

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007
7 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

MINUTES

Present: First Selectman P. Beaulieu, Deputy First Selectman S. Stachura, R. Newton, A. Waters (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), M. Johnson, S. Salvatore, F. Monnes

Absent:

Also Present: Members of the School Building Committee, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Board of Education Chairman S. Banic, Coordinator Building Facilities R. Mandeville, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Beaulieu called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

This being a Special Meeting the agenda stands approved as published.

C. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. R. Cassella, Main Street -Spoke about pieces of metal that were found in the rubber mulch at Pierson Park. Ms. Cassella pointed out other items that needed repair at Pierson Park.
2. R. Waters, South Street -Mr. Waters stated that he started to complain about the shrubs and fields two years ago and felt that something should have been done earlier. Mr. Waters spoke about several other issues.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on recommendation of Woodside Intermediate School Athletic Field Subcommittee.
First Selectman Beaulieu turned the meeting over to the Woodside Intermediate School Athletic Field Sub-Committee.
Selectman Stachura, Chairman of the Sub Committee gave an overview of the committee's activities over the past few weeks and turned the meeting over to Michael Millane for an informative visual presentation. After a lengthy discussion the meeting was turned over to Coach John Schmaltz who talked about the condition of the athletic fields.
 - The consensus of the Sub-Committee is that several issues were the result of the failure of the fields.
 - Work must be done on the fields by October 15th if there is any hope of using them next spring.

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Discussion followed.

Rick Birge of Tilcon was called to the podium to answer questions and provide additional information to the board.

Motion made by S. Salvatore seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to direct the School Building Committee to expend up to \$28,000 out of Construction Contingency to implement the recommendations of the Woodside Intermediate School Athletic Fields Sub-Committee as soon as possible.

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

Nay: M. Johnson

Selectman Stachura recommended that a committee be formed to determine if any legal action should be taken.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to direct the School Building Committee to spend up to \$20,000 to start storm water drainage on the eastern slope of the middle of the baseball field.

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

Nay: M. Johnson

School Building Committee K. Jackson advised the board that they would either have to send the project out to bid or have Tilcon do the work under a change order. If a third-party was hired the funds would not be reimbursed by the State.

Chairman of the Board of Education S. Banic thanked the Sub-Committee for all of their hard work.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by S. Salvatore and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Paul C. Beaulieu
First Selectman