

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006  
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

**MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: First Selectman P. Beaulieu, Deputy First Selectman S. Stachura, R. Newton, A. Waters, M. Johnson, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes

Selectmen Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Town Clerk/Treasurer D. DiProto, Town Engineer J. Mazurek, Finance Director M. Sylvester, H/R Director T. Roohr, Health Coordinator W. Bell, Tax Collect S. Ramsay, Public and Press

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectman Beaulieu called the Regular meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda: Under C. Citizen Comments, 2-3 minutes per speaker –agenda items only. Under F. Financial, #2. Tax Refunds, a. Bank Overpayment, #1. Brian W. & Joan A. Buchanan -\$520.00, b. Land Split Map QQ-45, #1. Justin and Sally Drew -\$79.62, c. Assessor Adjustment, #1. River Highland Homeowners Association -\$1,245.88, d. Sold, 1. Claude Pepin -\$178.04 #5. Authorize First Selectman to direct Tax Collector to exempt property previously conveyed to Town of Cromwell under the provisions of CSG Sec. 12-81d. #6. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. 7. Authorize First Selectman to sign 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection agreement between the Metropolitan District and the Town of Cromwell. G. Old Business, #1. Discussion and action on request from Cromwell Outboard Association to revise Lease – Request withdrawn. Under H. New Business, Approve request from Board of Education to waive Building Permit Fee to modify a CMS classroom for use as office space. Under I. Resignations, 2. Board of Education, a. Patrice Donovan  
**Motion** made by S. Salvatore seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as amended.

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*2-3 minutes per speaker - agenda items only.*

1. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road –Disappointed with Citizens Comments being limited. Requested that if additions are made to the agenda an amended agenda should be posted before the meeting so the public would be able to follow along.
2. Tony Varricchio, Kowal Drive –Agreed with Mr. Jahn’s statement concerning Citizens’ Comments. Mr. Varricchio spoke regarding several issues, among them, the First Selectman and Police Chief’s involvement in a P&Z issue.

3. Peter Keithan, Iron Gate Lane, - Agreed with Mr. Jahn's statement concerning Citizens' Comments. Spoke regarding several other issues among them, the First Selectman and Police Chief's involvement in a P&Z issue
4. Terry Griffith, Hicksville Road – Spoke regarding a Public Health issue on her property caused by poor drainage. Ms. Griffith stated that the Town Engineer agreed to look into the matter.
5. Marvin Selsky, Willowbrook Road –Agreed with Mr. Jahn concerning Citizen's Comments. Spoke regarding several issues among them, the First Selectman and Police Chief's involvement in a P&Z issue.
6. Rich Waters, South Street - Agreed with Mr. Jahn concerning Citizen's Comments. Mr. Waters stated his opinion regarding agenda item H 5.
7. Bill Rogers, Main Street –Spoke about an issue concerning the Assessor's Office and a Disability Credit that he feels he is eligible to receive. Asked the Board of Selectmen to address this issue.
8. Joe Corlis, Redwood Court –Concerned about the run-off on Hicksville Road. Mr. Corlis was also concerned about a strong blast that occurred around two-o'clock this afternoon that shook his residence.
9. Charlie Tucker, Hicksville Road –Spoke about the water problem on Hicksville Road.
10. Rich Waters, South Street –Inquired when the Senior Citizens would receive a tax freeze?
11. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road –Agreed with Mr. Waters that Senior's should receive tax relief. Suggested that a Public Hearing should be held to get input.
12. Renee Bruscia, Court Street –Agreed with Mr. Jahn's statement concerning Citizen's Comments. Stated that more information should be given for Executive Session matters.

#### **D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Personnel Matter

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. (Executive Session was held in Room 222) Human Resources Director T. Roohr was invited into Executive Session

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to grant Irene Battistini 6 month's unpaid leave of absence retroactive from June 23<sup>rd</sup> in accordance with the stipulation agreement by our Town Labor Attorney.

#### **E. STAFF AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS**

1. Cromwell Health Department Annual Report -2006

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to accept the report from Wesley Bell and Doctor Rutner.

2. Town Engineer J. Mazurek reported on Public Works activities in Public Works Director B. Jahn's absence.

Discussion followed.

## F. FINANCIAL

### 1. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the Budget Reports. Discussion followed.  
*No action necessary.*

### 2. Tax Refunds

#### a. Bank Overpayment

1. Brian W. & Joan A. Buchanan -\$520.00

#### b. Land Split Map QQ-45

1. Justin and Sally Drew -\$79.62

#### c. Assessor Adjustment

1. River Highland Homeowners Association -\$1,245.88

#### d. Sold

1. Claude Pepin -\$178.04

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve a, b, c, and d.

### 3. Request for Educational Assistance Reimbursement Fiscal Year 06/07 –Michelle Milardo -\$250.00

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the Educational Assistance request of \$250.00 for Fiscal Year 06/07.

### 4. Authorize First Selectman to sign lease for Town Clerk's Map Scanner.

Town Clerk DiProto presented the request.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign the lease for Town Clerk's Map Scanner with Topaz Engineering.

### 5. Authorize First Selectman to direct Tax Collector to exempt property previously conveyed to Town of Cromwell under the provisions of CGS Sec. 12-81d.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by M. Johnson and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to direct Tax Collector to exempt property previously conveyed to the Town of Cromwell under the provisions of CGS Sec. 12-81d.

### 6. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2005.

Selectman Beaulieu presented the Certificate to the Board.  
*No action necessary.*

### 7. Authorize First Selectman to sign 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection agreement between the Metropolitan District and the Town of Cromwell.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Collection agreement.

## G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on request from Cromwell Outboard Association to revise Lease.–*Request withdrawn.*

## H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on recommendation from W. Bell, Public Health Coordinator to revise License Fees and amend Chapters 137, 151, 146 of the Cromwell Code.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve with the addition of including Massage Therapy in the Hairdressing, Cosmetology and Salons section.

2. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract with Skynation, Inc., for construction of roadway Improvements, Landscape Wall, and Sidewalks-Geer Street.

Town Engineer J. Mazurek presented the request. Discussion followed.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign contract with Skynation, Inc. for construction of roadway Improvements, Landscape Wall and Sidewalks on Geer Street.

3. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract with T&S Caminito Concrete, LLC for construction of miscellaneous sidewalks on Main Street.

Town Engineer J. Mazurek presented the request. Discussion followed.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign contract with T&S Caminito Concrete, LLC for construction of miscellaneous sidewalks on Main Street.

4. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract with BRD Builders for Municipal Building ADA Improvements, Phase 1 &2.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign contract with BRD Builders for Municipal Building ADA Improvements, Phase 1 & 2.

5. Approve request from Board of Education to waive Building Permit Fee to modify a CMS classroom for use as office space

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to waive the Building Permit Fee to modify a CMS classroom for use as office space.

## I. RESIGNATIONS

1. Zoning Board of Appeals
  - a. Stanley Terry
2. Board of Education
  - a. Patrice Donovan

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to accept #1 and #2 with regret.

**J. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Zoning Board of Appeals

- a. George Lawler Jr., Term expires November 2007

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

**K. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, June 14, 2006

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of June 14, 2006.

**L. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS**

F. Monnes –Fire Commission

S. Salvatore –Board of Education

M. Johnson –Economic Development Commission and Planning and Zoning

P. Beaulieu –Senior Services Committee

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

**M. GOOD AND WELFARE**

Several issues were discussed by the Board, among them, limiting the Citizen Comments portion of the agenda to agenda items only and the P&Z issue that was brought up by several speakers during the Citizen Comments portion of tonight's meeting.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Paul C. Beaulieu  
First Selectman