

**TOWN OF CROMWELL BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 7:00 pm
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Minutes and Record of Vote

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Present: Chairman Julius Neto

Also Present: Town Manager Anthony Salvatore and Finance Director Marianne Sylvester

Attendees via Zoom: Dan Kelly, Allan Spotts, John Ireland and Anne Hulick. Ed Maley joined the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Absent: Steve Wygonowski

- A. **CALL TO ORDER** -Chairman Julius Neto called the Regular Meeting dated April 22, 2021 to order at 7:00 P.M.
- B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** -The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
- C. **SEAT ALTERNATES** -A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by Dan Kelly to seat alternate Anne Hulick. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.**
- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** -A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by Dan Kelly to approve the agenda date April 22, 2021. **All in Favor- Motion Passed.**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
1. Regular Meeting, February 25, 2021- A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by Dan Kelly to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting February 25, 2021. **Approved by Julius Neto, John Ireland, Steve Wygownowski, Ed Maley and Dan Kelly. Allan Spotts abstained. Motion Passed.**
 2. Public Hearing, March 31, 2021- A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by Dan Kelly to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing March 31, 2021. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.**
 3. Special Meeting, March 31, 2021-A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by John Ireland to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting March 31, 2021. John Ireland discussed an amendment to the minutes to reflect the approval of the motion to vote on the amended motion, made by Ed Maley and seconded by John Ireland. A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by John Ireland to accept the amendments to the minutes. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.** Chairman Neto called for a final vote on the minutes with the amendments. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.**
- F. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** -None

G. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

- Continue to monitor the budget
- Starting spring projects
- Continue to open Town Hall
- Preparing for the referendum

H. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR -Marianne Sylvester Finance Director reported that the budget reports in your packet are through March 31, 2021. She is monitoring legal fees and computer expenditures.

I. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR -Marianne Sylvester Finance Director reported that tax collection is down by 2% in the current year. Approximately 1 million dollars.

J. OLD BUSINESS - None

K. NEW BUSINESS -

1. Discussion and action to approve Other Fund budgets for FY 2021-22 for adoption at Special Town Meeting, per Section 8.03 of the Town Charter
 - a. Dog Fund: \$23,900-A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by Dan Kelly to approve \$23,900 for the Dog Fund. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.**
 - b. Sidewalk Fund: \$7,500-A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by Dan Kelly to approve \$7,500 for the Sidewalk Fund. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.**
2. Discussion and possible action on transfer of funds (General Fund to CNR Fund) and appropriations for large capital items, as identified in the Capital Improvement Plan:
 - a. Town Hall/Library Roof Replacement, including atrium -- \$1,005,000
 - b. Main Street Retaining Wall -- \$332,000
 - c. CHS Family & Consumer Sciences Kitchen Renovations -- \$260,000 (request submitted by Board of Education)
 - d. Backhoe -- \$130,000
 - e. Mason Dump Truck -- \$50,000
 - f. ~~Tennis Court Repairs -- \$50,000~~

A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by John Ireland to transfer funds and appropriate \$1,777,000 for large capital items identified in the Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion followed. A new motion was made to table the items by Ed Maley and seconded by Dan Kelly. Ed Maley would like to wait 30 days to review the items listed as well as available funds. If the item is an emergency will consider the item separately. The backhoe was identified by the Town Manager as an emergency. An amended motion was made to table all the items but exclude the Backhoe by Ed Maley and seconded by Dan Kelly. **Approved by Allan Spotts, Ed Maley, Dan Kelly, Anne Hulick and Opposed by Julius Neto and John Ireland-Motion Passed.** A motion was made to approve \$130,000 for a Backhoe was made by Ed Maley and seconded by Dan Kelly. Discussion followed. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.**

- L. **BOARD OF EDUCATION- LIASON REPORT** – None
- M. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** -Chairman Julius Neto discussed looking for ways to improve the budget process. Discussion followed on a three member board or the full board and a caucus.
- N. **VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS** - None
- O. **GOOD AND WELFARE** -Discussion on after referendum meeting.
- P. **ADJOURNMENT** -A motion was made by Allan Spotts and seconded by Dan Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. **All in Favor-Motion Passed.**

This meeting is live-streamed at www.cromwellct.com Quick links – live Town Meetings.

Public attendance is limited due to Covid-19.

Citizen comments may be sent to msylvester@cromwellct.com and will be distributed to all Board of Finance members.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon DeVoe
Recording Clerk