

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
41 WEST STREET, CROMWELL, CT 06416**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Meeting at 6:50 p.m.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. POLICE AWARDS**
- E. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIAISON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS**
 - 1. CMS Building Committee Update
- F. MAYOR'S UPDATE**
- G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE**
- H. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**
 - 1. Budget Report
 - 2. Discussion and action to approve an interdepartmental transfer of \$4,000.00 to Revenue (Tax) Collection Department from Employee Benefits.
 - 3. Tax Refunds
- I. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE**
- J. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**
- K. CITIZEN COMMENTS**
- L. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Resident request for abatement pursuant to C.G.S. 12-124(a)
 - 2. Discussion and action to approve Town Manager's Appointment of Public Works Director
 - 3. Legal Update

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M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. May 25, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

N. RESIGNATIONS

O. APPOINTMENTS

P. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. ARPA Funds

Q. ADJOURN

TOWN OF CROMWELL

DATE: JUNE 1, 2022
TO: ANTHONY J. SALVATORE, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: MARIANNE SYLVESTER, FINANCE DIRECTOR
RE: JUNE TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Budget reports for fiscal year 2022 have been included in the Town Council packet for the June 9th meeting. The reports reflect activity through the end of May.

Expenditures are basically in line with expectations for this point in the fiscal year, with the exception of the Revenue (Tax) Collection Department, but we will continue to monitor expenditures. The Revenue (Tax) Collection Department had a larger than anticipated court-stipulated tax refund (\$8,650).

Revenue has exceeded budget in Tax Collections (in total), Town Clerk's conveyance taxes, and Public Works Transfer Station passes. State Aid also came in higher than anticipated due to the Education Cost Sharing grant. Total tax collections have exceeded budgeted levels as have conveyance taxes, recording fees, and transfer station passes. It is anticipated that building permit fees will come in close to budget.

Let me know if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further.

Thank you.

TOWN OF CROMWELL, CT



YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2022 13

001 GENERAL FUND

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
001 TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE	406,840	3,608	410,448	319,905.01	3,150.70	87,392.29	78.7%
002 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	214,289	0	214,289	189,151.76	3,356.84	21,780.40	89.8%
003 REGISTRAR OF VOTERS	80,184	0	80,184	54,678.43	10,815.68	14,689.89	81.7%
004 PLANNING COMMISSION	3,525	0	3,525	1,177.69	13.62	2,333.69	33.8%
005 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	23,301	0	23,301	10,250.50	.00	13,050.50	44.0%
006 BOARD OF FINANCE	1,350	0	1,350	1,035.24	.00	314.76	76.7%
008 CHARTER REVISION COMM	3,000	0	3,000	430.25	.00	2,569.75	14.3%
009 BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS	1,200	0	1,200	526.55	.00	673.45	43.9%
010 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	1,250	0	1,250	538.94	13.62	697.44	44.2%
011 INLAND WETLANDS	2,300	0	2,300	539.93	.00	1,760.07	23.5%
012 COMM. FOR DISABLED PEOPLE	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
013 DONATIONS AND DUES	48,808	0	48,808	47,889.48	.00	918.52	98.1%
014 TOWN COUNCIL	41,361	0	41,361	40,295.50	.00	1,065.50	97.4%
015 LEGAL EXPENSE	227,100	0	227,100	147,508.32	65,428.68	14,163.00	93.8%
016 CENTRAL SERVICES	204,551	0	204,551	171,614.70	26,347.26	6,589.04	96.8%
017 INSURANCE EXPENSE	593,700	0	593,700	572,707.46	.00	22,992.54	99.5%
018 GENERAL EXPENSE	744,002	106,555	850,557	843,396.94	3,000.00	4,160.19	99.5%
019 DEVELOPER/PLANNER	139,195	0	139,195	129,309.36	.00	9,481.13	93.2%
020 FINANCE DEPARTMENT	437,765	0	437,765	383,003.01	727.32	52,034.67	88.1%
021 TAX COLLECTOR	158,183	0	158,183	138,394.35	507.71	19,280.94	87.8%
022 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	243,706	0	243,706	215,926.70	693.95	27,085.35	88.9%
030 PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN.	292,263	0	292,263	236,515.25	5,213.56	50,534.19	85.7%
031 ENGINEERING	246,304	0	246,304	205,720.51	5,521.74	35,061.75	87.4%
032 SOLID WASTE REMOVAL	723,962	-4,000	719,962	547,688.79	119,544.41	52,728.80	92.7%
033 BUILDING INSPECTION	198,829	0	198,829	173,012.28	2,294.10	23,522.62	88.2%
034 HIGHWAY DEPT.	1,446,517	-5,500	1,441,017	1,152,742.42	106,620.06	181,654.52	87.4%
035 BUILDING MAINTENANCE	681,727	0	681,727	584,803.16	21,490.94	75,432.90	88.9%
036 PARKS & GROUNDS	443,993	0	443,993	276,177.43	35,794.22	132,021.35	90.3%
037 PUBLIC WORKS-OTHER	424,000	0	424,000	368,762.11	44,453.49	8,784.40	97.9%
038 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	318,952	9,500	328,452	261,693.81	44,520.53	22,237.66	93.2%
040 POLICE DEPARTMENT	3,664,392	0	3,664,392	3,116,971.10	40,328.65	447,092.25	87.8%
041 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	19,050	0	19,050	13,311.35	727.55	5,011.10	73.7%
042 ANIMAL CONTROL	92,822	0	92,822	82,339.72	.00	10,482.28	88.7%
050 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	216,639	0	216,639	172,683.83	15,069.97	28,885.20	86.7%
051 HUMAN SERVICES	132,061	0	132,061	115,194.64	581.33	16,285.03	87.7%
053 SENIOR SERVICES	128,121	0	128,121	114,428.49	1,895.51	11,797.00	90.8%
054 YOUTH SERVICES	107,009	0	107,009	62,533.18	4,185.07	40,290.75	82.1%
055 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	154,230	0	154,230	124,786.72	1,856.31	27,586.97	82.3%
060 RECREATION DEPARTMENT	276,255	0	276,255	236,236.89	9,267.32	30,750.79	88.9%
061 LIBRARY	634,469	0	634,469	524,671.69	8,851.71	100,945.60	84.1%

TOWN OF CROMWELL, CT



YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2022.13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJUSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
070 BONDED DEBT	3,651,450	0	3,651,450	1,647,225.00	.00	2,004,225.00	45.1%
080 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,008,240	-3,608	4,004,632	3,510,219.15	248,491.56	245,921.29	93.9%
090 BOARD OF EDUCATION	32,750,000	0	32,750,000	25,735,236.61	.00	7,014,763.39	78.6%
119 DEVELOPMENT COMPLIANCE	113,515	0	113,515	96,248.34	438.28	16,828.38	85.2%
120 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	1,210	0	1,210	169.18	.00	1,040.82	14.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	54,303,720	106,555	54,410,275	42,689,651.77	833,606.20	10,887,017.16	80.0%
GRAND TOTAL	54,303,720	106,555	54,410,275	42,689,651.77	833,606.20	10,887,017.16	80.0%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT

