

TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5

MINUTES

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

Absent:

Also Present: Chief of Police A. Salvatore, Captain R. Nelson, Assessor S. O'Neil,
Finance Director M. Sylvester, Director Developmental Services J. Mazurek, Library
Director E. Branciforte, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Shingleton called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to
approve the agenda.

Motion made by J. Shingleton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to
add:

F. 1. Tax Refund List. Add # 22.CAB EAST LLC -\$240.66 #23.John Lomartra -
\$18.31

F. 4. Correct reimbursed amount to **\$27,900.**

H. 7. Approve formal statement of project for Energy Efficient Block
Grant application.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to
approve as amended.

C. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman Shingleton updated the board on the following projects:

- Willowbrook Road
- Iron Gate Lane
- Fairview Heights
- Chelsea Estates
- Washington Road Sidewalks
- Announced that the Town received a \$200,000 Steap Grant for Downtown Revitalization.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. R. Duffy, Oxford Lane-Would like to see Citizen Comments both at the beginning and end of all town meetings. Mr. Duffy also spoke regarding several other issues including the Downtown Project, manager's responses and plans for snow removal during the construction period of Chelsea Estates. Mr. Duffy thanked First Selectman Shingleton for his service to the town.
2. R. Jahn, Woodside Road -Urged the board to approve the Arborio Tax Abatement. Mr. Jahn also spoke regarding the Washington Street Sidewalks and Chestnut Brook.
3. J. Beatty, Bellaire Manor, Chairman Riverfront Park Building Committee -Asked for clarification on whether there is a need for the committee to continue meeting since the park was turned over to the Park & Recreation Committee in July. It was the consensus of the Board that anything related to policy and management of the park should be managed by Park & Recreation, while remaining construction and installation related to the bond project would still be managed by the building committee. The issue of grill installations would be discussed under Good & Welfare.
4. D. Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace -Spoke in favor of purchasing the street sweeper.
5. R. Nobile, Hillside Road, Chairman EDC -Spoke about a member that doesn't attend the Economic Development Meetings and the fact the commission doesn't have any recourse to remove him. Mr. Nobile spoke in favor of the Arborio Tax Abatement and commended the board for their service to the town.
6. H. Zalewski, Geer Street -Thanked the First Selectman for a job well done.
7. F. Iudiciana, Wall Street -Inquired regarding the property on 2 Wall Street.
8. A. Spotts, Black Haw Drive-Urged the board to table F6, and H5 & 6. Mr. Spotts also questioned the Conservation appointment, spoke in favor of the Arborio Tax Abatement and felt that the River-fest Committee should pay the town for the set up of the stage used during the festival.
9. M. Terry, Main Street-Thanked the board for their service to the town. Ms. Terry echoed A. Spotts' request to table items and not make choices for the next board.
10. M. Weidler, Main Street -Spoke in favor of the Farm Building Ordinance.
11. A. Halibozek, Christian Hill Road -Thanked the Board for their service to the town. Ms. Halibozek spoke in favor of the Solar Panels and also stated that she doesn't feel that the River-fest Committee should be charged for the set-up of the stage.

E. STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Code of Ethics Sub-Committee update
Ethic Sub-Committee members, D. Coughlin, D. Meerbach and M. Ruske provided an update to the board. Mr. Coughlin advised that the Code of Ethics Draft should be ready for the December Board of Selectmen's Meeting and encouraged the board members to read it and be prepared.

2. Department of Developmental Services
Director J. Mazurek presented an update to the Board in the areas of the Engineering Department and Economic Development.

F. FINANCIAL

1. Approve Tax Refund List.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve 1-23.

2. Approve transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the Capital and Non-Recurring (CNR) Fund fund balance.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the Capital and Non-Recurring (CNR) Fund fund balance.

3. Discussion and action on Capital and Non-Recurring requests -per attached.

4. Appropriate \$37,200 within the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund for the 2009-2010 Police DUI grant. (The town will be reimbursed \$27,900, or 75% of the appropriation.

Finance Director Sylvester advised that a balance of approximately \$69,000 is left in the fund.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Capital and Non-Recurring requests in the amount of \$369,000; \$298,800 as attached to minutes
\$33,000 for GIS update.
\$37,200 for the 2009-2010 Police DUI Grant

5. Discussion and possible action on Street Sweeper.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to purchase the street sweeper.

6. Appropriate \$200,000 from General Fund fund balance to pre-fund the 2010 STEAP grant for the Downtown Historic Revitalization Project.

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

Discussion followed.

Aye: A. Waters, R. Waters

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

Motion to table failed

Discussion continued.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by D. Murphy and *carried* to approve the appropriation of \$200,000 from General Fund fund balance to pre-fund the 2010 STEAP grant for the Downtown Historic Revitalization Project.

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

Nay: A. Waters, R. Waters

Motion to approve carried.

7. Appropriate \$303,150 from General Fund fund balance to pre-fund the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds granted to the Town for road improvements.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the appropriation of \$303,150 from General Fund fund balance to pre-fund the Federal Town for road improvements.

8. Authorize the First Selectman to call a Special Town Meeting to approve the appropriation(s).

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set the time and date for a Special Town Meeting.

9. Authorize First Selectman to sign 09/11 Youth Service Bureau Grant State Department of Education Grant -\$14,000.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign 09/11 Youth Service Bureau Grant State Department of Education Grant -\$14,000.

