

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 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:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of  
Public Works R. Jahn, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Human Resources  
Director T. Roohr, 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 the following items to the agenda: Under E.  
Financial, #2. Tax Refunds, a. Sold, #6. Margaret Lassen -\$80.82. #7. Salvatore J.  
Petrella -\$5.13, # 8. Michelle Gray -\$36.89. b. Overpayment, #2. First American  
Tax Service -\$1,498.05. Under E2. Add Executive Session, 1. Labor Issue, Under  
Under G. New Business, #6. Discussion on Citizen Comments, #7. Discussion on  
Public Works matters. H. Resignations, #2. I/W, a. Bonnie Anderson. Under  
I. Appointments, 1. Board of Education, a. Mary Konopka, term expires  
November 2007. 2. Planning & Zoning Commission, a. Philip Halibozek, alternate,  
term expires December 2007. 3. Capital Expenditures Commission, a. Thomas  
Tokarz, term expires December 2006. 4. Inland Wetlands, a. G. Alden Nettleton,  
alternate, term expires 1/10.

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

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS -2-3 minutes per speaker - agenda items only**

1. Rich Waters, 84 South Street –inquired if the 4 police officers that attended last month’s meeting are being paid to attend the meeting? Stated that when someone makes an application to the Town, the application is private.
2. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street –stated that stop signs are needed on Geer Street.
3. Marvin Selsky, Willowbrook Road –stated that traffic control is needed in this town especially in West Cromwell. Asked what will be done about it? Mr. Selsky volunteered to be on the FOIA committee regarding item G3.
4. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road –Inquired what the number represents in item G1. Mr. Jahn was the Moderator at the Primary, which was held on Tuesday. Mr. Jahn stated that in his opinion it is a long walk from the parking lot into the polling area for the handicapped and elderly people. Mr. Jahn felt that it might discourage them to come out and vote. He recommended as a solution a small

loop road that would permit cars to drive up and be able to let elderly people get out of their car. Mr. Jahn also advised that board that there were no phones available at the polls for the workers to stay in contact with the Town Hall and Secretary of States Office. This situation needs to be corrected for the November Election. Mr. Jahn also spoke about several other issues among them his opinion regarding item G.2, flashing lights on Geer Street.

5. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street – stated that flashing lights are not needed. Mrs. Zalewski stated that stop signs are the best.
6. Marvin Selsky, Willowbrook Road –Mr. Selsky stated that he feels that the flashing lights would be a good idea. Mr. Selsky also stated his opinion regarding other issues.

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

Public Works Director Jahn submitted written projected work reports for August. Since Public Works Director Jahn was absent from the meeting, First Selectman Beaulieu presented the work reports. A lengthy discussion followed.

#### **E. FINANCIAL**

##### **1. Budget Reports**

Finance Director Sylvester informed the board that reports were not submitted for August because the 06/07 budget is in its infancy and adjustments will have to be made before the reports are accurate.

##### **2. Tax Refunds**

###### **a. Sold**

1. Zbigniew Zera -\$818.63
2. Toyota Motor Credit Corp -\$157.85
3. Rosanna Carta -\$55.85
4. Wanda Rondeau -\$88.70
5. Kenneth Secore -\$61.86
6. Margaret Lassen -\$80.82
7. Salvatore J. Petrella -\$5.13
8. Michelle Gray -\$36.89

###### **b. Bank Overpayment**

1. David J. Cox -\$2,275.72
2. First American Tax Service -\$1,498.05

###### **c. Over Assessed**

1. Melanie E. or Edward Kelley -\$531.43

###### **d. Donated**

1. James Rude -\$64.44

###### **e. Moved**

1. Ryan C. O'Connell -\$181.45

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds a –e.

3. Approve request to refund Permit Fee and revoke pool permit for 2 Sovereign Ridge on the recommendation of Building Official D. Jolley.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve to refund the Permit Fee and revoke the pool permit for 2 Sovereign Ridge.

## **E2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Labor Issue

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to executive session at 8:00 p.m.

H/R Director T. Roohr was invited into executive session.

The board came out of executive session at 8:21 p.m.

## **F. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Approval of 05/06 Educational Assistance Requests –tabled.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to remove a, b,c and d from the table.

- a. Theresa Strong -\$140.00
- b. Officer Ed Kosinski -\$5424.00, plus books
- c. Officer John Cunningham -\$962.00, plus books
- d. Officer Brian McGuiness - \$300.00 plus books

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to approve a, b, c and d, subject to verification and book costs.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Authorization for First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for the purpose of transferring a small (4.871') parcel on the corner of Court and Geer Street from the Town to the Fire District.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting for the purpose of transferring a small (4.871') parcel on the corner of Court and Geer Street from the Town to the Fire District. First Selectman Beaulieu stated that clarification regarding the parcel size would be obtained before the Special Town Meeting is held.