FOR 2022 13

001 GENERAL FUND

	ORIGINAL ESTIM REV	ESTIM REV ADJUSTMTS	REVISED EST REV	ACTUAL YTD REVENUE	REMAINING REVENUE	PCT COLL
002 TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE	-294,500	0	-294,500	-393,271.72	98,771.72	133.5%
021 TAX COLLECTOR	-46,163.159	0	-46,163.159	-46,686,246.78	523,087.78	101.1%
022 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE	-1,000	0	-1,000	-219.00	-781.00	21.9%
030 PUBLIC WORKS ADMN.	-45,900	0	-45,900	-58,492.11	12,592.11	127.4%
033 BUILDING INSPECTION	-350,000	0	-350,000	-341,224.87	-8,775.13	97.5%
040 POLICE DEPARTMENT	-86,800	0	-86,800	-62,631.35	-24,168.65	72.2%
042 ANIMAL CONTROL	-550	0	-550	-9,265.00	-550.00	.0%
050 HEALTH DEPARTMENT	-25,000	0	-25,000	-9,265.00	-15,735.00	37.1%
053 SENIOR SERVICES	-1,500	0	-1,500	-629.00	-871.00	41.9%
061 LIBRARY	-2,500	0	-2,500	-1,332.83	-1,167.17	53.3%
206 BOARDS & COMMISSIONS	-9,500	0	-9,500	-8,780.50	-719.50	92.4%
207 STATE OF CONNECTICUT	-5,371.399	0	-5,371.399	-5,482,821.30	111,422.30	102.1%
208 MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES	-531,712	0	-531,712	-1,888,451.79	1,356,739.79	355.2%
999 FUND BALANCE	-1,420,200	0	-1,420,200	.00	-1,420,200.00	.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	-54,303,720	0	-54,303,720	-54,933,366.25	629,646.25	101.2%

GRAND TOTAL -54,303,720

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TOWN OF CROMWELL

DATE: JUNE 1, 2022
TO: ANTHONY SALVATORE, TOWN MANAGER
FROM: MARIANNE SYLVESTER, FINANCE DIRECTOR
RE: INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER

I would like to request Town Council and Board of Finance approval for the following interdepartmental transfer:

To: Revenue Collection Department	\$4,000.00
From: Employee Benefits	\$4,000.00

To cover unanticipated tax refund to Rainbow Housing.

Thank you.

Condition(s) : Bill Dist/Susp/Bank	Name Address	Town of Cromwell	Int Date: 06/02/2022	Prop Loc/Vehicle Info. UniqueID/Reason	Paid Date	Tax	Int	L/F	Total Adjusted	Overpaid Tax
2011-02-0023141 Y	IMPERIAL CARIBBEAN RESTAURANT 595 RIDGEWOOD ROAD MIDDLETOWN CT 06457			51 SHUNPIKE ROAD 40810400 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	4/18/2022	2,714.07 2,890.09	0.00 784.73	0.00 0.00	2,714.07 3,674.82	-176.02
2020-03-0050047	ACAR LEASING LTD 4001 EMBARCADERO DR ARLINGTON TX 76014-4106			2018/1GKKNULS2J2119748 50047 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	5/4/2022	166.82 667.27	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	166.82 667.27	-500.45
M001 2020-03-0057874	MCDERMOTT RYAN K 139 SKYVIEW DR CROMWELL CT 06416-1857			2009/JE2SH636XG736664 57874 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	3/29/2022	65.73 157.65	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	65.73 157.65	-91.92
M013 2020-03-0058667	NISSAN INFINITI LT PO BOX 254648 SACRAMENTO CA 95865-4648			2018/3N1AB7AP2JY236596 58667 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	5/13/2022	191.21 327.97	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	191.21 327.97	-136.76
M013 2020-03-0058712	NISSAN INFINITI LT PO BOX 254648 SACRAMENTO CA 95865-4648			2018/JN8AY2NE9J9731671 58712 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	5/20/2022	676.70 902.24	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	676.70 902.24	-225.54
M013 2020-03-0058748	NISSAN INFINITI LT PO BOX 254648 SACRAMENTO CA 95865-4648			2017/3N1CB7AP7HY385380 58748 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	5/12/2022	181.65 363.30	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	181.65 363.30	-181.65
M013 2020-03-0058763	NISSAN INFINITI LT PO BOX 254648 SACRAMENTO CA 95865-4648			2018/5N1DR2MMXJC506756 58763 Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.	5/20/2022	345.47 517.95	0.00 0.00	0.00 0.00	345.47 517.95	-172.48
TOTAL						4,341.65 5,826.47	0.00 784.73	0.00 0.00	4,341.65 6,611.20	-1,484.82



CROMWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Denise Lamontagne
Chief of Police

MEMO

TO: Anthony Salvatore
Town Manager

FROM: Chief Denise Lamontagne 

SUBJECT: Town Council Report

DATE: May 31, 2022

In preparation for the June Town Council meeting, I am providing you the May monthly statistics. There is no report from K-9 Sergeant John Carlson for activity for the month of May 2022 at this time as he has been out of work. I am providing a Detective Division report from Detective Sergeant Steve Penn.

Response to Aggression/Resistance: one (1 officer)

Civilian Complaints: none

Training:

- Detective Jones: Practical Skills (Assist POSTC with Recruits)
- Sergeant Bengtson, Sergeant Maslauskas, Captain Sifodaskalakis: Use of Force Reporting Form.
- Sergeant Bengtson: Accreditation Manager Training
- Detective Perricone: Basic Investigative Photography
- Chief Lamontagne and Captain Sifodaskalakis: Chief's In-Service Training
- Captain Sifodaskalakis: Training Officer Liability
- Sergeant Kogut: COLLECT Recertification
- Dispatcher Lawton and Dispatcher Cambareri: Emergency Medical Dispatch recertification
- Chief Lamontagne: CPCA Executive Training
- Detective Jones and Reserve Officer Vandersloot: Defensive Tactics
- Captain Sifodaskalakis: Unbreakable COP

- SRO Brooks: CIT for Youth
- Detective Jones: Police Requests for Emergency Examinations

Sergeant Carlson and K9 Bane competed at the USPCA (United States Police Canine) Region 4 PD field trials. In the novice category Bane finished 3rd overall, 2nd in agility, 2nd in article search, 3rd in obedience and 3rd in box searches. Congratulations!

