

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007
CROMWELL TOWN HALL 7:30 P.M.
ROOM 224/225

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 7:35 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 to amend the agenda, John Flanders seconded and it was unanimously approved to approve the agenda as amended with the action to correct the General Fund. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting, February 22, 2007.

A motion was made by Jack Henehan, seconded by Loraine Caruso and it was unanimously approved to table the minutes of February 22, 2007. **Motion passed.**

Regular Meeting, March 22, 2007.

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Loraine Caruso and it was unanimously approved to table the minutes of March 22, 2007. **Motion passed.**

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Frank Emanuele of 103 Evergreen Road, spoke in favor of the \$85,000 to be approved and allocated for the Evergreen Road drainage project. The culverts were not built correctly, the erosion is unsafe, and it is a swamp 6 feet to the front of his door.

REPORT OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN:

The First Selectman reported:

The Evergreen Road Drainage project - long time issue is being resolved.

The Public Works highway department - floor replacement.

Pierson Park –burm and concrete for bleachers.

Patching of Roads – work to begin in the spring.

Long Range Capital Planning – the concensus is to go ahead with bonding project.

Washington Road- the town is working with Mr. Hagel on this project.

BUDGET REPORT:

A motion was made by John Flanders, seconded by Loraine Caruso and it was unanimously approved to rescind the bottom line figure of 12, 656,960.

Motion passed.

The Finance Director reported:

06/07packet information does not include the April 12 meeting.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Authorize additional appropriation of \$85,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the Evergreen Road Drainage project, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen on 4-11-07. (See resolution for this appropriation.)

A motion was made by John Flanders, seconded by Loraine Caruso and it was unanimously approved to authorize the additional appropriation of \$85,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the Evergreen Road drainage project. ***Motion passed.***

Discussion and action on other fund 2007-2008 budgets

I. Dog Fund: \$17,900

A motion was made by Julius Neto, seconded by Loraine Caruso, and it was unanimously approved to pass the dog fund budget in the amount of \$17,900.

Motion passed.

II. Sidewalk Fund: \$50,000.

A motion was made by Loraine Caruso, seconded by Jack Henehan, and it was unanimously approved to pass the sidewalk fund in the amount of \$50,000. **Motion passed.**

III. Sewer Usage Fund: \$1,416,932.

A motion was made by Loraine Caruso, seconded by Julius Neto, and it was unanimously approved to pass the sewer usage fund in the amount of \$1,416,932. **Motion passed.**

IV. Sewer Assessment Fund: \$343,480.

A motion was made by Loraine Caruso, seconded by Julius Neto, and it was unanimously approved to pass the sewer assessment in the amount of \$343,480. **Motion passed.**

Appropriate \$36,176 for Bleachers at Pierson Park from the Capital/Non-Recurring Fund.

A motion was made by Loraine Caruso, seconded by Jack Henehan, and it was unanimously approved to pass \$36,176 for the bleachers from Capital/Non-Recurring Fund. **Motion passed.**

Discussion of Actuarial Valuation Report for the Town of Cromwell Retirement Plan.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – LIASON REPORT:

Mr. Neto reported that the BOE was exstastic with the outcome of the budget process.

The BOE only had one position cut for an administrative assistant all other eight staff members were approved. The BOE has to improve their technologies. Mr. Neto commented on the website they did a good job.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

May 8, 2007 – Town Meeting to set Referendum- Alice Kelly will moderate.
Senior Tax Abatement- Collection rate – applications for this closes on May 15th.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Neto reported that Lowe's did an outstanding job in providing data for this project. The public hearing for this matter is yet to be finalized.

GOOD AND WELFARE: None.

ADJOURNMENT: John Flanders made a motion to adjourn at 8:50, seconded by Julius Neto. All were in favor. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Milardo
Clerk