

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 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, F. Monnes

Absent: S. Salvatore

Also Present: Captain R. Nelson, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of Human Services T. Strong, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Chairman Economic Development R. Nobile, Economic Development Consultant C. Stevenson, public and press.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

Under E. Financial, #2. Tax Refunds, c. Overpayment, #1. Catalina Health Resource -\$186.91, d. Assr. Adjusted Value, 1. Salvatore J. Petrella, \$5.92. Under E. Financial #3. Approve request to waive Building Permit Fee for Cromwell Fire Department Quonset Hut move -\$100.00. Under I. Appointments, #1, Planning and Zoning, b. Alice Kelly, Alternate Member, Term Expires December 2007. F. Old Business, #3. Discussion on Skate Board Park, #4. Discussion on Bleachers, G. New Business, #7. Discussion on Town Pool.

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

**C. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. P. Keithan, Iron Gate Lane, spoke in favor of item G2.
2. J. Flanders, Washington Road, spoke in favor of G4.
3. C. Trousdale, Timber Hill Road, requested an update regarding Town Pool.
4. B. Jahn, Woodside Road, Spoke about illegal dumping on Shadow Lane, inquired about construction barrels at the corner of Orchard Road & Court Street, stated that the trees that will be removed because of the Washington Road sidewalk project should be replaced, suggested that the town should develop a master plan with the TPC for town services and spoke in favor of item G2.
5. K. Sobieski, Evergreen Road –stated concern regarding the Evergreen Road Project and how it will affect his property value and the impact it may have on the safety of his property.
6. A. Varricchio, Kowal Drive-agreed with the previous speaker’s concerns and also felt that information should be gathered regarding a Town Pool.
7. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road –Reminded the board that information had been gathered for a town pool many years ago and suggested that the information may

still be available. The cost would have to be adjusted for current pricing but some of the information may be useful.

8. R. Waters, South Street- Still felt that the entrance to Cromwell looks like a dump and spoke about the condition of the fields at the Woodside School.
9. J. Hartnett, Washington Road – Spoke in favor of G4.
10. J. Kramer, Washington Road – Spoke in favor of G4.
11. D. Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace –Requested an update regarding the Skate Board Park.
12. G. Purzycki, Washington Road – Spoke in favor of G4.
13. P. Olson, Pleasant Street – Spoke in favor of a Town Pool and Skate Park.

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

None

#### **E. FINANCIAL**

##### 1. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester presented the budget reports. No action necessary.

##### 2. Tax Refunds

###### a. Sold

1. VW Credit Leasing LTD -\$25.22

###### b. Add Vets Exempt

1. Willis B. Scammon -\$71.09

###### c. Overpayment

1. Catalina Health Resource -\$186.91

###### d. Assr. Adjusted Value

1. Salvatore J. Petrella, \$5.92

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

##### 3. Approve request to waive Building Permit Fee for Cromwell Fire Department Quonset Hut move-\$100.00.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve waiving the Building Permit Fee for the Cromwell Fire Department Quonset Hut move.

#### **F. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Accept Robertson Road and Kelly Lane as Town Roads –Tabled  
Left on table.

2. Authorize First Selectman to sign renewal with AT&T Toll Services for Town's long distance services. -Tabled

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

First Selectman Beaulieu presented the request.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign contact with AT&T extending the contract for one year.

3. Update on Skate Board Park

First Selectman Beaulieu advised the board that several pieces of equipment have been selected. Since the additional funding necessary to complete the project is over \$10,000 it will go through the CNR process.

4. Update on bleachers

First Selectman Beaulieu advised the board that the foundation for the bleachers is poured and the bleachers are in the process of being built. They are scheduled to be installed somewhere around the end of August or the beginning of September. It will be before the first Cromwell Football Game.

**F1. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Ratify Police Civilian Employees Union Contract

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Captain Nelson was invited into the Executive Session

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 8:42 p.m.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to ratify the Police Civilian Employees Union Contract effective 7/1/07 – 6/30/10.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and action on recommendations from Human Services Director regarding Senior Tax Abatement appeals.

