

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2009
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, Public Works Director E. Hood, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Library Director E. Branciforte, Emergency Management Director F. Curtin, Director Developmental Services J. Mazurek, Town Clerk D. DiProto, Tax Collector S. Ramsay, Ethics Sub-Committee Members, R. Coughlin, D. Meerbach and M. Ruske, Town Attorney J. Bradley, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman J. Shingleton called the meeting to order at 8:08 p.m.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

C. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

First Selectman's report not given due to the late start of the meeting.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

1. Steve Bayley, Chestnut Court -Spoke about the Economic Development Commission and Co-coordinator's position.
2. Joanne Golden, Carriage Drive - Spoke in favor of road improvements to Iron Gate Estates.
3. Tim Hatcher, Crest Drive - Stressed the need for road improvements to Iron Gate Estates.
4. Pete Keithan, Iron Gate Lane - Spoke in favor of road improvements to Iron Gate Estates.
5. Suzanne Rutner, Iron Gate Lane -Spoke in favor of road improvements to Iron Gate Estates.
6. Helen Zalewski, Geer Street -Spoke regarding who was responsible for setting the date of the Riverport Festival.
7. Al Spotts, Black Haw Drive - Spoke regarding who was responsible for setting the date of the Riverport Festival.
8. Jon Burke, Iron Gate Lane - Spoke in favor of road improvements to Iron Gate Estates.

9. Darlene DiProto, 3 Oak Road and Town Clerk -Suggested that more people would attend the Ethics Sub-Committee meetings if they were held in the evening.
10. Ann Halibozek, Christian Hill Road -Requested permission from the board to bring an idea of a Water Pad in Watrous Park to the Recreation Commission.
11. Joe Corlis, Redwood Court - on behalf of J. Polke who wanted to thank the town for beginning work to pave Willowbrook Road.
12. Barbara Cota, Washington Road - Spoke about sidewalks on Washington Road.
13. Shirley Banic, Geer Street -Spoke about the time of day the Ethics Sub-Committee meet.
14. Wesley Mekrut, Iron Gate Lane - Spoke in favor of road improvements to Iron Gate Estates.

E. STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Library

Library Director Branciforte presented the report.

2. Parks & Recreation/Youth Services

Recreation Director Schein will present the report at the September meeting.

3. Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Curtin presented the report.

4. Public Works

Public Works Director Hood presented the report.

F. FINANCIAL

1. Approve Tax Refund List.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1 - 14.

2. Approve request from Sergeant Edwin Kosinski for Educational Assistance for fall semester-\$1,000.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to approve Sgt. Kosinski's request for Educational Assistance.

3. Final payment of legal fees.

1. First Selectman Shingleton advised the board that Attorney Plumb's employment ceased immediately after the last meeting he attended.

2. On the advice of Town Attorney J. Bradley, the consensus of the board was to authorize payment to Attorney Jon Schoenhorn for representing the First Selectman in the Board of Finance Investigation.

Motion made by R. Waters seconded by D. Murphy and *carried* to pay the bill.

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

Abstained: J. Shingleton

Motion carried

4. Approval of 2008-09 Interdepartmental Transfers.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the 2008-09 Interdepartmental Transfers as amended by the Finance Director.

5. Authorize the First Selectman to apply for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

Motion made by R. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to apply for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Acceptance of Spur Road in Newbury Estates by the Town of Cromwell.-Tabled
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.

Developmental Services Director J. Mazurek and Attorney S. Petrella presented the request to the board.

Discussion followed.

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

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve streets names of Fawn Run and Bucks Crossing for Northwoods Estates, a Conservation Subdivision located at 123-141 North Road.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve street names of Fawn Run and Bucks Crossing for Northwoods Estates.

2. Supplemental appropriation for road improvements at Iron Gate Estates.

Public Works Director E. Hood presented they request. Finance Director M. Sylvester and Developmental Services Director J. Mazurek made recommendations to the board and took part in the discussion. The general consensus was that Iron Gate Estates road reconstruction would be included in the next bond package. Funds would be appropriated this evening to get a head start for planning and design of the project.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Motion made by F. Monnes seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 from General Fund-Fund Balance to CNR for planning and design of road reconstruction at Iron Gate Estates.

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

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve ordinance authorizing a tax exemption for certain farms buildings.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the ordinance authorizing a tax exemption for certain farm buildings

4. Discussion and possible action to approve Ethics Ordinance.

A lengthy exchange followed discussing the comments and concerns from the public during Citizen Comments. The main topic of concerns was subpoena power and finding suitable people to serve on the commission. The consensus of the board was to send the draft back to the Ethics Sub-Committee and have them do additional work on the document. The board requested that one meeting a month be held in the evening hours to give the working public an opportunity to attend the meetings and provide suggestions to the committee. The Ethics Sub-Committee members provided additional information to the board explaining their thoughts while drafting the ordinance. They also stated that the draft is almost a boiler plate that mirrored several different towns in the area.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing sometime in September or early October and bring the Ethics Ordinance back as an agenda item to a October Board of Selectmen meeting.

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

5. Discussion and possible action on Downtown parking.

First Selectman Shingleton called for a 5 minute recess at 10:50 p.m. before retiring to executive session.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to executive session at 10:55 p.m. for the purpose of bidding for land acquisition.

Economic Development Chairman D. Nobile was invited into executive session.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to come out of executive session at 11:15 p.m.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to approve land acquisition at Main Street and Community Field Road.

Motion made by D. Murphy seconded by R. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to set time and date of Town Meeting.

6. Authorize First Selectman to sign Authorization to Proceed Proposal for Asbestos Roof Inspection & Sampling for Cromwell Middle School with Fuss & O'Neill.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to authorize the First Selectman to sign Authorization to proceed proposal for Asbestos Roof Inspection & Sampling for CMS with Fuss & O'Neill.

I. MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, July 8, 2009

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of July 8, 2009 as corrected (Washington Road was incorrectly listed as Washington Street under citizen comments).

J. RESIGNATIONS

1. Conservation/Farmland Preservation Committee

a. Laurene McEntire

b. Luella Landis

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Monnes and *unanimously carried* to accept resignations 1 & 2 with regret.

K. APPOINTMENTS

1. Zoning Board of Appeals

a. Shaun Sullivan, Alternate, Term expires 11/09

2. Conservation/Farmland Preservation Committee

a. Sairah Sandhu, Term expires 1/10

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

L. GOOD & WELFARE

The upcoming music festival event was discussed.

M. 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

M. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by D. Murphy and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Re Matus
Secretary

Jeremy Shingleton
First Selectman

Tax Refund List

1. GMAC -\$1,190.27
2. Mildred or Robert Chykirda -\$39.24
3. John C. Green -\$1,478.04
4. DCFS Trust -\$268.65
5. Marie LaMonica -\$117.07
6. Richard B. Hartnett -\$47.61
7. Sarah Esty -\$54.75
8. Scott Gish -\$181.55
9. Miroslaw Wolczacki -\$13.32
10. Georgette M. Farnham -\$19.52
11. Kevin Delaney -\$60.95
12. Rev. Edward C. Coolidge -\$8.48
13. Nicholas j. Demetriades -\$10.00
14. Manuel or Marco Aguiar -\$52.58