

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 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 (arrived at 7:30 during Citizen Comments speaker #5)

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Captain R. Nelson, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Health Coordinator W. Bell, Public Works Director R. Jahn, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Registrar M. Amenta, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Selectman Stachura added the following items to the agenda: Under G. New Business, #5. Authorization to apply for Annual Youth Service Bureau Grant in the amount of \$14,000 from the State Department of Education, which will be used to offset the Youth Service Budget, a. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract for these funds and any additional funds that may become available and to amend the application or contract, if necessary. Under I. Appointments, #2. Planning and Zoning Commission, a. Marvin Selsky, Alternate.

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

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. John Croasdale, Bellevue Terrace – Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
2. Rich Waters, South Street - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
3. Michael Gosselin, Rivercove Drive - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
4. Peter Keithan, Geer Street - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
5. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
6. Alice Kelly, Willowbrook Road - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
7. Marvin Selsky, Willowbrook Road – Requested the board to support his appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate member. Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
8. Phil Ireland, Arrowwood Drive - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
9. Joe Corlis, Redwood Court - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
10. Jim Davis, Meadow Road - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
11. Tony Varricchio, Kowal Drive - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
12. Charles Dickinson, Coles Road - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
13. Michael Millane, Field Road - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)

14. Ronald Jones, Highridge Road - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
15. Kevin Greene, Nooks Hill Road - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
16. Deborah Berggren, Oak Ridge Drive - Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
17. Dick Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace – Thanked the Town for spraying for mosquitoes. Spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)
18. Al Waters, South Street – Presented a petition for the Town of Cromwell to renew COA lease extension (F-1)
19. Rich Waters, South Street – Once again spoke in favor COA lease extension (F-1)

F. OLD BUSINESS

(Item moved before D. Staff and Commission Chair Reports)

1. Authorize the First Selectman to sign a lease extension with the Cromwell Outboard Association. -Tabled

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to remove from table.

Aye: F. Monnes, S. Salvatore, M. Johnson, S. Stachura, R. Newton,

Abstained: A. Waters had recused himself the previous month for this item.

Selectmen Waters stated, “Given consideration from last month, I have come to the conclusion that I do not receive any financial gain from the COA and I do not have a conflict. Yes, I am the President of the Club, taxpayer of the club and also a representative of the Town of Cromwell. I will be sitting in on this.”

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore to rescind his initial motion made last month to deny this application.

Selectmen Newton *Point of Order*; that is not a motion, all you have to do is rescind your motion, you do not have to vote on it.

S. Stachura responded; Motion rescinded.

For the record, Mr. Stachura stated that he feels that there is a conflict with Mr. Waters sitting in on this. Selectman Beaulieu stated that it is up to the individuals to declare conflicts. This is a well-established precedent at our meetings.

Selectman Beaulieu stated based on last month’s discussion that he took a look at the lease. It is essentially the same as before with the exception of a few additions:

1. Selectman Beaulieu recommended that this lease extension be for an additional six years for the purpose of requiring that it be sent to a Special Town Meeting.
2. #6, Use of the premises, language is the same, except for one addition, which memorializes the right of the Town to use the premises for public safety purposes.
3. #15. The right to terminate the lease, the 60-day clause that in the event the board of selectmen determine in their sole discretion, these words added, *in the event that the board of selectmen determine in their sole discretion and by unanimous resolution that the lease premises are needed for other purposes by the Town of*

Cromwell, then this amended lease may be terminated by the landlord upon 60 days notice to the tenant without liability of any kind to the landlord.

Discussion followed:

Motion made by R. Newton seconded S. Stachura *to renew this lease as amended by the First Selectman's comments for discussion.*

Selectman Stachura: #15 Right to terminate, change wording from unanimous resolution to a ¾ of a vote by the board. Discussion followed.

Selectman Stachura: Would like the rent increased to \$750.00. Would also like the terms of this lease approved from 7/1/06 ending 11/1/06. It would be brought back in March for discussion.

Selectman Waters stated that a short-term lease would not be feasible because the COA would not do things that need attention right now if a short-term lease were given. Selectmen Newton agreed that a short-term lease would not be feasible.

Selectman Johnson stated that regarding #15 he feels that a unanimous vote would be difficult to achieve. Discussion followed.