10. Authorize applying for Youth Service Bureaus' Enhancement Grant Program Funding -\$5000.00.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize applying for Youth Service Bureaus' Enhancement Grant Program Funding -\$5000.00.

11. Award design for engineering for Iron Gate Estates.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to award design of the Iron Gate Estates project to Luchs Consulting Engineers for an amount not to exceed the full amount of the appropriation.

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

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Spur Road in Newbury Estates by the Town of Cromwell.-Tabled

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session on the advice of Town Attorney Bradley for the purpose of land acquisition negotiations at 9:50 p.m.

Attorney Bradley and Town Engineer Mazurek were invited into Executive Session.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 10:10 p.m.

No action taken.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve Ethics Ordinance. -Tabled until December.

Item left on table until the December meeting.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on Arborio Tax Abatement Request.

Motion made by R. Waters seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve Tax Abatement for the Arborio Corporation.

2. Discussion and action to approve Farm Building Tax Exemption Ordinance.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the Farm Building Tax Exemption Ordinance as presented at the Public Hearing.

3. 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 F. Monnes seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to 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.

4. Authorize First Selectman to sign CRCOG Solid Waste Authority and approve resolution.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to authorize First Selectman to sign CRCOG Solid Waste Authority and approve resolution as attached to the minutes

5. Appoint committee for new Football Field studies.

Park & Recreation: Sue Schein -John Schmaltz

Football: Carl Tavarozzi - Dave Beauchemin

Soccer: Cliff Parker - Sue Iozzo - Stu Elish

BOE: BOE member - Administrator - CHS Athletic Dept. (individuals to be determined).

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes to appoint the committee. Discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Waters seconded by D. Newton and *carried to table.*

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

Nay: J. Shingleton, M. Johnson

Motion to table carried.

6. Main Street Project

- a. Define scope of bond funded portion of project.

Selectman Newton stated for the record that Melilli's should be included in the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Motion made by R. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to extend the Streetscape to the far side of Melilli's on both sides of Main Street.

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

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried

- b. Authorize First Selectman to sign maintenance agreement with State.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign Encroachment Agreement with the State of Connecticut and approve resolution as attached to the minutes.

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

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried

- c. Change scope of Main Street Committee to oversee entire Main Street Project; 2006 STEAP Grant, 2008 Bond Projects and 2009 STEAP Grant.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to change scope of Main Street Committee to oversee entire Main Street Project; 2006 STEAP Grant, 2008 Bond Projects and 2009 STEAP Grant.

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

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried

- d. Discussion and possible action to approve Street-Scape Dining Policy.

First Selectman Shingleton requested that this item be tabled until details of who would be responsible to enforce the policy are worked out.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to table.

7. Approve formal statement of project application for energy efficient block grant.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to state that the project is Solar Panels on the Town Hall roof.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion and possible action on Department of Public Works Employees
Local 222, CILU, CIPU, Sub-Local 83 Union Contract.

Motion made by R. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to
adjourn to Executive Session at 11:05 p.m.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to
come out of Executive Session at 11:11 p.m.

No action taken

J. MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, September 9, 2009

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to approve the
minutes of September 9, 2009.

R. Waters did not attend this meeting

K. RESIGNATIONS

None

L. APPOINTMENTS

1. Conservation Commission

a. Joseph Corlis, Regular Member, Term expires January 2013

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

b. John C. Whitney, Regular Member, Term expires January 2013

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by M. Johnson and *unanimously carried* to
approve the appointment upon proof of residency.

M. GOOD & WELFARE

Discussion followed regarding if Riverfront Park should be locked at dusk or left
open at all times. No action was taken.

Discussion followed regarding if grills should be installed at the Riverfront Park.

After a lengthy discussion the consensus of the board was to not approve installing
grills at this time.

N. LIAISON REPORTS

M. Johnson, Economic Development Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals

R. Waters, Planning and Zoning Commission

D. Murphy, Board of Education, Committee to Support People with Disabilities,
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency & Cromwell Water Pollution
Control Authority

F. Monnes, Library Commission, Park & Recreation Commission, Fire District
and Senior Services Advisory Board

D. Newton, Board of Finance, Conservation Commission and Midstate Regional
Planning Agency

A. Waters, Historical Society and Capital Expenditures

O. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Re Matus
Secretary

Jeremy Shingleton
First Selectman

Tax Refund List

1. Honda Lease Trust -\$37.98
2. Toyota Credit Corp. -\$62.37
3. Andrew Rosenberg -\$425.93
4. Financial Ser Veh Trust -\$414.82
5. Robert and Carolyn Bourassa -\$93.24
6. Sevimli Sefer -\$12.17
7. Philip Cognata -\$8.40
8. Nissan Infiniti LT -\$111.26
9. Germaine Liberte -\$54.73
10. Hyeonju Son -\$382.67
11. Denise or Michael Latina -\$6.56
12. Sarah March -\$12.96
13. John G. Hillier -\$47.01
14. Toyota Motor Credit Corp. -\$26.34
15. Jitesh or Yogita Vachhani -\$59.25
16. Katherine A. & Robert J. Rand -\$571.10
17. ARI Fleet LT -\$619.86
18. A Better Way Salka & Sons -\$346.16
19. A Better Way Salka & Sons -\$31.29
20. Honda Lease Trust -\$268.07
21. GMAC -\$575.78
22. CAB EAST LLC -\$240.66
23. John Lomartra -\$18.31