TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007
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, Captain R. Nelson, Public Works Director R. Jahn, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Assessor S. O'Neil, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Board of Finance Chairman M. Gengler, Senior Center Administrator/Acting H/S Director T. Strong, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER
First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Additions to the agenda:

1. **G. NEW BUSINESS**,
   3. Accept Smith Farm Road as a Town Road-**Tabled**
   8. Discussion and possible action concerning Senior Services Advisory Board's draft policy "Political Venues at the Cromwell Senior Center".
   9. Discussion Economic Development Coordinator.
2. **I. APPOINTMENTS**
   1. Board of Finance
      b. Jeremy Shingleton, Alternate, Term expires 12/08
   4. Conservation Commission
      a. Joseph Corlis, reappointment, Alternate, term expires 01/09
   5. Connecticut River Assembly
      a. Joseph Morin, reappointment, term expires 1/10
   6. Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority
      a. William Pie, reappointment, Term expires 1/11
   7. Capital Expenditures
      a. Charles Epstein, reappointment, Term expires 12/10
      b. David Beauchemin, reappointment, Term expires 12/10
      c. Thomas Tokarz, reappointment, Term expires 12/10
   8. Board of Assessment Appeals
      a. Joseph Cardillo, to fill vacancy, Term expires November 2007
3. **F. OLD BUSINESS**
   3. Update on progress of new Municipal Sign
   4. Update various issues.
4. **J2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
   1. Labor Issue
      a. Action if necessary.

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

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. State Representative Jim O'Rourke, Lancaster Road –Spoke regarding Skate Board Park.
2. Tony Varricchio, Kowal Drive –Spoke in favor of Skate Board Park
3. Joe Belcourt, Oak Ridge Drive – Spoke in favor of Skate Board Park
4. Michael Yarlott, Wild Rose Court –Spoke in favor of Skate Board Park
5. Christine Trousdale – Requested update regarding request for Town Pool.
6. Marvin Selsky, Willowbrook Road –Requested information about what happened to the police vehicle and why are we being asked to replace the car? Is it insured?
7. Jacob Eigner -Oak Ridge Drive – Spoke in favor of Skate Board Park.
8. Jude O'Connor-Cromwell Resident-Spoke in favor of Town Pool & Skate Board Park.
9. Rich Waters, South Street-Stated his opinion regarding several issues. Requested details regarding the totaled cruiser.
10. Joe Corlis, Redwood Court-Spoke about Skate Board Park.
11. Rich Waters, South Street-Opposed to Town Pool.

D. STAFF AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS

Finance Director Sylvester presented a budget status update.
Public Works Director Jahn submitted a written Projected Work Assignment Report.
First Selectman Beaulieu submitted a Planning for Public Works Project Report for calendar year 2007.
A lengthy discussion followed.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports
   No action necessary.

2. Tax Refunds
   a. Sold/Traded
      1. DL Peterson Trust -$8.42
      2. Wheels LT -$24.50
      3. Frank or Marie Discenza -$212.15
   b. Bank Overpayment
      1. Singh Manjit -$1,221.11
   c. Out of State
      1. John P. Murray -$46.14

   Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds a – c.

3. Approve Educational Assistance request from Officer Cunningham for Fall Semester 2006 in the amount of $1,000.00.

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve Education Assistance request from Officer Cunningham for Fall Semester 2006 in the amount of $1,000.00.

4. Approve Educational Assistance request from Officer Cunningham for Spring Semester 2007 for $358.00.
   Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve Education Assistance request from Officer Cunningham for Spring Semester 2007 in the amount of $358.00.

5. Discussion and possible action on request from Chief Salvatore for a $36,000 Emergency Appropriation to replace police vehicle and equipment that was totaled in a motor vehicle crash.
   Police Salvatore presented the request. A lengthy discussion followed.
   Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve $36,000 Emergency Appropriation to replace police vehicle and equipment.

6. Empower the First Selectman to execute the application and contract for Historic Document Preservation Grant and designate Town Clerk DiProto as applicant.
   Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to empower First Selectman to execute application and contract for Historic Document Preservation Grant and designate Town Clerk DiProto as applicant.

7. Approve expenditure of $648,000 from Sewer CNR Fund for the CWPCA & BOF approved Sewer Line Rehabilitation Construction Project.
   Public Works Director Jahn presented the request. Discussion followed.
   Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve expenditure of $648,000 from Sewer CNR Fund for the Sewer Line Rehabilitation Construction Project.

F. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion 47 Coles Road – Tabled
   Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.
   Assessor S. O'Neil provided the information to the board that was requested at the previous meeting.
   Discussion followed
   Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* that the Board of Selectmen establish a policy of a one-year look back on real estate tax errors that are found. A lengthy discussion followed regarding remedies that will be taken to update the records.
   Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, S. Stachura, M. Johnson
   Nay: F. Monnes
   Abstained: S. Salvatore
   Motion carried

2. Accept Robertson Road and Kelly Lanes Town Roads -Tabled
   Left on table.

3. Update on progress of new Municipal Sign.
   First Selectman Beaulieu and Public Works Jahn provided an update. DOT issued a waiver and issued a permit to place the sign in front of Town Hall. There were three possible locations; DOT would prefer that the sign is located in the center of the building. The only other condition is that we put an encroachment agreement in place with our insurance company.
   Discussion followed.

