

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Tax
Collector S. Ramsay, Human Service/Senior Services Director T. Strong, Human
Resources Director T. Roohr, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Shingleton called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Written reports from the Director of Developmental Services and the Director of
Public Works are attached to the minutes on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

First Selectman Shingleton reported on the following items;

1. The welcome signs at both ends of Main Street are now installed. First Selectman
Shingleton thanked Selectman Johnson for his leadership and getting the project
completed.
2. The Boating Infrastructure Grant application was submitted and hopefully it will be
approved.
3. The Skate Board Park equipment is on site and the basic framework is done.
Hopefully it will be completed by this Friday.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. L. Young, River Park Drive –Complaint regarding the condition of Nooks Hill
Road.
2. A. Halibozek, Christian Hill Road and Vice Chairman of the Democratic Town
Committee and a member of the DTC nominating committee- Ms. Halibozek
advised that the DTC recommends that Ms. Carroll's appointment to the
Committee to Support People with Disabilities is approved.
3. B. Jahn, Woodside Road –Stated that the fence along the walking path, near the
High School and Orchard Road needs to be cleared. Mr. Jahn inquired about the
Ethics Commission, the Blight Committee and Charter Revision.
4. P. Keithan, Iron Gate Lane –Spoke about the signs on Main Street.

5. M. Gengler, Forest Road, Chairman Board of Finance –spoke regarding 14 Alcap Ridge and the Siemen’s agreement.
6. E. Corcuillo, Glenwood Terrace –Spoke about a newspaper article regarding statements made by Selectman A. Waters. Ms. Corcuillo stated that she requested a police investigation.

E. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Report

Finance Director Sylvester presented the budget report.

No action necessary.

2. Tax Refunds

- a. Core Marketing Corp Ernest LaCore-\$21.57
- b. Jeffrey and Anne Burkhart -\$6.58
- c. Financial Ser Veh Trust -\$265.14
- d. Nissan Infiniti LT -\$327.21
- e. Al Vernale -\$98.29
- f. Honda Lease Trust -\$217.75
- g. Ann Hennessy -\$70.88
- h. Brian Martini -\$307.42
- i. Peter Hinman -\$5.42
- j. Mitchell Tinnan -\$244.54
- k. John Griffith -\$19.53
- l. Theodore Faraci -\$71.37
- m. Ernest LaCore -\$44.56
- n. Honda Lease Trust -\$611.47
- o. DCFS Trust -\$259.22
- p. Susan Johnson -\$391.07
- q. Steven Beck -\$236.41

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds a-q.

3. Authorize First Selectman to sign newly revised contract with Urban Capitol Solutions.

Item was withdrawn by First Selectman Shingleton.

First Selectman Shingleton advised that the item will be put back out to bid. In the interim a consultant will be hired to assist the First Selectman on a temporary hourly basis.

No action taken.

4. Educational Assistance Requests

- a. Officer Matthew McCarter, Fall 2008 Semester -\$1,000
- b. Officer John Cunningham, Fall 2008 Semester -\$1,000
- c. Sergeant Edwin Kosinski, Fall 2008 Semester -\$1,000

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Educational Assistance Requests a, b and c.

5. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract extending services with emergency preparedness consultant Judith Torpey. Cost of \$7,500 will be covered by Grant. **Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by M. Johnson and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign contract extending services with emergency preparedness consultant Judith Torpey.
Selectman Newton pointed out that Exhibit A was not included with the backup and requested that it be mailed to all board members.
6. Authorize First Selectman to sign MOA between the State of Connecticut, Dept. of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (DEMHS) and the Town of Cromwell, located in DEMHS Region 3, regarding State Use of Funding Granted by the Department of Homeland Security.
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign MOA between the State of Connecticut, DEMHS and the Town of Cromwell.
7. Discussion and possible action on Siemens Energy Contract draft.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Special Town Meeting, September 24th at 7:00 p.m., pending recommendation from the Board of Finance.
Motion made by J. Shingleton seconded by R. Newton for purpose of discussion.
Siemen's representative Jerry Drummond and CCM representative Andy Merola were available to answer the boards' questions.
Discussion followed.
Motion made by J. Shingleton seconded by D. Newton and *unanimously carried* to table until the Special Board of Selectmen's meeting on 9/24/08. Town Attorney J. Bradley will be invited to attend this meeting.
8. Authorize First Selectman to sign contract for Downtown Project.
Motion made by J. Shingleton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to table.

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approve fee reduction request from Salvatore F. Branciforte for Shadow Hill Farm LLC Inland Wetland Application.-Tabled
Left on table.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve policies for Human Services.
 - a. Adopt-A-Family & Holiday Baskets
 - b. Human Services Funds DistributionSenior Center/Human Services Director T. Strong presented the request.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve a. & b.

2. Approve road names.
 - a. NorthWoods Estates.
 1. Deer Run Road
 2. Fawn Brook Road
 - b. Transfer Station Driveway
 1. County Line Road

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve a. & b.

3. Authorize First Selectman to set time and date of Public Hearing for Blight Ordinance.

Motion made by M. Johnson seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set time and date of Public Hearing for Blight Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 24th at 7:20 p.m. Discussion followed. First Selectman Shingleton stated that this draft ordinance only pertains to vacant property.

4. Discussion and possible action to accept open space at Northwood Estates. Attorney S. Petrella and Project Engineer J. Cassidy from Hallisey, Pearson and Cassidy presented information regarding the open space.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton to accept open space at Northwood Estates.

Amended motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *carried* to approve upon condition of P&Z approval.

Aye: R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, M. Johnson

Nay: A. Waters, R. Waters

Main Motion to accept open space at Northwood Estates upon condition of P&Z Approval.

Aye: R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, M. Johnson

Nay: A. Waters, R. Waters

Main Motion *carried to accept open space at Northwood Estates pending P&Z approval.*

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to move item G5. to the end of the meeting.

H. RESIGNATIONS

None

I. APPOINTMENTS

1. Committee to Support People with Disabilities
 - a. Barbara Carroll
2. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
 - a. William Camosci, Alternate, Term expires January 2010

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments 1 and 2.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, August 13, 2008

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve the minutes of August 13, 2008.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson

Abstained: *F. Monnes was not present for this meeting.*

K. SELECTMEN COMMISSION REPORTS

None

L. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

G. 5. Discussion and possible action on a service contract for a pending retiree.
First Selectman Shingleton reviewed the criteria as stated in the State Statute for going into Executive Session

Motion made by R. Newton to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a contract.

First Selectman Shingleton stated that this is just a proposal and is confidential information that was distributed only to the Board of Selectmen members and the Human Resources Director and it was leaked out.

First Selectman Shingleton provided information stating why he believes this should be discussed in executive session. Frank Thomas would be invited into Executive Session, unless Mr. Thomas preferred to have it heard in Public Session.

After further discussion and a point of order from the audience it was decided that the Town Attorney would be contacted to provide an agenda item so it will be properly noticed to go into executive session at the next meeting.

Motion was made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried to table.*

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk

Jeremy Shingleton
First Selectman