of the Planning and Zoning Board to go back on. Mr. Jasiiecki asked to be appointed as an alternate as soon as possible.

10. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road – Asked Chief Salvatore to include Pet Stations at the lands around the schools. Mr. Jahn also spoke about the Sewer Usage Fund Budget on this evening's agenda. Mr. Jahn stated that the Capital Expenditures Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority, Insurance Commission should have staggered terms of office.
11. Tony Gagnon, Field Road – Inquired about the current status of the Lowe's application? First Selectman Beaulieu replied that P&Z rejected, by a vote of 6 – 3 the requested zone change that would have enabled the footprint of Lowe's, as proposed, to be placed on that particular parcel. Deputy Selectman Stachura added that Lowe's has withdrawn all applications to all boards. It is now back at their Corporate Headquarters. Mr. Gagnon failed to see the rational in turning down something like Lowe's and it appears that the Board of Selectmen agrees with him.

D. STAFF AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Economic Development Chairman R. Nobile presented the 2006 Economic Development Report, which is attached to the minutes on file in the Town Clerk's Office, to the Board of Selectmen. The report included a summary and updates regarding Northern Tier Industrial Development, Riverfront Development, Route 372 Development and Historic Downtown Development. Selectman Johnson inquired how many hours the Economic Development Commission spent on bringing Lowe's to Cromwell? Mr. Nobile stated that Lowe's just might reapply, as Mr. Stachura stated it is back at their Corporate Headquarters. If they can fit a footprint on the parcel, they may come back. Losing Lowe's is a terrible blow to Cromwell's economy and we can only hope that Lowe's reapplies.

Public Works Director Jahn presented the projected work schedule for the Public Works Department for the coming weeks. Discussion followed.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports

No Action necessary

2. Tax Refunds

a. BOAA Adjustment

1. David L & Elizabeth L Satagaj -\$675.16

b. Traded

1. Brian Cassidy - \$42.24

c. Overpayments

1. Mavis & Charles Parker -\$2,995.49
2. Jason Kowalker -\$27.30
3. David & Josephine Campisi -\$170.73
4. Flagstar Bank -\$54.84

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

3. Discussion and action on 06/07 Other Fund Budgets

Chief Salvatore presented the request.

a. Dog Fund -\$17,500

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$17,500**.

b. Sidewalk Fund -\$20,000

Discussion followed.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the amended amount of **\$30,000** for the 06/07 budget subject to approval of the Board of Finance and Town Meeting.

c. Sewer Usage Fund -\$1,286,714

1. Discussion and action to increase line item 78410, Mattabassett District, in the Sewer Usage budget by \$30,218 to read \$420,245.00. The monies will be transferred from the Sewer Usage Fund balance to account for the increase in the Town's assessment.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the amended amount of **\$1,316,932** due to the increase of \$30,218 in the Mattabassett District line item.

d. Sewer Assessment Fund -\$686,482

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$686,482**.

e. Authorize First Selectman to set time and date for Special Town Meeting on Other Fund budgets.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set the time and date for a Special Town Meeting on the Other Fund budgets.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ratify Phone Poll Vote to authorize First Selectman to sign contract with AT&T to provide Internet Service to the Town of Cromwell.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to ratify phone poll vote to authorize First Selectman to sign contract with AT&T to provide Internet Service to the Town of Cromwell.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract with Vision Appraisal Technology for Revaluation Services.

Richard Romano from Vision Appraisal Technology made a presentation to the board and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign contract with Vision Appraisal Technology for Revaluation Services, subject to the Town Attorney's review.

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

M. Johnson had stepped out of the room and did not vote.

2. Authorize an appropriation of \$15,000 from the capital & non-recurring fund to complete practice football fields project at C.H.S., as approved by Board of Finance.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve an appropriation of \$15,000 from the CNR Fund to complete practice football fields project at C.H.S. as approved by the Board of Finance.

3. Authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 from the capital and non-recurring fund to repair a portion of Willowbrook Road.

Public Works Director Jahn presented the request. Lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to authorize an appropriation of \$37,500 from the CNR fund to repair a portion of Willowbrook Road.

