

TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007  
7:30 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: Town Engineer J. Mazurek, Public Works Director B. Jahn, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Chairman K. Jackson and members of the School Building Committee, Superintendent of Schools M. Bisceglia and several members of the Board of Education, Coordinator Building Facilities R. Mandeville, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Beaulieu called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Rich Waters, South Street -Once again stated his opinion regarding the grounds at the Woodside Intermediate School.
2. Ellie Corciullo, Glenwood Terrace -Stated her opinion regarding the WIS project and advised that the SBC Committee has not filed any minutes since January 2007.
3. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road -Upset because the SBC minutes were not filed in a timely manner.
4. Peter Keithan, Iron Gate Lane -Stated that he believes that the school should not have opened until all work was done.
5. Ann Halibozek, Christian Hill Road -Advised that the students are not allowed to use the fields. Ms. Halibozek is not in favor of the town spending any more taxpayer dollars to fix the situation.
6. Dick Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace -Stated his opinion regarding the WIS project and requested clarification regarding several things that he heard. Recommended that a process be put in place for future building committees.
7. Robert Townsend, Pasco Hill Road, Chairman P&Z -Talked about recommendations that P&Z made regarding the WIS project.
8. Robin Cassella, Main Street -inquired if the fields posed any hazards to the students?

9. Al Diaz, Thistle Down, Co- Chairman P&Z -Stated that he feels that the school was opened before the building was ready. Would like to see the problem fixed so the children can use the fields.
10. Linda Molnar, Brittany Circle -Agreed with the previous speakers opinions. Ms. Molnar is appalled that all the trees and bushes around the school are dead.
11. Ellie Corciullo, Glenwood Terrace - Spoke about the high water table in area of the Woodside School and feels as though that may be causing the problems.
12. Rich Waters, South Street -Spoke about the dead trees and bushes and a electrical problem in one of the rooms at Woodside School.
13. Michael Millane, Field Road -Invited to tonight's meeting to provide some expertise. The problems need to be identified and fixed and then look for the blame and possibly recoup some money. The most important issue right now is to get the kids playing on the fields.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action Drainage issue Woodside Intermediate School Athletic Fields.  
School Building Committee K. Jackson and Town Engineer J. Mazurek presented information to the board. A lengthy discussion followed. **Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to direct the School Building Committee to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000 out of project funds for the purpose of a survey and for a soil sample report.
2. Discussion and possible action Landscaping issue Woodside Intermediate School Athletic Fields.  
Michael Millane presented his professional opinion regarding the landscaping at Woodside School to the board. After a lengthy discussion the consensus of the board was to appoint Michael Millane, John Schmaltz and Stan Stachura to make recommendations to improve turf at Woodside Intermediate School to the Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen.
3. Executive Session
  1. Discussion of Pending Litigation
    - a. Action if necessary**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Stachura and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:37p.m.  
Town Attorney Bradley and School Building Committee Chairman K. Jackson were invited into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.  
  
**Motion** made by S. Stachura seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 10:03 p.m. *No action taken.*

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Stachura seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Special Meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Paul C. Beaulieu  
First Selectman