First Selectman Beaulieu recommended the following language for #15, in the event that the Board of Selectmen determine in their sole discretion and by a vote of 5 members of the full board that the lease premises are needed for other purposes by the Town of Cromwell, then this amended lease may be terminated by the landlord upon 60 days notice to the tenant without liability of any kind to the landlord.

Amended Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura to move #15 as amended. Discussion followed.

Selectman Stachura requested 5 minutes to caucus. Selectmen Stachura, Salvatore, Johnson and Monnes left the room to caucus for 5 minutes.

First Selectman Beaulieu recapped the motion, #15, Right to terminate; In the event that the Board of Selectmen determine in their sole discretion and by 5 members of the full board that the lease premises are needed for other purposes by the Town of Cromwell, then this amended lease may be terminated by the landlord upon 60 days notice to the tenant without liability of any kind to the landlord.

Roll Call:

A. Waters	Aye
R. Newton	Aye
S. Stachura	Nay
M. Johnson	Nay
S. Salvatore	Nay
F. Monnes	Nay

Motion failed

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by S. Stachura and *carried* to accept #15 as it stands, in the event the Board of Selectmen determine in their sole discretion that the lease premises are needed for other purposes by the Town of Cromwell then the

amended lease may be terminated by the landlord upon 60 days notice to the tenant without liability of any kind to the landlord.

Selectman Waters requested that he be allowed to speak to the Board of Directors of the Cromwell Outboard Association right then. First Selectman Beaulieu stated that they would keep going. Selectman Waters left the room.

Aye: F. Monnes, S. Salvatore, M. Johnson, S. Stachura
Nay: R. Newton, Selectmen Waters returned and voted nay
Motion carried

Mr. Waters made a statement on behalf of the COA that they will petition the town.

Amended Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *carried* to amend the terms of the lease to go for five years from July 1, 2006 to July 30, 2011.

F. Monnes	Aye
S. Salvatore	Aye
M. Johnson	Aye
S. Stachura	Aye
R. Newton	Nay
A. Waters	Nay

Motion carried

Roll Call Vote on Main Motion to adopt the lease as amended

A. Waters	Aye
R. Newton	Aye
S. Stachura	Aye
M. Johnson	Aye
S. Salvatore	Aye
F. Monnes	Aye

Main Motion unanimously carried

Selectmen Waters left the room at 9:00 p.m.

D. STAFF AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Public Works Director B. Jahn was available to answer the board's questions and concerns. Discussion followed.

Town Clerk D. DiProto sent a letter informing the board that Joan Ahlquist, Assistant Town Clerk passed the State of Connecticut Town Clerks Certification Test and is now certified. The Board requested that their congratulations be offered to Ms. Ahlquist.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the Budget Reports. No action necessary.

Selectman Waters returned to his seat at 9:45 p.m.

2. Tax Refunds

1. Disposed Feb

a. Toyota Lease Trust -\$73.67

2. Bank Overpayment

a. Michael Strogoff & Rachael DiBerardino -\$1,837.72

b. Ridgeview Community -\$1,283.38

c. Marisol Vasquez -\$618.05

d. Matthew D. Fuggi -\$2,417.63

e. Richard & Karen Siena -\$2,793.58

f. Gregg S. & Karoline S. Levinson -\$1,200.96

3. DMV Error

a. Susan Drinkwater -\$7.75

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Tax Refunds 1, 2 and 3.

3. Request of Sewer Commission to withdraw appropriations of \$154,000 for the proposed North Road Sewer Project.

Public Works Director Jahn presented the request.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve request of Sewer Commission to withdraw appropriations of \$154,000 for the proposed North Road Sewer Project.

4. Approve agreement with Cromwell Fire District for Tax Collector's services.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to approve agreement with Cromwell Fire District for Tax Collector's services.

5. Discussion and action on Interdepartmental Transfers totaling \$61,400 to cover Legal Expenses (Labor Relations) and Transportation Services (Gasoline expenses).

Finance Director Sylvester presented the request.

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

6. Authorize First Selectman to sign Economic Development Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 06/07.

Economic Development Consultant C. Stevenson was present to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign Economic Development Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 06/07.

7. Resolution to empower the First Selectman to contract with CRCOG for Treated Rock Salt, #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel Fuel for Fiscal year 06/07 if acceptable.

Finance Director Sylvester and Public Works Director Jahn presented the request for Items 7 and 8.