Incident Statistics Report

05/01/2022 00:00 Thru 05/31/2022 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
911 Hang Up Call	11
Administrative Matter	25
Alarm - All types	14
ALARM-FALSE BILLABLE	34
All Other Offenses	5
Animal Complaint	44
Assist Motorist	26
Assist Other Agency	44
CAR WASH	66
Civil Matter	7
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	1
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	6
Dis Conduct/BOP	2
Domestic Incident	4
Drug/Narcotic Violation	1
DUI	7
Dumping	1
Fight/Disturbance	1
Fingerprinting	25
FV Protocol / P.A.	12
Identity Theft	1
Impaired / Intox Person	4
Intoxicated Driver	4
Juvenile Incident	5
Larceny - From Building	3
Larceny - From MV	6
Larceny - MV Parts/Access	8
LARCENY - FROM MV/RECORD ONLY	4
Larceny -Purse-snatch	1
Larceny -Shoplifting	10
Larceny- Other	5
Medical Emergency	51
MEDICATION DISPOSAL BOX	2
MV Accident	26
MV Abandoned	1
MV Parking Violation	10
MV Violation	102
MV VIOLATION ATTEMPTED	1
MVA NR PRIV PROP	9

Incident Statistics Report

05/01/2022 00:00 Thru 05/31/2022 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
Neighbor Dispute	1
Noise Complaint	13
Nursing Home Fax Report	1
Prescription Forgery	1
Property Check	527
Property Lost/Found	16
Property Seized	3
Record Only Call	15
Report of Gunshot	1
Road Cond/TCS Out	21
See Complainant	51
Serve Warrant INFO	11
Suspicious Activity	60
TEST CALL	6
Threaten/Harass/Intimidation	1
Traffic Assignment	24
Trespassing	1
Unfounded Complaint	17
Unwanted Person	6
Well Being Check	27
Total:	1392

Monthly NIBRS Statistics

05/01/2022 00:00 Thru 05/31/2022 23:59

Call Description		Curr Mth	Prev Mth	% Chg	Prev Year	% Chg	Year To Date	Year To Date 2021	% Chg
		05/ 2022	04/ 2022	Mth to Mth	05/2021	Mth to Yr	1/1 - 05/31/2022	1/1 - 05/31/2021	2022 / 2021
11D	Forcible Fondling	0	2	% 50	0	% 0	4	2	% +100
120	Robbery	0	0	% 0	1	% 100	1	2	% -50
13A	Aggravated Assault	0	0	% 0	0	% 0	2	0	% +200
13B	Simple Assault	3	1	% +200	3	% 0	18	17	% +5.88
13C	Intimidation	0	4	% 25	3	% 33.3	18	20	% -10
200	Arson	0	0	% 0	0	% 0	0	1	% -100
210	Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	% 0	0	% 0	1	0	% +100
220	Burglary/Breaking and Enter	0	3	% 33.3	3	% 33.3	6	6	% 0
23C	Shoplifting	5	23	% -78	5	% 0	70	58	% +20.6
23D	Theft From Building	3	3	% 0	3	% 0	13	7	% +85.7
23F	Theft From Vehicle	2	6	% -66	4	% -50	27	11	% +145
23G	Theft of MV Parts or Access	8	8	% 0	8	% 0	35	22	% +59.0
23H	All other Larceny	4	5	% -20	1	% +300	14	7	% +100
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	0	4	% 25	3	% 33.3	8	9	% -11
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	0	3	% 33.3	1	% 100	7	2	% +250
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Con	0	1	% 100	1	% 100	2	4	% -50
26B	Credit Card/Automatic Telle	1	3	% -66	1	% 0	8	4	% +100
26C	Impersonation	0	1	% 100	0	% 0	1	1	% 0
26E	Wire Fraud	0	1	% 100	0	% 0	2	1	% +100
26F	Identity Theft	2	0	% +200	1	% +100	5	7	% -28
270	Embezzlement	0	1	% 100	0	% 0	3	3	% 0
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalis	9	4	% +125	7	% +28.5	43	24	% +79.1
35A	Drug Narcotic Violations	2	0	% +200	1	% +100	9	8	% +12.5
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	2	1	% +100	1	% +100	12	7	% +71.4
36A	Incest	1	0	% +100	0	% +100	1	0	% +100
36B	Statutory Rape	0	0	% 0	0	% 0	1	0	% +100
40A	Prostitution	0	0	% 0	0	% 0	0	1	% -100
520	Weapon Law Violations	0	1	% 100	1	% 100	3	2	% +50
720	Animal Cruelty	0	0	% 0	1	% 100	0	1	% -100
90A	Fraud-Insufficient Funds Ch	0	0	% 0	1	% 100	0	1	% -100
90C	Disorderly Conduct	3	2	% +50	4	% -25	18	10	% +80
90D	Driving under the Influence	7	3	% +133	0	% +700	20	11	% +81.8
90F	Family Offenses, Nonviolent	0	0	% 0	2	% 50	3	4	% -25
90J	Trespass of Real Property	0	2	% 50	2	% 50	15	11	% +36.3
90Z	All Other Offenses	6	15	% -60	4	% +50	35	23	% +52.1
Report Totals:		58	97	% -40	62	% -6.4	405	287	% +41.1



CROMWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Denise Lamontagne
Chief of Police

MEMORANDUM

TO: Captain F. Sifodaskalakis
FROM: Sgt. Steven Penn
DATE: May 30, 2022
SUBJECT: Detective Division Report

During the month of May, the Detective Division served two arrest warrants. The warrants were approved by the court after lengthy investigations conducted by Detective Tolton.

On December 20, 2021 Officers responded to Silas Dean Pawn, 34 Shunpike Rd. for a reported theft of a jewelry case valued at \$3,300. Officers were advised that two unknown male suspects entered the store and took the merchandise from the display case. The display case was processed for evidence. The evidence recovered at the scene was forensically analyzed and fingerprints which were recovered generated a suspect. Through Detective Tolton's investigative efforts, he was able to establish the identity of both male suspects.

- Detective Tolton was able to secure an arrest warrant for Kyle McFarlin (dob: 05/04/1960) and was charged with Larceny 3rd Degree, CGS 53a-124 and Conspiracy to commit Larceny 3rd, CGS 53a-48/53a-124. He was arrested on May 10, 2022 released on a \$30,000 bond with court date of May 24, 2022. The other suspect was identified as Julius Lipscomb (Dob: 01/12/1969) who has the same charges. Lipscomb's current whereabouts are unknown.

On March 17, 2022 the Cromwell Police Department received a complaint about a possible sexual assault. Detective Tolton was assigned to the investigation. Through Detective Tolton's investigative efforts he was able to establish probable cause for the suspected perpetrator.