Human Services Director T. Strong presented her recommendations to the board for the Senior Tax Abatement appeals. Discussion followed. The consensus of the Board of Selectmen, Assessor O'Neil and Human Services Director Strong is that the section of the Senior Tax Abatement Ordinance regarding Applicant/Applicant Spouse Income versus Household Income should be reviewed and clarified.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to grant or not grant the Tax Abatements in accordance with the Human Service Director's memo of recommendations.

Aye: R. Newton, M. Johnson, F. Monnes, P. Beaulieu

Abstained: A. Waters, S. Stachura

2. Authorize First Selectman to sign agreement extending Economic Development Coordinator's services.

Chairman of the Economic Development Commission R. Nobile and Economic Development Coordinator Stevenson made a presentation to the board. A lengthy discussion followed.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to extend the EDC Coordinator's services for 1 year.

Roll Call Vote:

F. Monnes	Abstained
M. Johnson	No
S. Stachura	Yes
P. Beaulieu	Yes
R. Newton	Yes
A. Waters	Yes

*Motion carries*

3. Report from Public Works Director Jahn on Woodside Intermediate School Athletic Fields.

Mr. Jahn submitted a written report. First Selectman Beaulieu presented further information to the Board. A lengthy discussion followed.

The consensus of the board is to obtain and review the specifications that were provided to landscape contractor and see if the specifications were met or if there are deficiencies. Bonds should not be released until the review is completed.

4. Discussion and action on an appropriation for the installation of sidewalks on Washington Road.

First Selectman Beaulieu presented the request to the board.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve an appropriation of \$55,000 from the Town's Improvement Fund for the construction of sidewalks on Washington Road

5. Discussion and approval for First Selectman to sign Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement.

Captain Nelson presented the request to the board.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement.

6. Approve request for Educational Assistance from Officer Kosinski for 7/9-8/14/07 Session, in the amount of \$741.00 and 8/15-9/24/07 session in the amount of \$741.00. The cost of books is unknown at this time.

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve Officer Kosinski's requests for Education Assistance for 7/9-8/14/07 and 8/15-9/24/07 as provided in the Union Contract.

7. Discussion Town Pool

Discussion followed.

John Duobowski from Diamond Pools presented some information regarding pools to the Board at Selectmen Johnson's request.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to send a memo to the Chairman of the Recreation Commission and ask that a Pool Sub-Committee be formed consisting of Recreation Commission Members. Selectman M. Johnson was appointed as the Board of Selectmen Liaison to the Sub-Committee. The charge of the Sub-Committee is to

determine the best location, size and cost of the pool and report back to the Board of Selectmen by 1/2/08.

#### **H. RESIGNATIONS**

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
  - a. Jeff Polke

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to accept Mr. Polke's resignation with regret.

#### **I. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Planning and Zoning Commission
  - a. Philip Halibozek, Regular Member, Term Expires 11/07

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve Mr. Halibozek's appointment as a regular member to P&Z.

- b. Alice Kelly, Alternate Member, Term Expires December 2007
- Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to approve Ms. Kelly's appointment as an alternate member to P&Z.

#### **J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Special Meeting, June 12, 2007

**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of June 12, 2007.

#### **K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS**

R. Newton –Advised that he sent a letter supporting Lowe's to I/W and P&Z members.

P. Beaulieu –Presented kudos that were received by H/S Director Theresa Strong and P/W Director Robert Jahn and the Finance Department, Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting as well as a letter of appreciation from Health Director W. Bell to the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman Beaulieu advised the board that he spoke to Ken Vallera from All-Waste regarding All-Wastes decision to pick up recyclables every other week. The reason for the change is due to high cost of gas and All-Waste's desire not to increase their fees. The Cromwell Transfer Station is now accepting recyclables so residents have the option of bringing them there.

S. Stachura -ZBA

M. Johnson –EDC and P&Z

F. Monnes –Fire Commission

**L. GOOD AND WELFARE**

M. Johnson spoke further regarding the Town Pool and the condition of the Riverfront property.

A. Waters inquired if the First Selectman sent a letter of thanks to the Cemetery Committee as he requested.

S. Stachura requested that the board be given the opportunity to review contracts two or three months in advance of them expiring.

Several members of the board were concerned regarding the poor condition of a property on Main Street.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Paul C. Beaulieu  
First Selectman