


**TOWN OF CROMWELL BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 7:00 pm  
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman John Ireland, Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski, Dan Kelly, Matthew Blanchette

**ABSENT:** Ed Maley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Manager Anthony Salvatore, Director of Finance Sharon DeVoe, Celine Kelleher Board of Education Chair, Tax Collector Brian Stermer

**A. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman John Ireland called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**C. APPROVE AGENDA** – No changes

**D. ORGANIZATION**

**1. Election of Board of Finance Chairman**

a. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to nominate John Ireland as Chairman; seconded by Matthew Blanchette. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**2. Election of Board of Finance Vice Chairman**

a. Matthew Blanchette made a motion to nominate Steve Wygonowski as Vice Chairman; seconded by Dan Kelly. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**3. Set 2024 regular Board of Finance meeting schedule**

a. Matthew Blanchette made a motion to approve the 2024 regular Board of Finance meeting schedule of all meetings starting at 7PM on the following dates; January 25, 2024, February 22, 2024, March 28, 2024, April 25, 2024, May 23, 2024, June 27, 2024, July 25, 2024, August 22, 2024, September 26, 2024, October 24, 2024, November 21, 2024, December 19, 2024; seconded by Steve Wygonowski. **ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.**

**E. SEAT ALTERNATES** – None

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**1. Regular Meeting, October 26, 2023**

a. Matthew Blanchette made a motion to approve the Regular meeting minutes from October 26, 2023 pending changes to add the interest rate for the loan for the Middle School Project and change the wording in Vice Chairman comments to say the ambulance was discussed not recently purchased; seconded by Steve Wygonowski. **MATTHEW BLANCHETTE, JOHN IRELAND ADD STEVE WYGONOWSKI VOTED IN FAVOR. DAN KELLY ABSTAINED. MOTION PASSES.**

**H. CITIZENS COMMENTS** - None

**I. BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT** – Board of Education Chair Celine Kelleher gave a quick overview of what the Board of Education has been doing. They held their first meeting since the

election. They set the tuition rate and approved a 457 plan. She also mentioned that the next meeting would be December 12<sup>th</sup>. There was also discussion on their budget and what expenses came in over what they thought.

J. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

1. Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore, gave a brief update on development throughout town including an update on the Middle School, Pierson Park project and the sidewalk project.

K. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Director of Finance, Sharon DeVoe, presented the budget through October. She stated that she is working with the Town Auditor to complete the Audit. There was also an update on where the projects on the Fund Balance were.

L. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1. Tax Collector, Brian Stermer, presented the Tax collect through the end of October.

M. SCHOOL BUILDING UPDATE – Matthew Blanchette gave a school building update. They met last Wednesday and are waiting for state approval before going out to bid.

N. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Chairman Ireland congratulated everyone who ran for election. He also asked the Board to look back at last years Board of Education presentation and note if there was anything that would want to see added to the presentation.

O. VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS – Vice Chairman Wygonowski mentioned that if he hears anything relevant with the Fire District he will bring it back to the Board.

P. GOOD AND WELFARE - None

Q. ADJOURNMENT – John Ireland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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