- Detective Tolton was able to secure an arrest warrant for Eric Ramos (Dob: 01/05/1973) and was charged with Sex Assault 1st degree, CGS 53a-70 (a) 1. Ramos was arrested on May 10, 2022 and was not able to post the \$65,000 court set bond who was then presented at court the same day.

**TOWN OF CROMWELL - TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
41 WEST STREET, CROMWELL, CT 06416
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 11, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, P. Luna, J. Henehan, A. Waters

Absent: Mayor A. Spotts

Also Present: Town Manager Salvatore, Captain Sifodaskalakis, Finance Director Marianne Sylvester, Assistant Finance Director Sharon DeVoe, Public Works Director William Russo

A. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Fortenbach called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECEIVED FOR RECORD
May 18, 2022 03:55P
JoAnn Doyle
TOWN CLERK
CROMWELL, CT

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following changes were suggested:

- Move Citizen Comments J. to after C. Approval of Agenda
- Add Executive Session under New Business to discuss personnel matter and Public Works Director

MOTION made J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** A. Waters to approve the agenda as amended.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

J. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Alice Kelly, 47 Willowbrook Road – She referenced the letter she sent to the Town Council requesting an updated digital recorder as the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission. She told the Council that big projects are coming up and an upgraded system is needed so that the residents watching from home can see what we are able to see as a Commission. She also suggested we need to get an IT department in Town Hall to make sure we have upgraded and up to date equipment. In addition, a request was sent to the Town Manager requesting \$300,000 for their Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. This project meets the criteria of ARPA funds, as of

today they have not received any response from the Town Manager. See Attachment A.

Katie Daigle, 3 Arrowwood Drive was in attendance as a volunteer for Cromwell Creative District (CCD) to present to the Council their latest mural idea "Paint your Spot in the Parking Lot". The overall goal of this project is to showcase all that Cromwell has to offer. This supports CCD's mission and helps to bring continued interest and visitors to Downtown Cromwell. See Attachment B.

Katie Tabak, 6 Douglas Drive shared her support of Cromwell Middle School Building Project. She feels that the current middle school is not equipped to teach 21st century learning, building facilities are aging and costly. A new middle school will enable us to give students a better education especially if we can support a STEM curriculum. As a parent of a student involved in the arts, she is excited by the opportunity to have another Auditorium they can use for performances.

Stacy Dabrowski, 3 Robbie Road – Was in attendance tonight in support of the Cromwell Middle School Building Project. She read her letter of support into the record. See Attachment C.

Dan Brisson, 10 Fennwood Drive commended and thanked Scott, Tom, Bill, and the Public Works Department for their efforts in the park. He said that the relationship between soccer, football, and baseball has never been as good as it has been in the last week since Bill has been here. He added that it is unfortunate that Bill resigned, he was going to do good things for the Town. He's attended several meetings trying to advocate for improved facilities to make it better for sports here. He feels we are going backwards. Every town he goes to, their facilities are great and get better every year. Football season is coming up. They have been told by the CIAC that they cannot use Pierson Park to host playoffs and may not be able to host home games at all. Some of Cromwell's Football players are here tonight, they are state champions. This is unacceptable and not fair to them, for some students it is their last year here before college. He asked if the Town has plans to improve the football field at Pierson Park and what is being done so that they can play?

Jason Leblanc, 3 Cedar Drive, President of Cromwell Chill Soccer Club addressed the Council and said that Spring time usually brings anxiety for him because he knows he has to plan for cancellations because the fields are terrible. He has had to cancel or move 50% of the games since the start of the season, as the fields are closed or unplayable. This is the third time he has come before this body to ask what can be done and what can we do about these fields. He sees no plans, he

would like to see a step by step approach to audit these facilities in Town and then take a methodical approach to see what can be done first and how we can fund them. The Town has people willing to help, they just need to ask.

Jim Vinchetti, 3 Greendale Avenue, he agreed with the previous speaker and added that it's been an ongoing issue. He is the president of Cromwell Little League and active with RCP Post 105. Every year since he has been president he has had a meeting with Tony and other Town Officials to get everyone on the same page. He feels that nothing comes of those meetings. He referenced an email he sent to the Council members - last year Little League, with the help of the Town, had four (4) dug out enclosures installed at the Woodside Softball Field by a town contractor. Little League contributed \$7,000, the Town contributed the rest. He felt as though the contractor did not deliver what was promised in the specifications which was galvanized roof panels, and they did not deliver. He questioned Tony about it and said that Tony indicated Mr. Vinchetti was wrong. They had a meeting where they tried to discuss and get through things. He said he was verbally attacked by the Town Engineer and that he has no confidence in Tony's ability to lead.

Town Engineer Jon Harriman approached the podium. Town Engineer Harriman agreed that he did say what Mr. Vinchetti stated. Town Engineer Harriman clarified that the fencing company was hired to do the dug-out refurbishment, the dug outs are built out of fencing, Mr. Vinchetti's interpretation of galvanized roof panels is that it should be a galvanized metal deck roof. Town Engineer Harriman said this does not fit because you cannot put a roof structure on top of something that is not a structure in itself; there are no roof trusses, there are no columns supporting it. It is all fence posts and fence fabric. He added, the first time the wind comes, it would tear it off and the first time it snows, it would collapse. They reached out to the vendor regarding this and all they make is fence products. Mr. Vinchetti's interpretation of what should have been installed is not something this vendor installs.

Sandra Tata, 6 Horse Run Hill has three children in the school system. She went to the tour of the middle school and was appalled at what she saw. The condition that the students, staff, teachers and superintendent have to be in is unacceptable. She learned last week that the building is about her age. She said we have been so focused on health, safety, and COVID and making sure our kids are safe in a healthy environment and that school is far from a healthy environment. She continued, the ADA accessibility for children is unacceptable. She is not sure how the school passes a safety inspection. She mentioned that the principal's office has weeds growing through the vents. She chose to move to Cromwell because it is a small

beautiful town and now that she is ingrained in the school systems and saw the inside of the building and the classrooms and compare that to other towns and schools in the state is unbelievable and unwelcoming. She supports a complete rebuild of that school. She also added that the conditions of the fields are a problem. In any other Town she brings her daughter to play in, the fields are beautiful.

Deputy Mayor Fortenbach read a letter from Cierra Stone, 11 High Ridge Road. See Attachment D.

Philip Guduti, 8 Newbury Road, is a public-school teacher for almost 20 years. He feels that the number of people here is amazing that it is nice to see the Town come out. He is a civics teacher and felt compelled to say something. He thinks it is important for the town to have a good relationship with Little League as he teaches little league and is on a little league board. He stated, we are all here for the kids and we have to do something to come together for them. He has had three children go through The Middle School so far and he feels the condition is atrocious. It important to note that many people from town feel the same way. It is important that we come up with a solution together; with regard to Little League and other sports. It's very important that our children have a place to grow, play and to learn. He thanked the Town Council for support on those matters.

