

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007  
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

**MINUTES**

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

Absent: A. Waters

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Police Captain R. Nelson, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Recreation Director S. Schein, Economic Development Coordinator C. Stevenson, Public and Press.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectman Beaulieu called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. S. Muller, Coles Road-recommended that the Board of Selectmen follow Planning and Zoning's format for citizens comments. Ms. Muller also recommended that a format for Board of Selectmen members acting as liaisons to other board's be developed.
2. Representative J. O'Rourke, Lancaster Road-Advised that the Cromwell Panthers Football Club has been awarded a \$25,000 for bleachers at Pierson Park and the Jensen's Fund group was awarded a \$25,000 grant. Representative O'Rourke also spoke in regard to other grant matters and the Clean Energy Task Force.
3. A. Varricchio, Kowal Drive-Encouraged the Board to do what they can to match the grant funds and have the bleachers installed before next football season.
4. J. Shingleton, Redwood Court -Member of the Clean Energy Task Force-encouraged the Board of Selectmen to adopt resolution for Clean Energy Conservation.
5. T. Colpits, Atlantic National Trust-Spoke regarding 14 Alcap Ridge Road
6. K. Enright, Smart Power -spoke regarding Clean Energy Conservation.
7. M. Carroll, Glenwood Drive-spoke regarding the Replace the Light Bulb Initiative.
8. P. Keithan, Irongate Lane -Stated his opinion regarding where the Skate Board Park should be located.
9. B. Garcia, Upper Heatherwood - spoke regarding Clean Energy Conservation.
10. A. Halibozek, Christian Hill Road - spoke regarding Clean Energy Conservation.
11. D. Murphy, Freestone Avenue - Spoke regarding Item F. 3
12. B. Jahn, Woodside Road - Spoke regarding Item F. 3 and several other issues.

**D. STAFF AND COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS**

Public Works Director Jahn submitted written reports.

**E. FINANCIAL**

1. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the reports.

No action necessary.

2. Tax Refunds

a. Sold

1. Volvo Finance NA Inc. -\$144.75
2. DCFS Trust -\$354.48
3. GMAC -\$806.40
4. Chase man Auto Fin Corp. -\$407.11
5. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$94.18
6. Chase Man Auto Fin Corp. -\$412.87

b. Overpayment

1. George Weston Bakery -\$107.95
2. Countryside Tax Service -\$1,294.37
3. McCue Mortgage Company -\$ 200.00
4. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage -\$6,111.26

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve Tax Refunds a & b.

3. Approve Continuing Education request from Assessor S. O'Neil -\$400.00.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Continuing Education request for S. O'Neil -\$400.00.

4. Approve Registration and Permit Application Fees for Aquifer Protection  
Regulations as approved by Planning and Zoning.

Discussion followed regarding G. \$3,000 fee. The consensus of the board was to table until further information is received from Planning and Zoning.

**Motion** made by M. Johnson seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to table.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Accept Smith Farm Road as a Town Road -Tabled

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to accept Smith Farm Road as a Town Road.

Aye: R. Newton, M. Johnson, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes

Nay: S. Stachura

*Motion carried*

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

Left on table.

3. Appoint an Ad-Hoc committee to make recommendations on care and maintenance of the Town Greens. -Tabled

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

A lengthy discussion followed.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to establish a committee to make recommendations for the upkeep of the Town's Memorial Greens and authorize the First Selectman to establish that committee.

Aye: R. Newton, S. Stachura, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes

Nay: M. Johnson

4. Discussion and possible action concerning Senior Services Advisory Board's draft policy "Political Venues at the Cromwell Senior Center". -Tabled

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

A lengthy discussion followed.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to table.

5. Discussion and action on Draft Senior Tax Abatement.

Discussion followed.

- a. Authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Public Hearing.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set the time and date of a Public Hearing.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation of conceptual plans for Skate Board Park at Watrous Park.

Recreation Director S. Schein presented conceptual plans for the Skate Board Park and advised the board that the Park & Recreation Commission is still gathering information. However, Ms. Schein reminded the board that because Pierson Park was previously used as a landfill the ground is too soft and subject to settlement it would be an inappropriate site for a Skateboard a Park.

A question and answer period followed.

2. Discuss proposal to produce 2008 Calendar Year Cromwell Town Guide/Annual Report.

First Selectman Beaulieu presented the request. The consensus of the board was to include the cost of the guide in the budget process.

3. Approve request to waive the request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals requirement for Actuarial Services related to Other Post Employment Benefits, as required by GASB 43/45.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve waiving the RFQ/RFP for Actuarial Services related to Other post Employment Benefits.

4. Approve updated Depositories and Investment Policy.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the updated Depositories and Investment Policy.

5. Grievance C.I.L.U. #65 Labor Union

a. Fred Curtin – Step 3 (Executive Session if necessary)

*Withdrawn*

6. Appoint American Legion Carlson-Sjovall Posts 105 as Agent of the Town for Memorial Day Exercises and Parade.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to appoint American Legion Carlson-Sjovall Posts 105 as Agent of the Town for the Memorial Day Exercises and Parade.

7. Authorize First Selectman to sign lease and municipal rider for copier at Cromwell Belden Library.

**Motion** made by M. Johnson seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign lease and municipal rider for copier at Cromwell Belden Library.

8. Appropriate \$250,000 for the Downtown Historic STEAP grant from the General Fund fund balance. The funds will be fully reimbursed by the State of Connecticut as they are expended. Any funds not used for this specific purpose would be returned to the General Fund fund balance.

Economic Development Coordinator Stevenson presented the request. Discussion followed.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to appropriate \$250,000 from the General Fund fund balance for the Downtown Historic STEAP grant.

9. Set dates and times for Budget Workshop Meetings.

The consensus of the Board was to hold the Budget Workshops on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and a Public Hearing and followed by a Special Meeting to discuss and act on the Senior Tax Abatement on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

## **H. RESIGNATIONS**

None

## **I. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Parks and Recreation Commission

a. Joseph Ramirez – Term expires 12/09

2. Connecticut River Valley & Shoreline Visitors Council

a. Steven Gorss –Term expires 3/09

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *carried* to approve appointments 1 & 2.

Aye: R. Newton, S. Stachura, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes

M. Johnson left the room and was not present to vote.

**J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Joint Meeting January 4, 2007 –Tabled

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to remove from table

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting of January 4, 2007.

2. Regular Meeting January 10, 2007

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2007.

**K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS**

R. Newton –Midstate Regional Planning - CWPCA

S. Stachura-ZBA – I/W

M. Johnson-P&Z & ECD

F. Monnes –Fire Commission & P&R

**L. GOOD AND WELFARE**

P. Beaulieu – Spoke regarding 14 Alcap Ridge.

S. Stachura – Spoke regarding uniform designs for ‘town signs’.

F. Monnes – Advised the board that the TPC project should be finished by June 2008.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Paul C. Beaulieu  
First Selectman