

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009  
7:10 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

**MINUTES**

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

Absent:

Also Present: Developmental Services Director J. Mazurek, Senior/Human Services  
Director T. Strong, Assessor S. O'Neil, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Public and Press

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

First Selectman Shingleton called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to add Financial F 5. Restate bottom line of General Government Budget to \$12,988,192 and L1. Good and Welfare and approve the agenda *as amended*.

**C. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

Copies of the First Selectman's Budget Presentation that were presented at the Budget Workshops are available in the First Selectman's Office.

First Selectman Shingleton advised that the Public Hearing will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodside Intermediate School Cafeteria. The Board of Finance will begin their deliberations the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 224/5 of the Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen Budget Workshops netted an overall decrease of \$33,183 in General Government, which is a 0.25% decrease and a \$97,433 decrease in debt services, which is a 2.57% decrease. Collectively the General Government and Debt Services, which are the two budgets over which we have authority and exclude the Board of Education give a bottom line of \$16,686,449 which is a \$130,616 decrease; an 1% overall decrease in our budget. Furloughs and re-organizations were implemented during the budget process but at the end of the workshops everyone still has a job.

**D. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Developmental Services
  - a. Overview
  - b. Economic Development
  - c. Public Health

Developmental Services Director J. Mazurek presented the reports for a, b and c.

2. Human Services/Senior Services

Human/Senior Services Director T. Strong presented the report for #2.

3. Assessor's Office

Assessor S. O'Neil presented the report for #3.

#### **E. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Lorri Young, River Park Drive –Spoke regarding Assessment issues concerning River Park Drive.
2. Frank Discenza River Park Drive- Spoke regarding Assessment issues concerning River Park Drive.
3. Joseph Giannitti, River Park Drive- Spoke regarding Assessment issues concerning River Park Drive.
4. Dave Kroha, River Park Drive- Spoke regarding Assessment issues concerning River Park Drive.
5. Judy Kroha, River Park Drive- Spoke regarding Assessment issues concerning River Park Drive.
6. Marie Allen, President River Highlands –Spoke about the condition of Golf Club Road.
7. Bob Meskill, River Highlands- Spoke about the condition of Golf Club Road.
8. Ron Friedman, Belhaven - Spoke about the condition of Golf Club Road.
9. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street – Inquired if the Board of Education and Fire District are going to cut their budgets? Ms. Zalewski spoke in favor of the Senior Tax Abatement.
10. Dick Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace –Spoke regarding the Senior Tax Abatement.
11. Mike Gengler, Chairman Board of Finance –Spoke regarding the Senior Tax Abatement.
12. Ed Wenners, Fenwick –Thanked the Board of Selectmen for proposing an overlay on Golf Club Road.
13. Alice Kelly, Willow Brook Road – Thanked the Board of Selectmen for their efforts in making of the budget so that people can have jobs. Invited the Board of Selectmen to an Open Space and Land use seminar on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Kelly advised the board that they will be receiving a formal invitation.
14. Victor Harpley, Wildwood Road, Chairman Democratic Town Committee –Spoke regarding the appointments on the agenda. Asked Ms. McKnight to go forward with the Riverport Festival.

#### **F. FINANCIAL**

1. Tax Refunds as attached to agenda.  
**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1-9 (excluding #2, Fire District refund).
2. Discussion and Approval to apply for the Connecticut State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (Municipal Grant Program FY 2010).  
**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by M. Johnson and *unanimously carried* to

approve applying for the Connecticut State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (Municipal Grant Program FY 2010).

3. Adoption of a resolution giving Jeremy Shingleton, First Selectman, Town of Cromwell, permission to execute all necessary agreements/documents for the Connecticut State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (Municipal Grant Program FY 2010).

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by M. Johnson and *unanimously carried* to adopt resolution giving Jeremy Shingleton, First Selectman, Town of Cromwell permission to execute all necessary agreements/documents for the Connecticut State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation (Municipal Grant Program FY2010).

4. Supplemental appropriation for specialized legal services related to tax collection efforts for the property at 14 Alcap Ridge, in the amount of \$20,000, from General Fund fund balance.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve supplemental appropriation for specialized legal services related to tax collection efforts for the property at 14 Alcap Ridge, in the amount of \$16,630, form General Fund fund balance.

