

**TOWN OF CROMWELL BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 7:00 pm
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES**

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PRESENT: Chairman John Ireland, Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski, Ed Maley, Brian Stermer, Matthew Blanchette, Anne Hulick, Julie Aurigemma

ABSENT: Dan Kelly

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Anthony Salvatore, Director of Finance Sharon DeVoe, Director of Public Works Lou Spina, Police Captain Fred Sifodaskalakis, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Enza Macri,

- A. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman John Ireland called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.
- C. APPROVE AGENDA – Chairman John Ireland asked to switch New Business #3 and #4. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to add under Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings #6 Special Meeting, May 2, 2023; seconded by Matthew Blanchette. **ANN HULICK, STEVE WYGONOWSKI, JOHN IRELAND, MATTHEW BLANCHETTE VOTED IN FAVOR. ED MALEY OPPOSED. BRIAN STERMER ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSES.**
- D. SEAT ALTERNATES – Ed Maley made a motion to seat Anne Hulick for Dan Kelly; seconded by Steve Wygonowski. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**
- E. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None
- F. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE – None
- G. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Discussion and action to appropriate Other Fund budgets for FY 2023-24 for adoption at Special Town Meeting, per section 8.03 of the Town Charter
 - a. Dog Fund: \$24,400
 - b. Sidewalk Fund: \$5,000
 - a. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the appropriation for Other Fund budgets for the FY 2023-24 for adoption at the Special Town meeting, per section 8.03 of the Town Charter; Dog Fund: \$24,400, Sidewalk Fund: \$5,000; seconded by Matthew Blanchette.
 - b. Captain Fred Sifodaskalakis presented the Dog Fund. Ed Maley made a motion to amend the standing motion to separate the Dog Fund and Sidewalk Fund into two separate motions, seconded by Steve Wygonowski. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (DOG FUND) ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**
 - c. Public Works Director presented the Sidewalk Fund. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**
 - 2. Update on P.A. 13-60, pertaining to non-education expenditures within the FY 2023-24 Board of Education budget.
 - a. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Enza Macri presented the non-education expenditures within the FY 2023-24. Discussion followed on the Board of Education's need for a facility

assessment and the time frame in which they want to get one done. Ed Maley made a motion to direct the Board of Education, the Town Manager, the Finance Director, and any other employee of the Town of Cromwell or Board of Education that if there is any items written down, generated, with regard to this particular issue, prior to this date, prior to our next meeting that it be included in our next agenda packet, whether it is on the agenda or not and that each subsequent month all documents of that type continue to be included until the time we do whatever we do for this issue, seconded by Matthew Blanchette. Discussion followed. Ed Maley and Matthew Blanchette withdrew the motion.

3. Discussion and action to approve an increase of \$10,000 in the appropriation for the Leaf Vacuum within the ARPA Fund using surplus from the Leaf Boxes appropriation.
 - a. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to an increase of \$10,000 in the appropriation for the Leaf Vacuum within the ARPA Fund using the surplus from the Leaf Boxes appropriation; seconded by Matthew Blanchette. Public Works Director presented the request. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**
4. Discussion and action to appoint Town Auditor for the Fiscal Year 2023.
 - a. Ed Maley made a motion to appoint a Town Auditor, PFK O'Conner Davies, for the Fiscal Year 2023; seconded by Steve Wygonowski. Finance Director, Sharon DeVoe, presented the request for who the Town wanted as Town Auditor. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting , March 23, 2023
2. Public Hearing, April 4, 2023
3. Special Meeting, April 4, 2023
4. Special Meeting, April 10, 2023
5. Special Meeting, April 12, 2023
6. Special Meeting, May 2, 2023
 - a. John Ireland made a motion to table the approvals until the next meeting, seconded by Matthew Blanchette. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

I. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore, did an overview of the economic development around the town.

J. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Director of Finance, Sharon DeVoe, presented the current year budget through the end of April. She is watching Central Services as prices of paper has increased and there were more legal notices.

K. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1. Director of Finance, Sharon DeVoe, stated that tax collection has exceeded budget.

L. SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE – Matthew Blanchette gave an update on the Middle School Project.

M. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Chairman John Ireland asked for someone volunteer to go to the June Board of Finance meeting; Steve Wygonowski volunteered.

N. VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Thanked everyone.

O. GOOD AND WELFARE - None

P. ADJOURNMENT – Steve Wygonowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Matthew Blanchette. Meeting adjourned at 9:31PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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