Jim Vinchetti, 3 Greendale Avenue, stated a couple months ago the Town hired Bill Russo as DPW Director. He heard that he put in his resignation. He is tired of being bullied and mistreated by the Town Manager. He believes the Town Manager bullies people and the Town is going to continue to spiral. He encouraged the people on this board to take care of it and handle it. He feels that Bill Russo is the best thing that happened to this town and now he is going to leave because of the Town Manager.

Football Coach, 17 Great Oak Court (mother's residence), he was in attendance with some members of the Cromwell High School football team. It was great to see the Town rally around them at Pierson Park last year. This year to see that many people there supporting the team, made him start to see the community that is here. It reminded him of when he was young and playing football. He appreciates everything over the last year and would like to keep that momentum going. He told the Council that a few colleges came in to recruit some of their football players. These football players/students are looking to keep the momentum going. They are looking forward to playing this year and are excited. He is asking we figure out everything together and put our differences aside to make sure they can use the football field at Pierson Park.

Ron Rozich, 19 Shady Lane, has been playing football since he was 6 years old at Pierson Park. He is entering his senior year and this would be his last opportunity to play on that field. The fact that there is a chance that it may not be able to happen, hurts him and other players. They are asking for change and something to be done immediately so they can enjoy their last season on the field.

Cole Brisson, 10 Fennwood Drive is a Captain on the football team, playing since he was 7 years old. He has been attending games since he was a little kid, now he's going in to his senior year. He has been working everyday just to get to this point in High School. He believes being able to play at Pierson Park is a privilege and he does not want it to be taken away. They get the top seat and then they are told they cannot host a home game. He added, for four years they practice every night on top of weight lifting, it is not fair to them to not be able to use that field.

Raymond Boudreau, 8 Doering Drive has been playing football for several years. He said, there is something about Pierson Park. It is more than just about the football team. When he was in middle school and in Weiss, he was playing two hand touch, and he would watch the older guys play, he sees the Youth Team play a game or two at night. It's not just for the High School, but all ages as well. He is proud to be playing at Pierson Park.

Mr. Aldridge, He is no longer a resident, but was for 10 years. He is the president of the Youth Football League. He commended the Coach and the players. He informed the Council that all of the players that just spoke, came through the Youth Program. It is a family atmosphere. To take this away would be very disheartening. They as a program will do all they can to support this. The Coach and his staff have done a great job building this atmosphere.

Heidi Venezian, 34 Hemlock Court, showed her support for building a new middle school for Cromwell. She worked as a teacher in a 75-year-old building in New York City. She took the tour of the Middle School and said there was still more room and better facilities in the school she taught at in New York City than there is in the Cromwell Middle School. She added that she has a fifth grader with special needs, there is no space for him to go for Special Education Services. It is cramped and the lighting is terrible. She is more concerned for him going to middle school than she was for him going into Pre-K and Kindergarten. Even if her son does not get the full benefit of a new middle school, do it for the future.

Dan Seabra, 5 Fawn Run, he said over the last 6-7 years being involved in Cromwell Little League, we have the worst facilities in the area. He feels embarrassed when he goes to the other towns. He said, we as Cromwell Little League and the Football folks have dedicated volunteers to help out. He added that there has been a significant change this year in how the facilities have been up-kept in a good way. He gave credit to Bill Russo for keeping the facilities up to par. That is a positive change for them. He would like to see it continue if we can.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIAISON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

1. CMS Building Committee Update

The updated was provided under the *New Business* section of this meeting.

2. Mattabassett Budget Presentation

Art Simonian from Mattabassett district was in attendance to present their budget report. He gave the Town Council an opportunity to ask questions.

E. DEPUTY MAYOR'S UPDATE

The Deputy Mayor reported the following:

- Since the last meeting, he had the opportunity to attend Little League's opening day.
- He attended the Padre Pio Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, April 23rd.
- The Charter Revision Commission has been working very hard. Their Public Hearing is tonight (May 11th).

F. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

- The Farmers Market and Children's Garden are moving along.
- He just ordered a brand new updated, recording device for the Council Chambers.
- The project at 100 Berlin Road has been moving right along.
- As far as the Football fields and using them, he reported he had a discussion with Dr. Macri and they both felt that the multi-purpose field belongs at the high school. He added that this should be explored through an exploratory group and it should be put together as soon as possible. Having the multi-purpose field at the high school would also meet the need for locker rooms. More discussion with Dr. Macri regarding this will happen in the near future.
- He was asked about the status of the Old Exxon Mobil site. He believes there is remediation occurring as there is more to be completed on private property.

Councilman Demetriades asked about our Capital Plan. How often do we update it? Do we include projects that residents suggest along the way?

Director of Finance Marianne Sylvester replied to Councilman Demetriades. She said that fields, schools, and conditions of all facilities are always on their radar and in many cases, are already included in the Capital Plan. She explained that they continue to work on the long-range capital plan. This includes costs of the projects and prioritizing. The ultimate question is how much the Town and taxpayers are willing to spend – all of these things will have an impact on our mill rate.

Brian Grogan, 2 Gatesville Lane – Presented a letter to the Town Manager. See Attachment E. He is requesting an abatement of his upcoming property taxes. The Town Manager informed the Town Council that he mailed Mr. Grogan a letter which outlined the documents he needs to provide to move this along.

Deputy Mayor Fortenbach informed Mr. Grogan this will be an Agenda Item for the next meeting pending receipt of the documents requested by the Town Manager.

G. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

1. Budget Report

Finance Director Sylvester presented her budget report.

2. Discussion and action to approve Other Fund budgets for FY 2022-23 for adoption at Special Town Meeting, per Section 8.03 of the Town Charter.

- Dog Fund: \$23,900

MOTION made A. Waters and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve the Dog Fund in the amount of \$23,000.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

- Sidewalk Fund: \$5,000

MOTION made P. Luna and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve the Sidewalk Fund in the amount of \$5,000.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

- Authorize the Mayor to set the date/time of Special Town Meeting.

MOTION made J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to authorize the Mayor to set the date/time of the Special Town Meeting.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

3. Discussion and action to broaden the scope of the previously-approved (December 2021) appropriation for sidewalk design on West Street to include the design of sidewalks on the south side of Evergreen Road, from Old Colony Road to Washington Road, and implementation costs including advertising expenses, appraisal fees, and land acquisition.

MOTION made by J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to broaden the scope of the previously-approved (December 2021) appropriation for sidewalk design on West Street to include the design of sidewalks on the south side of Evergreen Road, from Old Colony Road to Washington Road, and implementation costs including advertising expenses, appraisal fees, and land acquisition.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

4. Discussion and action to utilize \$200,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds to hire an engineering consultant for the analysis of stormwater issues within the Town of Cromwell, determine possible solutions, provide estimates of the magnitude of probable costs to design and construct, and associated costs with determining any land necessary acquisitions to complete the work.

