

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BUDGET WORKSHOP
THURSDAY MARCH 5, 2009
TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

Absent:

Also Present: Human Services T. Strong, Youth Services Administrator A. France,
Library Director E. Branciforte, Town Clerk/Treasurer D. DiProto,
Election Administrators L. Duren and M. Terry, Chief of Police A.
Salvatore, Police Captain R. Nelson, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Staff
Account J. Murphy, Human Resources Director T. Roohr, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Shingleton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion 09/10 Budget as it relates to Union Negotiations and Collective Bargaining Agreement with Labor Attorney.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Labor Attorney Lisa Lazarek, Human Resources Director T. Roohr and Finance Director M. Sylvester were invited into Executive Session.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

C. FIRST SELECTMAN'S PRESENTATION

First Selectman Shingleton presented the budget to the Board of Selectmen.

The power point budget presentation is on Cromwell's web-page;
www.cromwellct.com.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following people stated their opinion regarding the budget and agenda items:

Fran Monnes, Old Colony Lane, Member Board of Selectmen

Wynn Muller, Coles Road, Vice Chairman Inland Wetlands

Martha Rennie, Wexford Lane, Member Library Commission

Sal Petrella, Wexford Lane, Small Business Owner

Sarah Voog, Mountain Laurel Court, Town Employee

Fred Curtin, President Town Hall Union

Sharon Ramsay, Harrison Drive, Cromwell Tax Collector

Brett Trepanier, Timber Hill Road, Town Employee

Robin Cassella, Main Street
Lori McKnight, MacDonald Avenue, Tax Payer, Union Member, Riverport
Festival Chairman and town employee.
Renee Bruscia, Court Street, President of Local RI 121 Civilian Police Employee
Union
Richard Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace
Eric Rennie, Wexford Lane
Jennifer Slifer, Pond View Drive
Michael Koshinsky, 51 Evergreen Road

E. BUDGET WORKSHOP

a. Discussion and Action on General Fund Budget Requests:

38. Human Services Administration

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Waters to approve \$96,904.

Amended motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to correct the part time wage line item and reduce it to \$15,850 and approve the bottom line of \$96,707.

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$96,707.**

A lengthy discussion followed regarding expanding the number of furloughs. The consensus of the board was to impose a one week furlough for all department heads and have the department's bottom line recalculated reflecting the additional furloughs. A list of adjusted bottom lines will be approved at the next budget meeting.

39. Senior Services

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$76,762.**

40. Transportation Service

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by M. Johnson to approve \$92,739.

Amended motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to correct the part time wage line item and reduce it to \$15,849.

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$92,048.**

41. Youth Services

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by J. Shingleton to approve \$76,798.

After a lengthy discussion regarding eliminating the Youth Services Administrator position and replacing it with a Youth Services Supervisor's position, the consensus of the board was to continue with the planned reorganization and place Youth Services under the Recreation Department. The Youth Services Supervisor's salary will be held at \$65,148 (at E 2, 8+) as long as the present employee remains in the position. After the present employee retires the salary will revert back to an E2, 1.

Amended Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters to increase the Youth Services Supervisor's salary \$23,207 and increase the bottom line to \$99,088.

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$99,088.**

43. Library

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve **\$513,584.**

Aye: R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson
A. Waters was not present and did not vote.

1. First Selectman

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes to approve \$240,367. Deputy First Selectman Monnes requested that the Deputy's part-time wage line item be reduced.

Amended Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to reduce the Deputy's part time wages \$375.00 and decrease the bottom line to \$239,992.

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

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$239,992.**

2. Town Clerk

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by J. Shingleton to approve \$168,639. A lengthy discussion followed regarding reorganizing various positions and job titles within Town Hall. Town Clerk DiProto read a statement to the Board regarding the Town Clerk's budget.

Discussion followed.

A. Waters	Nay
R. Newton	Nay
J. Shingleton	Aye
F. Monnes	Aye
D. Murphy	Nay
R. Waters	Nay
M. Johnson	Aye

Motion failed

After a lengthy discussion regarding eliminating an Assistant Town Clerk's position, the consensus of the board was to approve a 50/50 split of the new Administrative Secretary's position with the Town Clerk and Assessor's Office.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve a 50/50 split of the new Administrative Secretary position with the Town Clerk's and Assessor's Office and increase the Administrative Secretary's salary to \$18,352 in the Town Clerk's Office. One dollar (\$1.00) will remain in the vacant Assistant Town Clerk's line to keep the position open.

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$186,923.**

3. Elections Department

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes to approve \$56,010.

Amended Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to increase Election Day Expense line item by \$1500.00 and approve \$57,510.

Amended Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton to decrease the wage line by \$800.00 and *unanimously carried* to approve \$56,710.

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$56,710.**

4. Economic Development

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton to approve \$45,200.

Amended Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to reduce the EDC Coordinators line \$5,000 and approve the bottom line of \$40,200.

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$40,200.**

5. Board of Finance

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$29,660.**

6. Capital Expenditure Committee

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$83.**

7. Charter Revision Committee

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$571.**

8. Board of Assessment

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$1,300.**

9. Committee to Support People with Disabilities

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$525.**

10. Donations & Dues

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to approve **\$38,050.**

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

11. Board of Selectmen

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$9,384.**

12. Legal Expenses

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$201,907.**

35. Police

F. Monnes recommended cutting the overtime line by \$50,000. A short discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve **\$2,705,388.**

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

36. Animal Control

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$78,674.**

13. Central Services

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$102,680.**

14. Insurance Expense

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$457,501.**

15. General Expense

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes to approve \$77,011.

Amended Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by D. Murphy to reduce the Rose Garden to \$450.00 and *unanimously carried* to approve **\$76,661.**

Main Motion *unanimously carried* to approve **\$76,661.**

2. Any other Budget matters.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk

Jeremy Shingleton
First Selectman