

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

MINUTES

Present: First Selectman J. Shingleton, Deputy First Selectman F. Monnes, R. Newton,
A. Waters, D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of
Developmental Services J. Mazurek, School Safety Committee Chairman F. Thomas,
Chairman Board of Education S. Banic, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Shingleton called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to
amend the agenda by adding, I. Appointments, #5. Board of Education, a. Kristen
Varricchio, Term expires 11/2009.

Motion made by R. Waters seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to
amend the agenda by adding I. Appointments, #6. Insurance Commission, a. Rahsaan
Yearwood, term expires 1/2011

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

Selectman A. Waters requested that the tabled item; Discussion and possible action
on a service contract for a pending retiree be included on the next agenda.

C. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman gave a brief update on the following items;

- The Official Grand Opening was held for the Skate Board Park the past
Sunday. It was well attended.
- The Tax Collector's Office reported that the collection rate is higher this year
than at the same time last year.
- The Blight Ordinance was posted in the newspaper and will take effect
October 25th. The Health Director is going over the list of vacant properties
doing a preliminary analysis.
- The Energy Efficiency Program, which was approved at last month's town
meeting, is underway.
- The town is facing challenges regarding the Northern Tier with the State of
Connecticut because of the Farmland Preservation requirements they are
imposing on the town. They will sit down with the state and attempt to work
something out.

- A meeting with Sysco has been scheduled later this month to hopefully obtain the easements necessary to make the Transfer Station an official town road.
- They continue to work on revitalization of the Main Street area.
- They continue to talk about various ways that improvements can be made to Nooks Hill Road. Some of the minor improvements that are being considered, until major funding can be obtained, are to improve the signage, clearing up the site lines and restriping the lines on the side of the road.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Alice Kelly, Willowbrook Road-Asked if she would be permitted to speak on various topics during the course of the meeting.
2. Bob Jahn, Woodside Road –Inquired regarding the large amount of tax refunds on the agenda.
3. Bonnie Anderson, Chestnut Court-Spoke regarding Riverfront Park Environmental study.
4. Alice Kelly, Willowbrook Road-Spoke on behalf of Planning and Zoning regarding the Riverfront Park Environmental Study.
5. Ann Halibozek, Christian Hill Road –Spoke on behalf of the Wetlands Commission regarding the Riverfront Park Environmental Study.
6. Victor Harpley, Wildwood Road, Chairman Democratic Town Committee-thanked the board for adding the Democratic Candidates to tonight’s agenda. Mr. Harpley also stated that the River Front Park looks great.
7. Shirley Banic, Geer Street, Chairman Board of Education-Spoke in support of Item I. #5. a.
8. Renee Bruscia, Court Street –Spoke about the condition of the parks.
9. Steve Bailey, Chestnut Court –Thanked Lori McKnight for all of her work to make the Riverport Festival a success.
10. Lori McKnight, Chairman Riverport Festival –Thanked the Riverport Festival Committee and everyone else who helped make it a success.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Report
Finance Director Sylvester presented the budget report.
2. Tax Refunds as attached to agenda.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1-30 as attached to the minutes.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on a service contract for a pending retiree.-Tabled
Kept on table.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update from School Safety Committee.
Chairman Frank Thomas presented an update to the board.

2. Authorize First Selectman to sign Architect Agreement between the Town of Cromwell and Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by M. Johnson and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign Architect Agreement between the Town of Cromwell and Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc.

3. Approve request from the Cromwell Hillside Cemetery Association that the Cemetery Committee be discharged.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to discharge the Cemetery Committee with thanks.

4. Approve Congress Drive as a Town Road.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to table until all documents are in order on the advice of the Town Attorney.

5. Discussion and possible approval of open space POCD amendment. Developmental Services Director J. Mazurek presented the request to the board. Selectman Newton advised that board that Mid State Regional Planning Agency voted to endorse Cromwell's Open Space POCD Amendment. A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters to approve.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters to move the question.

Discussion continued. The consensus of several of the board members was that they would like time to review the material that they received tonight before voting on the issue.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by D. Murphy and *carried* to table.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Nay: J. Shingleton

Motion to table carried.

H. RESIGNATIONS

1. Board of Education
 - a. Kathleen F. Kane
2. Zoning Board of Appeals
 - a. Ann Flaherty
3. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. Ann Halibozek

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to accept resignations 1, 2 and 3 with regret.

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Planning and Zoning
 - a. Ann Halibozek, Alternate Member, Term expires December 2009
2. Board of Finance
 - a. Daniel Kelly, Alternate Member, Term expires December 2009

3. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. Scott Lamberson, Regular Member, Term expires December 2011
4. Cromwell Representative to the Mattabasset District
 - a. Douglas Sienna, Reappointment, Term expires September 2011
5. Board of Education
 - a. Kristen Varricchio, To fill vacancy, Term expires November 2009.
6. Insurance Commission
 - a. Rahsaan Yearwood, Term expires January 2011.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve appointments 1-6.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, R. Waters

Abstained: M. Johnson

Motion carried

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Joint Meeting, September 8, 2008
2. Regular Meeting, September 10, 2008
3. Special Meeting, September 24, 2008

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Minutes of September 8th, September 10th and September 24, 2008.

K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. Waters-Historical Society and Economic Development Commission
- R. Newton –Conservation Commission and Mid-State Regional Planning Agency
- F. Monnes-Library Commission, Senior Services and Fire District
- D. Murphy-Inland Wetlands

L. GOOD AND WELFARE

The following topics were discussed:

The location of the signs on Main Street

Town Seal on all vehicles

All town vehicles should be brought to the Maintenance Garage when employees are on vacation or sick leave

The fence at Riverfront Park

Public Works Director's evaluation

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Re Matus
Secretary

Jeremy Shingleton
First Selectman

Tax Refund List

1. Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	\$	2,764.36
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3. Pierre Lemieux		5.53
4. Melanie E. or Edward Kelley		340.47
5. Denis Lemire		21.42
6. Alan Ruske		84.89
7. Iris Henderson		14.26
8. Linda Vasili		5.43
9. Kenneth or Andrea Strychalski		52.39
10. Ravizza Leasing Inc.		65.87
11. Raymond or Elizabeth Pingree		65.71
12. Paul W. Levasseur		49.20
13. Jarrett B. Gran		131.31
14. Sean Strohm		84.97
15. Dennie Neily		10.17
16. Patrick Mitchell or Sharron Brittingham		58.34
17. Honda Lease Trust		243.89
18. Honda Lease Trust		106.68
19. Stephen Barron		51.55
20. Joseph Yorski		188.19

21. Ryder Truck Rental LT	93.20
22. Ryder Truck Rental LT	93.20
23. Wheels LT	59.02
24. Wheels LT	107.12
25. Wheels LT	19.60
26. Michael Malignaggi	128.95
27. John Egan	56.61
28. John Lomartra	18.87
29. Karen B. Faiman	92.39
30. Honda Lease Trust	171.60