4. Authorize the First Selectman to sign an amended lease with the Cromwell Outboard Association.

Selectmen A. Waters recused himself and took a seat in the audience.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore to deny the lease.

A short discussion followed.

Motion made by M. Johnson seconded by R. Newton and *carried to table.*

Roll Call Vote:

F. Monnes	Abstained
S. Salvatore	Abstained
M. Johnson	Aye
S. Stachura	Abstained
R. Newton	Aye

Tabled

5. Discussion and possible action regarding improvements to Memorial Town Green across from the Cromwell Police Station.

Chief Salvatore presented an idea, to build a Gazebo on the Memorial Town Green across for the Police Station, on behalf of Julius Neto and himself. Chief Salvatore and Mr. Neto received positive feedback for this project when they discussed this idea with Town Businesses and members of the public. Chief Salvatore stressed that taxpayer's money would not be used to complete this project.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the concept and authorized the start of the project.

6. Resolution to appoint an ad hoc committee for the design and construction of the Town Hall sign (front lawn).

First Selectman Beaulieu requested the Town Committees submit names of individuals that would be interested in serving on the ad hoc committee for next month's Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion made by M. Johnson seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to appoint an ad hoc committee of five individuals at the next Board of Selectmen's Meeting for the design and construction of the Town Hall sign (front lawn).

7. Discussion and action on recommendation from Chief Salvatore to revise fees and penalties and amend Chapter 82, Animals of the Code of the Town of Cromwell.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by A. Salvatore to revise fees and penalties and amend Chapter 82.

Discussion followed. The consensus of the board was that Town Residents should not be charged for the Alcohol Permit and that the fee should be increased to \$50.00 for Non-Cromwell residents.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to amend the fees as follows: Alcoholic Beverages 76-5. Charge for Alcohol Consumption Permit issued by Chief of Police. The fee for such permit shall be 0 for Residents and Town Businesses and \$50.00 for Non-Residents.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to accept fines and fees *as amended*.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to accept Chapter 82 as presented.

8. Approve road name for new road off of Woodside Road:
 - a. Newbury ~~Lane~~ Street

Attorney Petrella requested, on behalf of his client, that the name be changed to Newbury Street. Chief Salvatore stated that he did not have a problem with this change.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve road name of Newbury Street for new road off of Woodside Road.

9. Approve road name for new road off of Evergreen Road:
 - a. Harpers Road

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve road name of Harpers Road for new road off of Evergreen Road.

10. Approve request from Theresa Strong for Educational Assistance for Fiscal Year 06/07 - \$650.00.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve request contingent on approval of 06/07 budget.

Selectman Stachura requested, in the future when Educational Assistance requests are made, that the board be provided with a report of the amount of available funds in the line item.

H. APPOINTMENTS

1. Senior Services Committee
 - a. Cyril (Bud) Jackson, Term expires April 2008
 - b. Thomas Beck, Term expires April 2008
 - c. James Gere, Term expires April 2008
 - d. Al Kane, Term expires April 2008
 - e. Ernie Harriman, Term expires April 2008
2. Capital Expenditures Commission
 - a. David Libby, Term expires December 2006

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 1 and 2.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, April 12, 2006

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of April 12, 2006.

J. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Waters –Historical Society and Economic Development Commission

R. Newton-MidState Regional Planning

P. Beaulieu-Senior Services, Committee to Support People with Disabilities and the Selectman's Punch List.

S. Stachura- Zoning Board of Appeals

M. Johnson –Economic Development Commission, Park and Recreation Commission and Planning and Zoning.

S. Salvatore-Library Commission

F. Monnes-Fire Commission and Park and Recreation

K. GOOD AND WELFARE

S. Stachura –Requested an update on how the hiring process for the Director of Finance and Staff Accountant Position is progressing.

M. Johnson- Expressed his overwhelming disappointment that the Lowe's application was denied by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The entire Board

of Selectmen shared Mr. Johnson's disappointment and expressed the hope that Lowe's Corporate Office would review the situation and resubmit a revised application.

S. Salvatore –Requested a copy of the Town Attorney's Invoices for March and April.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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Secretary

Paul C. Beaulieu
First Selectman