

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 7:00 pm
CROMWELL TOWN HALL, ROOM 224/5**

**-Amended-
MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTE**

PRESENT: Chairman Michael Gengler, Loraine Caruso, Edwin Maley Jr., Joe Corlis, John Flanders, and Alternate Jack Henehan

ABSENT: Donna DiMauro, Alternate Jamie Kiefer

ALSO PRESENT: Finance Director Marianne Sylvester

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Michael Gengler called the meeting to order at 7:09pm

B. DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS ON THE 2008-2009 BUDGET BASED UPON THE RESULTS OF THE BUDGET REFERENDUM. SHOULD ANY BUDGET NOT BE APPROVED, ACTION TO RECOMMEND A NEW BUDGET TO A RECONVENED TOWN MEETING.

First Selectman Jeremy Shingleton discussed the voting process within a town meeting and discussions he had with the Town Attorney. First Selectman Shingleton discussed the Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 14th at 6pm and the vote on Tuesday, May 20th. First Selectman Shingleton said the Town Attorney suggested that the Board of Finance use moderation due to the budget vote resulting in a tie.

It was noted that the current Board of Education figure was at \$24,984,222.

Motion was made John Flanders, **seconded** by Loraine Caruso to seat Jack Henehan. All were in Favor. *Motion Passes.*

Motion was made John Flanders, **seconded** by Joe Corlis to reduce the Board of Education Budget by \$32,000.

Mr. Flanders focused on an item regarding a time clock within the BOE budget, knowing that they can only reduce the bottom line. It was unsure whether this item had already been removed from the previous reduction.

Chairman Gengler recognized Dr. Matt Bisceglia, the Superintendent of Schools, who stated that this item had not been removed from the budget.

Ms Caruso wanted to entertain a motion to support those who supported the budget. Ms Caruso reasoned that due to the tie vote that weight can't be given to either side.

Chairman Gengler suggested a \$10,000 reduction.

Mr. Maley Jr. stated that a majority of the people have remarked they don't want higher taxes. First Selectman Shingleton supported Mr. Maley Jr. 's statement.

Main Motion carried to approve Board of Education for amended amount of \$24,952,222 to go to Town Meeting. (In Favor, Maley, Jr., Flanders, Corlis, Gengler, Henehan) (Opposed, Caruso). *Motion Passes*

First Selectman Shingleton commented that the votes were recounted and they still were tied.

C. DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS ON SETTING THE MILL RATE FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 SHOULD THE ENTIRE BUDGET BE
APPROVED.

No Action.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made Loraine Caruso **seconded** by John Flanders to adjourn at 7:29pm. All were in Favor. *Motion Passes*.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer L. Donohue
Finance Clerk