8. Authorize the First Selectman to accept and/or reject CRCOG/CRPC and/or CCM bids for goods and services throughout the year and enter into contract when he deems the bids are in the best interest of the Town of Cromwell.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to approve resolution to empower the First Selectman to contract with CRCOG for Treated Rock Salt, #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel Fuel for Fiscal Year 06/07 if acceptable and authorize the First Selectman to accept and/or reject CRCOG/CRPC and/or CCM bids for goods and services throughout the year and enter into contact when he deems the bids are in the best interest of the Town of Cromwell.
Selectman Stachura requested that the Board be kept informed by mail or a phone call when something is bid on short notice.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratify appointment of Finance Director
 - a. Marianne Sylvester

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to appoint Marianne Sylvester to the position of Finance Director effective tonight.

2. Designate Woodside Intermediate School as Official Polling Place.
Discussion followed. The issues of if there would be adequate parking and the long walk from the parking lots were brought up and discussed in detail. The consensus of the board was that they could designate the Woodside Intermediate School and if there are problems they would take another look at the issue. The upcoming summer primary will be good for a trial run even though school will not be in session.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to designate Woodside Intermediate School as the Official Polling Place.

3. Appoint ad-hoc Committee of five individuals to advise on design and construction of Town Hall sign.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to appoint the following people to the ad-hoc committee, with the charge to recommend and report back to the Board of Selectmen, at their September meeting, a design and location for the Town Hall Sign.

Judy Salamacha, Richard Donohue, Claire Hickey, Myron Johnson, Merrie Bushbaum and Richard Waters. Mr. Waters was in the audience and withdrew his name. David Beauchemin was appointed in Mr. Waters place.

4. Authorize First Selectman to call a Public Hearing regarding Health Department Revision of Fees.

First Selectman advised that the fee revisions were approved at the August 10, 2005 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to call a Public Hearing regarding Health Department Revision of Fees.

5. Authorization to apply for Annual Youth Service Bureau Grant in the amount of \$14,000 from the State Department of Education, which will be used to offset the Youth Service Budget.

a. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract for these funds and any additional funds that may become available and to amend the application or contract, if necessary

Motion made R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize applying for the Annual Youth Service Bureau Grant in the amount of \$14,000 and authorize First Selectman to sign contract for these funds and any additional funds that may become available and to amend the application or contract, if necessary.

H. RESIGNATIONS

1. Planning and Zoning

a. Victor L. Harpley

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to accept the resignation with regret.

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Cablevision, Comcast, Advisory Council

a. Paul Duren, term expires December 2007

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Mr. Duren's appointment.

2. Committee to Support People with Disabilities

a. Sonya Kunkel, term expires June 2008

b. Mary Lou Murphy, term expires June 2008

c. Terry Nash, term expires June 2008

d. Elizabeth Gaulton, term expires June 2008

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

3. Planning and Zoning

a. Marvin Selsky, Alternate

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes to appoint Marvin Selsky to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate member.

Roll Call Vote:

F. Monnes Aye

S. Salvatore Nay

M. Johnson Nay

S. Stachura Nay

R. Newton Nay

A. Waters Nay

Motion failed

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, May 10, 2006

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of May 10, 2006.

K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Waters –Economic Development and Historical Society

R. Newton –Mid State Regional Planning and Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority

P. Beaulieu –Connecticut Woodturners and EDC

S. Stachura –Zoning Board of Appeals and Inland Wetlands

M. Johnson – Planning and Zoning

S. Salvatore –Library Commission and Board of Education

F. Monnes – Fire District

L. GOOD AND WELFARE

S. Stachura –Suggested that a letter of support should be written for the Lowe’s project. Mr. Stachura also would like to see town personnel give more information to Commissioners during board and commission meetings.

M. Johnson –Spoke in opposition to the way the Town handles auctions.

S. Salvatore –Is opposed to town employees being discussed during Citizen Comments and recommended that in the future Citizen Comments should be for the public to speak on agenda items only. First Selectman Beaulieu agreed with Ms. Salvatore’s suggestion.

F. Monnes –Spoke regarding the current events of the renovation of the Youth Center and asked for an update as to why the Pool table was removed from the Youth Center. First Selectman Beaulieu informed the board that the Youth Center was in total disrepair and was unsanitary. Due to a critical need for space, it has been completely renovated and will be used to its full potential by all Departments and groups.

Discussion followed regarding the unruliness of the audience in attendance at tonight’s meeting. The consensus of the board was that, in the future, if the audience could not be controlled the meeting room would be cleared.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Paul C. Beaulieu
First Selectman