Town Engineer Jon Harriman was present to answer any questions of the Council. He clarified the amount needed is \$125,000 instead of the \$200,000. He explained that the \$200,000 was a place holder until the actual amount was determined.

MOTION made by J. Henehan and **SECONDED** by J. Demetriades to authorize the use of \$125,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act funds to hire an engineering consultant for the analysis of stormwater issues within the Town of Cromwell, determine possible solutions, provide estimates of the magnitude of probable costs to design and construct, and associated costs with determining any land necessary acquisitions to complete the work.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

CMS Building Committee Update

Chairperson of the CMS Building Committee, Rosanna Glynn was in attendance to present her report. In addition, Tecton Architects gave a presentation to the Town Council. See Attachment F.

After the Presentation was given, Finance Director Marianne Sylvester handed out the Proposed School Financing Analysis. See Attachment G.

5. New Middle School and Central Offices: To consider and act upon a resolution recommending an appropriation, to be funded from borrowings to the extent not funded from grants or other sources, for costs related to the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new middle school and central offices, and, if approved, referring such recommendation to the Board of Finance for its consideration. See Attachment H.

MOTION made by J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** by J. Henahan to consider and act upon a resolution recommending an appropriation, to be funded from borrowings to the extent not funded from grants or other sources, for costs related to the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new middle school and central offices, and, if approved, referring such recommendation to the Board of Finance for its consideration.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

MOTION made by J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** by J. Henahan to *rescind and amend* the previously adopted motion.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

MOTION made by J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** by P. Luna to consider and act upon a resolution recommending an appropriation of \$58,604,400, to be funded from borrowings to the extent not funded from grants or other sources, for costs related to the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new middle school and central offices, and, if approved, referring such recommendation to the Board of Finance for its consideration.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

MOTION made by J. Henahan and **SECONDED** by P. Luna resolved that the Town of Cromwell authorizes the Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the new construction of the middle school at the Cromwell Middle School Site.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

MOTION made by J. Henahan and **SECONDED** by P. Luna resolved that the Town Council hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings

and outlying specifications for the new construction of the middle school at the Cromwell Middle School site.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

6. Special Town Meeting: To consider and act upon a resolution setting the date and time by the Mayor for a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon resolutions with respect to the appropriation and borrowing authorization recommended by the Town Council for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new middle school and central offices, if approved by the Board of Finance.

MOTION made by J. Henehan and **SECONDED** by J. Donohue to consider and act upon a resolution setting the date and time by the Mayor for a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon resolutions with respect to the appropriation and borrowing authorization recommended by the Town Council for the construction, furnishing and equipping of a new middle school and central offices, if approved by the Board of Finance.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

7. Tax Refunds

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve Tax Refunds 1-5.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

H. **CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE**

Captain Sifodaskalakis was in attendance to present the Chief's report.

I. **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Director of Public Works reported:

- The Tennis Court project as moved along. He commended the Public Works crew, thanked the sewer department as well. He thanked DPW for the job they did on the light poles.
- He commended the Parks Maintenance crew under Tom Sheehan's leadership on keeping up with maintaining all the parks even though they are severely understaffed.
- The Public Works crew have been crack-sealing and street sweeping, he said they are doing a great job.
- Two new hires started working in Building Maintenance. They are doing great.

- Steve Dunham was hired and offered a full-time position. He is thrilled and thankful that we offered this to him as he has worked seasonally for the Town for several years.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Grievance #4182022, IUOE Local #30, Step 3
 - a. Thomas Sheehan & Matt Varricchio

The Union was given the opportunity to present their side of the grievance.

The Council was given the opportunity to ask questions of both the Town and the Union.

MOTION made by J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** by A. Waters to approve the grievance and the Director of Public Work's decision to allow the Parks employees to work their normal summer hours of 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. per the discretion of the Public Works Director.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

MOTION made by J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to enter into Executive Session.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

MOTION made by J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by J. Demetriades to come out of Executive Session.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 13, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by P. Luna and **seconded** by J. Donohue to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Motion carried.

2. April 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by P. Luna and **seconded** by J. Henehan to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2022.

In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters
Motion carried.

M. RESIGNATIONS
None.

N. APPOINTMENTS
None.

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Councilwoman Donohue mentioned that the Charter Revision Commission held their Public Hearing tonight and she was disappointed they could not make it as they had to be here for Town Council. She asked that the Secretary forward the minutes once they become available.

P. ADJOURN
MOTION made by J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by P. Luna to adjourn.
In favor: J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters
Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Calve
Secretary

ATTACHED
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Good Evening Mayor and Town Council Members

Alice Kelly resident 47 Willowbrook Road. Tonight I have brought a folder to the Council members with issues that are of concern to the following Commissions that I serve as Chairperson.

The council received by mail a letter regarding what is needed for the Council Room to upgrade from the obsolete to the state of the art IT equipment necessary to inform residents in person as well as those at home what is being proposed for Planning and Zoning to accept by applicants. As Chair the screen blocks not only myself but the full commission to see who wishes to address the commission. The request for update to the Council Room goes back to January 8, 2015 (included in your folder) as of that time we were with easels and paper maps which for the audience was too small for them to see. We had our own maps to review close up.

The second items in your folder relates to regarding American Rescue Plan available. On July 26, 2021 a request was sent to the Town Manager and Finance Director requesting \$300,000 for our Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – Phase V. During the time I received emails (included in your packet) from the Finance Director on June 24 that “we” are considering all options available making sure we review all options carefully and not rushing into a decision.” This project meets the criteria and to date we have not had any response as to when it will be presented to the Council and Board of Finance for approval. I have included the July 26, 2021 request (by the way I had prepared copies at that time to be included in next meeting packet as well as copies for the Board of Finance. I believe that these were never put in the meeting packets.

I did contact CT Office of Policy and Management for the rules of the American Rescue Plan funding. Martin L. Heft, Undersecretary send me an email on April 12 with a link.

I also contacted US Treasury Office of Recovery Program and received Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recover Funds: Overview of the Final Rule – dated January 22 which I received a link to print the document on April 13, 2022. In your packet is the section that is for Water and Sewer.

5/10/22, 1:19 PM

AT&T Yahoo Mail - New Technology for PZ Meetings

New Technology for PZ Meetings

From: Alice Kelly (amk114@sbcglobal.net)
To: spopper@cromwellct.com
Cc: jfaz1034@aol.com; ccambo@sbcglobal.net; jpolke@comcast.net
Date: Thursday, January 8, 2015, 09:57 PM EST

Stuart:

I was talking with Chris and Jay polka regarding my email to you regarding a projector and screen. Joe fazendas was present and he said what we should be considering to invest in a wall mounted "smart TV rather than utilize relatively obsolete technology such as older projectors and pull down screen. I am forwarding his email with more information concerning his recommendation. I would appreciate hearing what you think about this technology.