4. Update on various issues.
   1. Skate Board Park – Discussion followed, the consensus of the Board is to send the issue to the Park & Recreation Commission since they are in charge of Parks.
   2. Evergreen Road Project – Public Works Director Jahn advised the project would go out to bid next month. Discussion followed.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on request from the Rotary Club of Cromwell for up to $8,000 to refurbish the Cromwell Landing sign.
   Rotary Member G. Johnson presented the request. Mr. Johnson stated that the sign needs to be replaced because termites destroyed the old sign.
   Many years ago the Mattabassett District was ordered by the court to deposit, $25,000 with the Town of Cromwell specifically to be used for improvements to Cromwell's Riverfront. Since the fund has never been used there is now approximately $27,000 in the account. Mr. Johnson stated that taking the cost of replacing the sign would be an appropriate use of the fund. Discussion followed.
   Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *carried* to approve request for up to $8,000 to replace the sign.
   Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, S. Stachura, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes
   Nay: M. Johnson

2. Approve Public Works Director's request to release Maintenance Bond for the Summer Wind Subdivision.
   Public Works Director Jahn presented the request.
   Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve release of the Maintenance Bond for the Summer Wind Subdivision.

3. Accept Smith Farm Road as a Town Road.
   Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried to table.*

4. Discussion of designation of Board of Selectmen Long Range Planning Committee.
First Selectman Beaulieu presented the concept of appointing a Long Range Planning Committee to the board. Basically this committee would take a look at the financial status of the Town, prioritize the requests and needs of the Town to see where they fit into the financial picture for the future. First Selectman Beaulieu recommended the following names:
Staff – Finance Director Sylvester, First Selectman Beaulieu
Board of Selectmen – Selectmen Newton and Stachura
Board of Finance – Chairman Gengler and J. Neto
First Selectman Beaulieu stated that the Committee would take a look the financial picture for the next five years and fit some of the requested projects into the picture. Board of Finance Chairman Gengler stated that in conjunction with the work of this committee we need in-depth analyst of grant funding opportunities, trends, where we can hook into the money, when we should act, etc. Finance Director Sylvester was asked to set up a date and time for the committee to meet.

5. Approve extension of All-Waste contact for refuse/recycling collection for Municipal, Board of Education and Water Department facilities.
Public Works Director Jahn presented the request.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to extend the contract with All Waste for 2 years.

6. Appoint an Ad-Hoc committee to make recommendations on care and maintenance of the Town Greens.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried to table.*

7. Discussion and possible action to increase I/W Application Fees as recommended by the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve to increase I/W Application Fees as recommended by the I/W Agency.

8. Discussion and possible action concerning Senior Services Advisory Board's draft policy "Political Venues at the Cromwell Senior Center".
Senior Center Administrator Strong presented the request. Discussion followed.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve.
Discussion continued. The consensus of the board was to amend the draft language and have it brought back for review at the next meeting.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously ca*rried to rescind the vote.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried to table*.

9. Discussion Economic Development Coordinator compensation.
   Discussion followed regarding the Coordinator's compensation being paid out of the Grant. First Selectman Beaulieu stated he just received the latest grant budget yesterday and would look into the matter.

H. RESIGNATIONS

1. Board of Finance
   a. Gregory Bedell, Regular Member
   b. Arthur Director, Alternate Member
2. Zoning Board of Appeals
   a. Raymond H. Mildren
3. Cromwell Park & Recreation Commission
   a. Scott Ekstrom

   Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to accept resignations 1, 2 and 3 with regret.

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Board of Finance
   a. Jack Henehan, Regular Member (to fill vacancy), Term expires November 2007
   b. Jeremy Shingleton, Alternate, Term expires 12/08
2. Board of Assessment Appeals
   a. Christie Carpino, Term expires November 2007
3. Cromwell Park & Recreation Commission
   a. Richard Wemmell, term expires December 2007
4. Conservation Commission
   a. Joseph Corlis, reappointment, Alternate, term expires 01/09
5. Connecticut River Assembly
   a. Joseph Morin, reappointment, term expires 1/10
6. Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority
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   Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve 1 – 8.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting December 13, 2006
   Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of December 13, 2006.

2. Joint Meeting January 4, 2007
   Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to table.

J2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Labor Issue
   a. Action if necessary

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of a labor issue at 10:55 (after a five minute recess).
H/R Director T. Roohr was invited into Executive Session.
The board came out of Executive Session at 10:54 p.m.
Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *carried* that Al Kaplan be placed on an unpaid leave of absence starting January 23, 2007 to March 30, 2007.
Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, S. Stachura, M. Johnson, F. Monnes
Abstained: S. Salvatore
Motion carried

K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Waters –Historical Society and Economic Development Commission
R. Newton –Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority
P. Beaulieu –Board of Finance
S. Stachura –Inland Wetlands
M. Johnson –Planning and Zoning
S. Salvatore –Board of Education
F. Monnes –Fire District

L. GOOD AND WELFARE

F. Monnes advised the board that 'the beavers are back'.
S. Stachura advised that there is an abandoned house on River Road that the Town should look into purchasing if it is available.

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Re Matus	Paul C. Beaulieu
Secretary	First Selectman