

# Town of Cromwell Redevelopment Agency

# REGULAR MEETING 6:00 PM WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 ROOM 222 CROMWELL TOWN HALL 41 WEST STREET

# Minutes and Record of Votes

Present:

Chairman Ann Halibozek (on phone), Paul Warenda ,Richard Nobile, Robert Donohue

Also Present:

Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper, Town Council Liaison

Paula Luna, Town Council Liaison Al Waters (arrived at 6:14pm)

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairwoman Halibozek.

#### 2. Roll Call

The presence of the above members was noted.

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## 3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Paul Warenda and seconded by Richard Nobile to approve the agenda. All were in favor; the motion passed.

#### 4. Public Comments

No public comments

#### 5. Old Business

a. Tank Farm - Chevron cleanup

Mr. Popper said he does not have any news or updates about the tank farm and Mr. Warenda said there has been some activity there and the adjacent property owner said that they have had some conversations with the legal people and they are optimistic that things are moving along. Mr. Popper said that is good to hear and said these are private negotiations between Chevron and the property owners.

b. 60 and 61 River Road RFQ/RFP

No news on River Road.

c. Former Public Works Facility

Mr. Popper said the town is moving along with the sidewalk reconstruction and widening of Allen Road. He said they will be down at the park by Spring and working on bids now. Mr. Popper said there are plans for the relocation of the tennis courts and expansion of the parking lot at the high school to allow the football field construction. Mr. Nobile said his preference is to have the football field at Pierson Park. Mr. Popper said he hasn't heard anything about the community center and Ms. Luna said the town doesn't seem to have the money for it.

#### 6. New Business:

Mr. Popper read his memo dated September 20, 2023. The memo highlighted existing, ongoing residential development and continued commercial development. Mr. Popper gave an overview of the applications before the Planning and Zoning Commission and said there is a special permit application for 150 Sebethe Drive for an outdoor truck storage facility. He said they have started enforcement on Sebethe Drive and Alvin's tenants. Mr. Popper said they have submitted two grants for the sidewalks on Willowbrook and Evergreen. He said they are also submitting a STEAP grant for another half a million for Pierson Park since they received \$1.5 million but need \$2 million.

Chairman Halibozek said that Martin Kenney passed away. Mr. Popper said yes, he did but he understands from the Attorney that they are still moving forward with the old hotel demolition and project. He said the tax abatement request should be in front of the Town Council in October.

# 7. Approval of Minutes:

a. May 17, 2023

A motion was made by Paul Warenda and seconded by Richard Nobile to approve the minutes of May 17, 2023. Ann Halibozek, Richard Nobile, Paul Warenda approved; Robert Donohue abstained. The motion passed.

# 8. Commissioner's Comments:

Mr. Nobile said there was an article in the Middletown Press about the advancement and progress the town of Cromwell has made over the last several years. He said Cromwell has become a vibrant and wonderful town and it is thanks to the Administration and Mr. Popper.

## 9. Adjourn

A motion was made by Paul Warenda and seconded by Richard Nobile to adjourn at 6:22pm. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Imme

Recording Clerk