2. Approve the modification of the Geer Street appropriation to include \$15,000 for the installation of two flashing warning signs –School Zone.

Chief of Police A. Salvatore presented the request.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura to approve the installation of two flashing warning signs, School Zone, on Geer Street for the purpose of discussion.

Discussion followed. Several of the members felt that stop signs may suffice and they should be installed on a trial basis to see if they help the situation before installing the flashing lights. Other members of the board felt that people wouldn't necessarily stop for the stop signs and that could cause a more dangerous situation. Discussion continued.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *carried* to approve the expenditure of \$15,000 for two flashing warning signs within the Geer Street appropriation.

Roll call vote:

A. Waters     Nay

R. Newton    Aye

S. Stachura   Aye

M. Johnson   Nay

S. Salvatore  Aye

F. Monnes    Nay

P. Beaulieu   Aye

*Motion carried*

3. Appoint committee of staff to review and make recommendations regarding the Town of Cromwell's FOIA Guidelines.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to appoint committee of staff to review and make recommendations regarding the Town of Cromwell's FOIA Guidelines. Town Clerk Darlene DiProto was appointed Chairman of the committee and will be asked to bring the committee's recommendations to the September board meeting.

4. Authorize the First Selectman to sign Town of Cromwell Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

H/R Director T. Roohr presented the request.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign Town of Cromwell Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

5. Discussion and action to approve change in job description –Senior Center.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried to table* subject to Personnel Sub-Committee review.

6. Discussion Citizens Comments

Selectmen Stachura recommended that Citizen Comments be heard regarding agenda items at the beginning of the meeting and near the end of the meeting general comments would be heard. Discussion followed.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes to keep Citizens Comments the same as they have been for years.

Aye: A. Waters, F. Monnes, M. Johnson

Nay: R. Newton, S. Stachura, S. Salvatore, P. Beaulieu

*Motion failed*

**Motion** made by Stachura seconded by R. Newton that we have citizen comments at the beginning of the meeting where it is now, limited to 2-3 minutes for agenda items only then a second one after appointments and resignations for general comments.

Roll Call Vote:

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

*Motion carried*

7. Discussion Public Works matters.

Discussion followed regarding the process for cleaning culverts and obtaining permits from Inland Wetlands. The final inspection process for projects was also discussed.

**H. RESIGNATIONS**

1. Capital Expenditures Commission
  - a. Sonja Shuford
2. Inland Wetlands
  - a. Bonnie Anderson

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

**I. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Board of Education
  - a. Mary Konopka, term expires November 2007
2. Planning & Zoning
  - a. Philip Halibozek, alternate, term expires December 2007
3. Capital Expenditures Commission
  - a. Thomas Tokarz, term expires December 2006
4. Inland Wetlands
  - a. G. Alden Nettleton, alternate, term expires 1/10

**Motion** made by S. Salvatore seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 1 –4.

**J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, July 12, 2006

**Motion** made by S. Salvatore seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of July 12, 2006.

**K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS**

A. Waters –Economic Development Commission  
S. Stachura –Zoning Board of Appeals – Inland Wetlands  
M. Johnson –Planning and Zoning and Economic Development Commission  
F. Monnes –Fire Commission

**L. GOOD AND WELFARE**

Several topics were discussed:

1. The designation of the Woodside Intermediate School as the official polling place will be reviewed at next month's meeting due to several observations of the difficulties the school poses for the elderly and handicapped voters.
2. Connecticut Woodturners advised First Selectman Beaulieu that the bench and approximately 20 pieces of turned products are ready. They will present them at next month's meeting.
3. The flag on the Town Green across from the Police Station was removed and will be replaced next week.
4. Mr. Monnes inquired about the status of the State Grant for the Skate-Park?
5. The issue of disabled veteran issue that was discussed last month was researched by the First Selectman and the Tax Assessor. First Selectman Beaulieu advised the board that he would call the veteran and advise him of the benefit that he is eligible to receive.
6. Mrs. Salvatore asked if any response was given to the individual that sent the letter of complaint regarding a town employee that was in the previous month's packet.
7. M. Johnson commented that P&Z wanted Zoning Officer Curtin look at 25 or 30 sign violations. Mr. Johnson said that they were the most ridiculous charges and that they had Mr. Curtin up there for at least an hour. Mr. Johnson asked if something could be done to put a stop to it?
8. S. Stachura requested an update regarding the possible Tax Abatement for elderly.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Stanley Stachura Jr.  
Deputy First Selectman