Alice

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Joseph P. Fazekas" <jfaz1034@aol.com>
Date: January 8, 2015 at 2:44:25 PM EST
To: amk114@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Smart TV's

Good Afternoon Alice,

It was nice to see you today and I hope your son is making progress in the recovery of his illness.

As we discussed, I think it would more economical and certainly more practical, for the Town of Cromwell to invest in a wall mounted "Smart" TV, rather than utilize relatively obsolete technology such as older projectors and "pull screens".

A large wall mounted flat screen TV can be placed on the North facing wall, whereby, providing the commission and public a reasonable view from both angles.

As indicated on the Best Buy website (Bestbuy.com), a 55" LED Smart TV starts at \$649.00! Of course, larger screens could be obtained for less than \$1,000.00!

I think it would be a prudent investment and provide a direct benefit too ALL Departments and Commissions that serve the residents of the Town of Cromwell.

5/10/22, 1:18 PM

AT&T Yahoo Mail - New Technology for PZ Meetings

If required, I would be pleased to assist you in this endeavor in anyway possible.

Thank you and have a great day!

Joe Fazekas

Joseph P. Fazekas, CMCA, GRI, CPO, COS, TCS
Regional Manager/CT Real Estate Broker/CT Notary Public
MCR Property Management, Inc.
Cell: 860-250-2488
jfazekas@mcrmanagement.com

Attachment A
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Kelly, Alice

From: Kelly, Alice
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2022 10:31 AM
To: Town Manager; Sylvester, Marianne
Cc: Spotts, Allan
Subject: American Rescue Plan Funding Request
Attachments: 7-26-21 Memo to Town Manager American Rescue Plan Funding Reques.pdf

What is the status of the CWPCA July 26, 2021 Funding Request as to date we have not heard of it going ahead to the Town Council and Board of Finance for approval.

Thank you

Alice Kelly
Registrar of Voters
Town of Cromwell
41 West Street
Cromwell, CT 06416
akelly@cromwellct.com
860-632-3418

Kelly, Alice

From: Kelly, Alice
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Peck, Rich
Subject: FW: American Rescue Plan funds

From: Sylvester, Marianne
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Kelly, Alice <akelly@cromwellct.com>; Spina, Louis <lspina@cromwellct.com>; Salvatore, Anthony <asalvatore@cromwellct.com>
Subject: RE: American Rescue Plan funds

Yes, we are considering all options available to the Town for use of these funds. Since we want to make sure we are making the best use of this "one-time" funding source, we are making sure we review all options carefully and not rushing into a decision.
Thank you for your input.

Marianne Sylvester
Finance Director
Town of Cromwell

860-632-3416

msylvester@cromwellct.com

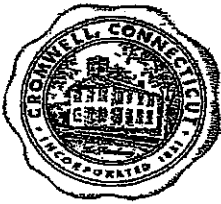
From: Kelly, Alice
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 12:31 PM
To: Sylvester, Marianne <msylvester@cromwellct.com>
Cc: Peck, Rich <rpeck@cromwellct.com>
Subject: American Rescue Plan funds

Marianne:

I looked up the use of funds that is allowed under this plan.

Use of funds:

- Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality.
- Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers. Premium pay couldn't exceed \$13 per hour or \$25,000 per worker.
- Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19.
- **Make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.**



Attachment A

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Town of Cromwell

NATHANIEL WHITE BUILDING
41 WEST STREET
CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT 06416

Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority

July 26, 2021

To: Town Manager Salvatore
Finance Director Sylvester

Re: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding

The Cromwell Water Pollution Authority at its July 12, 2021 meeting approved our request to ask for funding of our sanitary sewer plan for our Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project- Phase V (trenchless pipeline rehabilitation construction project) in the amount of \$300,000.00. This trenchless pipeline rehabilitation construction project meets the funding guidelines of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to make investments in sewer infrastructure (CT Office of Fiscal Analysis attachment).

Since 2007 the Sewer Department has spent over 2 million dollars to repair/rehabilitate the aging sanitary sewers. There is a continuing need to maintain and repair the sanitary sewer pipelines, manholes and pumping stations as they deteriorate due to age, continued use and the nature of ground material loads and movement.

The attached documents outline why the pipeline rehabilitation project is needed for our town. As shown, the 4,290 feet of sewer pipes to be rehabilitated were built in 1968, 1977 and in addition 2008 Laterals on Briardon Drive and Main Street need new installation of top hat and linings.

The requested funding will enable our Authority to proceed with our aggressive maintenance program future plans under consideration.

Alice Kelly Chair
Eric Zeilor Vice Chair
Robert Donohue
Edward Kosinski
Allan Spotts

Attachments: CT Office of Fiscal Analysis June 30, 2021 Update Document pages 1-3
CWPCA Pipeline Data Report for Rehabilitation 2021 – Page 1-2

C: Mayor
Council Members
Board of Finance



THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARP): INITIAL STATE ALLOCATIONS, ESTIMATES

INTRODUCTION

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (H.R. 1319) was signed into law on March 11. It is the sixth COVID -19 relief bill and provides significant resources to: (1) the State of Connecticut (\$4.77 billion), (2) cities and towns (\$1.56 billion), (3) independent agencies (\$1.67 million), and (4) direct payments to Connecticut residents (\$3.93 billion).

The information in this document outlines the estimated grants for Connecticut that have been identified in the Federal Funds Information to the States (FFIS) briefings 21-15 and 21-16 with additional information obtained from a summary of legislation produced by NCSL. Please note some of this information is preliminary and is still contingent on further federal guidance.

STATE AND LOCAL AID

State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Provides direct aid to help the State cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue, and mitigate economic harm for the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the funds can be used in the following areas up to December 31, 2024:

- Respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and cover costs related to it, including assistance to households, small businesses, non-profits, and affected industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;
- Provide premium pay to state, territory, or tribal government workers who perform essential work or provide grants to employers with employees that provide essential work;
- Provide government services to the extent lost revenue from the public health emergency, relative to revenues in the fiscal year prior to the pandemic;
- Make investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

ARP includes the following restrictions on the use of funds:

- Reduce taxes directly or indirectly between March 3, 2021 and the last day of the fiscal year in which funds received have been spent or returned;
- Make payments to pension funds.

Agency: Governor's Office and OPM

Intended Population: Statewide

Eligibility: States, the District of Columbia, Tribal governments, and US Territories



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Distribution Date: funds will be distributed 60 days from the State certifying to the Department of Treasury they are needed and will be used in accordance as directed by the ARP. Provisions of ARP allow (but do not require) the Secretary of the Treasury to split payments, with 50% withheld for a period of up to 12 months from the date of certification. The withheld amount would require another certification plus any other information the secretary specifies.

