

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007
CROMWELL TOWN HALL 7:30 P.M.
ROOM 224/225

RECORD OF VOTES / MINUTES

Present: Chairman Michael Gengler, Loraine Caruso, Julius Neto, Jack Henehan, John Flanders, Jeremy Shingleton, and Edwin Maley, Jr.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Michael Gengler called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

SEAT ALTERNATES: A motion was made by Jack Henehan, Julius Neto seconded and it was unanimously approved to seat Alternate Jeremy Shingleton, **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Edwin Maley, Jr. and it was unanimously approved to approve the agenda. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Regular Meeting, February 22, 2007.

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Edwin Maley, Jr. and it was unanimously approved to approve the Minutes of February 22, 2007. **Motion passed.**

2. Regular Meeting, March 22, 2007.

A motion was made by Edwin Maley, Jr., seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2007. John Flanders abstained. **Motion passed.**

3. Public Hearing, April 12, 2007 – tabled.

4. Special Meeting, April 17, 2007-

Edwin Maley made a motion to approve, with corrections of line A & B deletions of the letters A & B and anywhere in the minutes where it states transfer replace with budget, seconded by John Flanders and it was unanimously approved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2007. **Motion passed.**

5. Special Meeting, April 19, 2007-

Edwin Maley made a motion to approve with corrections to replace wherever the word transfer is should read budget, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

6. Regular Meeting April 26, 2007-

John Flanders made a motion to approve with corrections to change the bottom line figure of what it was and make the bottom line figure, \$12,659,960 and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

7. Special Meeting May 15, 2007-

John Flanders made a motion to approve with corrections to strike out the 3rd paragraph, seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN:

The First Selectman reported under the charter there is a specific procedure to follow. The general government budget was once again defeated. There will be several cuts to come up with an adjusted budget.

The First Selectman also reported on the following items:

- a. Regrading and reconstructing of Capilos Drive.
- b. Contract for Evergreen Road.
- c. School Bleachers.
- d. Signs.

BUDGET REPORT:

The Finance Director developed new revenue figures and some items were discussed to be cut in the budget.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR:

The Tax Collector presented her latest report showing a \$200,000 surplus over budget collected.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and action on appointment of Blum Shapiro (formerly Scully and Wolf) as independent auditor for the Town of Cromwell for fiscal years ending 6-30-07 and 8-30-07.

A comprehensive annual report was presented to the town and the town agrees with this appointment.

John Flanders made a motion seconded by Edwin Maley to appoint the firm Blum Shapiro as the independent auditor for the town and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

2. Approval of interdepartmental transfers within the Public Works, totaling \$13,000 as approved by the Board of Selectmen on 5-09-07.

Edwin Maley Jr. made a motion to approve the \$13,000 interdepartmental transfer within public works seconded by Julius Neto and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

3. Discussion and decisions on the budget based upon the results of the budget referendum. Should any budget not be approved, action to recommend a new budget to adjourned town meeting.

Ed Maley Jr. made a motion to suggest removing the funding for both positions of Dev/Comp & Police with benefits, seconded by Lorraine Caruso and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

John Flanders made an amendment withdrawing the motion, seconded by Lorraine and it was unanimously approved to restore \$ 15,000 for the cut of the health inspector. **Motion passed.**

Edwin Maley made a motion to reduce the park and recreation by \$4,000 seconded by Lorraine Caruso and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

4. Discussion and decisions on setting the mill rate for fiscal year 2007-07 should the entire budget be approved.

John Fladers made a motion to cut the budget for \$50,000 leaving us with a total budget balance of \$12,506,900, seconded by Edwin Maley. All were in favor except Julius Neto opposed. **Motion passed.**

5. Discussion and action on Tax Collector's suspense accounts.

Edwin Maley Jr. made a motion to approve, seconded by Lorraine and it was unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

BOARD OF EDUCATION – LIASON REPORT: None.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: None.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Lowe's project is moving on to Planning and Zoning it was already approved through the Inland Wetlands Agency. The Green Roof was not accepted.

GOOD AND WELFARE: None.

ADJOURNMENT: John Flanders made a motion to adjourn at 9:50, seconded by Jack Henehan. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Milardo
Clerk