

**TOWN OF CROMWELL BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022 7:00 pm  
CROMWELL TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman John Ireland, Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski, Dan Kelly, Ed Maley, Matthew Blanchette (7:16), Alternate Gail Richey, Alternate Anne Hulick

ABSENT: Brian Stermer

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Anthony Salvatore, Assistant Director of Finance Sharon DeVoe, Attorney Tom Gerard, Mayor Allan Spotts, Tax Collector Douglas Sienna

- A. CALL TO ORDER – John Ireland called the meeting to order at 7:03
- B. OF ALLEGIANCE – was said by all
- C. APPROVE AGENDA – John Ireland asked that that they move Citizens Comments to before executive session
- D. SEAT ALTERNATES – Steve Wygonowski made a motion to seat Gail Richey; Dan Kelly seconded. *ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.* Ed Maley made a motion to seat Anne Hulick; Dan Kelly seconded. *ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.*
- E. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - 1. Discuss pending Litigation Gilead Community Services, Inc. V. Town of Cromwell
    - a. Ed Maley made a motion to invite Mayor Allan Spotts, Attorney Tom Gerard, Town Manager Anthony Salvatore and Assistant Finance Director Sharon DeVoe to join executive session. *ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES*
    - b. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to enter executive session; Dan Kelly seconded. *ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.*
    - c. Executive session started at 7:06
    - d. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to end executive session, Dan Kelly seconded. Executive session ended at 8:58.
    - e. Matthew Blanchette took over for Anne Hulick during executive session.
- G. POSSIBLE ACTION
  - 1. Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing a transfer of 5 million dollars to a restricted fund balance to satisfy an appeal

bond requirement (attached), Matt Blanchette seconded. Discussion followed.  
ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES

H. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON REPORT - None

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve an interdepartmental transfer of \$4,000.00 to Revenue Collections Department from Employee Benefits
  - a. Ed Maley made a motion to approve an interdepartmental transfer of \$4,000 to Revenue Collections Department from Employee Benefits, Steve Wygonowski seconded. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.
2. Approve Tax Collector's Suspense List at \$13,511.17.
  - a. Matt Blanchette made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Suspense List at \$13,511.17, Steve Wygonowski seconded. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES.

J. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Regular Meeting, May 26, 2022- Steve Wygonowski made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Kelly seconded. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES

K. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER-

1. Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore gave an update on projects happening throughout the town

L. REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

1. Assistant Finance Director Sharon DeVoe presented the budget through the end of May. They expect to see some surpluses in a few departments. Revenue has exceeded budgeted amounts.

M. REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1. Tax Collector, Douglas Sienna stated that the budgeted tax collection is at 101.2%.

N. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

1. Chairman John Ireland thanked everyone at the meeting. He also stated he was looking to get the town assessor to come to a meeting.

O. VICE CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Steve Wygonowski stated he appreciated everyone. He asked if the Board of Finance is involved in the teacher contract negotiations.

P. GOOD AND WELFARE -None

Q. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. ARPA Funds

- a. Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore presented a list of projects that Town is looking to do and might use ARPA Funds for. Discussion followed.

R. ADJOURNMENT – Matt Blanchette made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Steve Wygonowski seconded. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. Meeting ended at 9:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sara Kennedy*

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS TO  
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE TO SATISFY APPEAL BOND REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, the Town is currently embroiled in a lawsuit with Gilead Community Services, Inc., et al. as captioned below (collectively, "Gilead")

**GILEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC., RAINBOW HOUSING CORP., and THE  
CONNECTICUT FAIR HOUSING CENTER, INC. v. TOWN OF CROMWELL, ET AL.**  
Docket number 3:17-CV-00627-VAB; and

WHEREAS, after trial, the jury awarded Gilead damages in the amount of 5 million dollars (the "Judgment"); and

WHEREAS, the Town has appealed the verdict (the "Appeal"); and

WHEREAS, in order to prosecute the appeal, the Town is required to secure the funds necessary to pay the Judgment in the event the appeal is unsuccessful; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Town's best interest to prosecute the appeal vigorously;  
and

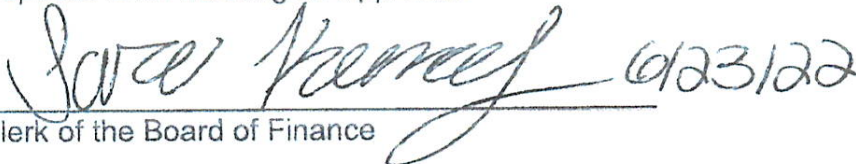
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Finance recommends an appropriation and transfer from the Town's General fund available fund balance to its restricted fund balance, in the amount of Five Million Dollars, which money shall be held as restricted funds solely for the purpose of paying a final judgment, if any, rendered in the Gilead case, once all appeals have been exhausted.

The restricted funds shall also be available to pay any settlement of the claims made by the plaintiffs, and if such settlement is reached, and the case disposed of by stipulation or dismissal of the courts, any remaining balance of the above restricted funds shall become unrestricted and returned to the general fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the recommended appropriation and transfer be submitted by the Town Council to a special town meeting for approval.

  
Clerk of the Board of Finance