5. Restate bottom line of General Fund Budget total.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to restate bottom line of General Government to **\$12,988,192.**

## **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and action on list of Blighted properties.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to place 14 Alcap Ridge on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *carried* to place 62R Evergreen Road on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to place 50 Geer Street on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Waters and *carried* to place 64 Geer Street on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to place 61 River Road on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to place 79 River Road on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *carried* to place 175 Shunpike Road on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *carried* to place 2 Wightman Place on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by R. Waters seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to place 1 Willowbrook Road on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to place 60 North Road on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to place 21 South Street on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *carried* to place 44 Willowbrook Road on the Blight List.

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

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to place 31 River Road on the Blight List.

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

Abstained: M. Johnson

The procedure will be as follows; Now that the Board of Selectmen certified the list, Health Director W. Bell will accept the list and send out notifications. He will work with them so they know what needs to be done. They will be given 30 days to correct the problem. Once the problems are corrected and the Board of Selectmen is notified they will be taken off the list.

## H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorial Day Exercises and Parade.  
**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *carried* to appoint American Legion Carlson-Sjovall Post 105 as Agent of the Town for Memorial Day Exercises and parade.  
Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, R. Waters, M. Johnson  
Abstained: D. Murphy
2. Discussion and action on Senior Tax Abatement ordinance, per Section 211-27 Periodic Program Review.  
**Motion** made by D. Murphy seconded by R. Waters and to approve the Senior Tax Abatement Ordinance.  
Discussion followed.  
**Amended Motion** made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to leave everything as is with the one exception to modify the original motion and state that the qualifying income, rather than being a dollar amount be relative to the state income levels, using the mid tier level plus \$3,000 and the top tier lever plus \$5,000.  
**Main Motion** *carried as amended.*  
Aye: R. Newton, J. Shingleton, F. Monnes, D. Murphy, M. Johnson  
Abstained: R. Waters, A. Waters

## I. RESIGNATIONS

None

## J. APPOINTMENTS

1. Conservation Commission
  - a. Ernest Pandolfe, reappointment Regular Member, Term expires 1/13-Tabled
  - b. Laurene McEntire, reappointment Regular Member, Term expires 1/13
  - c. Joseph Corlis, reappointment Alternate, Term expires 1/11
2. Economic Development Commission
  - a. Merrie Buchsbaum, Regular Member, Term expires 3/13
  - b. Richard Duffy, Alternate Member, Term expires 3/10**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve 1 b and c & 2 a and b and to table 1a.
3. Capital Expenditures Commission
  - a. Victor Harpley, Term expires 12/10

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by R. Waters and *carried* to approve #3.  
Aye: A. Waters, R. Newton, J. Shingleton, D. Murphy, R. Waters, M. Johnson  
Abstained: F. Monnes

**K. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, February 11, 2009

**Motion** made by R. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of February 11, 2009.

2. Budget Workshop Meeting March 5, 2009 -Tabled
3. Budget Workshop Meeting March 10, 2009 -Tabled

**L. 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 and Cromwell Water Pollution Control  
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

**L1. GOOD AND WELFARE**

A. Waters stated that he feels that a Police Officer's presence at the Board of Selectmen's meeting is no longer necessary.  
R. Waters read a letter correcting a statement he made that First Selectman Shingleton hired the Public Works Director because he was a friend of a friend. Mr. Waters acknowledged that has since learned that the statement is not accurate.  
M. Johnson spoke about having a sign committee to oversee the signs in town.  
F. Monnes stated that he was pleased because they have had several good meetings.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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Jeremy Shingleton  
First Selectman

**Tax Refund List**

1. CAB East LLC	\$113.59
<del>2. CAB East LLC</del>	<del>7.80</del>
3. Robert W. Tilotta	1018.32
4. Arborio Corporation	870.67
5. GMAC	402.78
6. Joan A. Gannon	254.89
7. Daniel Keith	61.59
8. John T. Obrien	40.18
9. Ann & William Halibozek	281.56