Amount: \$2.65 billion

Prior Allocations: There have been no prior allocations for this program

Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Provides direct aid to Metropolitan Cities (entitlement cities), towns (non-entitlement localities), and direct county payments. Funds can be used by local governments for similar purposes and restrictions as outlined under the State Fiscal Recovery Fund for costs incurred through December 31, 2024.

Agency: OPM

Intended Population: Statewide

Eligibility: Metropolitan Cities, Towns, and Counties

Distribution Date: funds will be distributed 60 days from the State certifying to the Department of Treasury they are needed and will be used in accordance as directed by the ARP. Provisions of ARP allow (but do not require) the Secretary of the Treasury to split payments, with 50% withheld for a period of up to 12 months from the date of certification. The withheld amount would require another certification plus any other information the secretary specifies.

Payment will be made in the following manner:

- Metropolitan Cities (Entitlement Cities) will receive direct payments that follow the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) procedures;
- Towns (Non-entitlement localities) will receive PAYMENTS within 30 days of the state receiving the funds and will be distributed to each town based on the town's relative population to the other non-entitlement towns.
- Direct county payments will go to the state which will distribute them to local governments in the county based on relative population.

Amount: Metropolitan Cities: \$679.2 million, Towns: \$191.2 million, and County: \$691.5 million. Exhibits 1 provides specific estimates of each category of funding.

Prior Allocations: There have been no prior allocations for this program

Exhibit 1:
OFA Town by Town Estimates of Direct Aid to Municipalities from
the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund

Please see the above write up for a summary of how each source is distributed. Metro city and non-entitlement payments are directly reported by FFIS, while the distribution of county payments are OFA estimates based on FFIS guidance, and 2) Per FFIS guidance, non-entitlement payments may be reduced if the payment exceeds 75% of that municipality's most recent budget as of January 27, 2020.

Town	Metropolitan Cities	County Payments (distributed to each town per capita, by county)	Non-Entitlement	Town Totals
Chaplin	-	434,240	221,063	655,303
Cheshire	-	5,612,153	2,857,034	8,469,187
Chester	-	817,085	415,962	1,233,047
Clinton	-	2,506,724	1,276,123	3,782,847
Colchester	-	3,066,058	1,560,868	4,626,926
Colebrook	-	271,521	138,226	409,747
Columbia	-	1,043,224	531,084	1,574,308
Cornwall	-	264,152	134,474	398,626
Coventry	-	2,406,261	1,224,979	3,631,240
Cromwell	-	2,683,989	1,366,364	4,050,353
Danbury	16,031,885	16,425,880	-	32,457,764
Darien	-	4,214,012	2,145,268	6,359,280
Deep River	-	861,692	438,670	1,300,363
Derby	-	2,393,073	1,218,265	3,611,338
Durham	-	1,389,608	707,421	2,097,029
Eastford	-	347,159	176,732	523,891
East Granby	-	996,871	507,487	1,504,358
East Haddam	-	1,744,913	888,300	2,633,213
East Hampton	-	2,482,481	1,263,781	3,746,262
East Hartford	14,427,530	9,672,367	-	24,099,897
East Haven	-	5,540,782	2,820,700	8,361,481
East Lyme	-	3,580,591	1,822,807	5,403,398
Easton	-	1,458,652	742,570	2,201,222

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NORDLAND AVE to SOUTH STREET (ROW)

Chemical Root Treatment

FROM MH	TO MH	LENGTH	INV.	INV.	MATERIAL	PIPE SIZE	PIPE ISSUES	YEAR BUILT	REHABILITATION	COMMENTS
1-268	1-262	245	28.45	26.61	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-262	1-500	237	26.51	24.63	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-261	1-260	204	24.39	19.51	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-258	1-257	390	17.93	16.8	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-258	1-258	244	16.67	17.93	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-257	1-256	367	16.8	15.67	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-250*	1-501	183	19.28	18.73	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-501*	1-259	22	18.73	18.67	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-500	1-261	27	24.63	24.39	RCP	18"	Structural/roots	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
TOTAL		1919								

GEER STREET

FROM MH	TO MH	LENGTH	INV.	INV.	MATERIAL	PIPE SIZE	PIPE ISSUES	YEAR BUILT	REHABILITATION	COMMENTS
2-389	2-396	215	134.77	133.87	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1977	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
2-396	2-395	232	133.87	132.96	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1977	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
2-395	2-394	157	132.96	132.32	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1977	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
2-394	PS	44	132.47	132.04	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1977	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
2-393	2-394	223	133.36	132.47	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1977	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
2-400	2-393	101	133.76	133.36	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1977	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
TOTAL		972								

RAYMOND PLACE

FROM MH	TO MH	LENGTH	INV.	INV.	MATERIAL	PIPE SIZE	PIPE ISSUES	YEAR BUILT	REHABILITATION	COMMENTS
2-404	2-400	305	135.08	133.86	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1977	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
TOTAL		305								

SOUTH STREET

FROM MH	TO MH	LENGTH	INV.	INV.	MATERIAL	PIPE SIZE	PIPE ISSUES	YEAR BUILT	REHABILITATION	COMMENTS
3-135	3-134	343	18.03	16.66	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
3-12	3-11	328	35.5	29.74	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1968	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
TOTAL		671								

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FROM MH	TO MH	LENGTH	INV.	INV.	MATERIAL	PIPE SIZE	PIPE ISSUES	YEAR BUILT	REHABILITATION	COMMENTS
1-22	1-21	242	27.48	23.88	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1988	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
1-21	1-20	181	23.88	21	CIP	8	Structural/Pitted	1988	CIPP LINING	MANHOLE TO MANHOLE
TOTAL		423								

DeScale Pipe
DeScale Pipe

BRIADON DRIVE

FROM MH	TO MH	LENGTH	INV.	INV.	MATERIAL	PIPE SIZE	PIPE ISSUES	YEAR BUILT	REHABILITATION	COMMENTS
2-392	2-393		138.9	138	PVC	8	ROOTS	2008	LATERAL LINING	Install Top Hat & Line lateral

Chemical Root Treatment

MAIN STREET

FROM MH	TO MH	LENGTH	INV.	INV.	MATERIAL	PIPE SIZE	PIPE ISSUES	YEAR BUILT	REHABILITATION	COMMENTS
1-200	1-199		100	98.2	VCP(CIPP)	8	ROOTS	2008	LATERAL LINING	Install Top Hat & Line lateral
1-199	1-198		98.2	97.3	VCP(CIPP)	8	ROOTS	2008	LATERAL LINING	Install Top Hat & Line lateral
1-198	1-197		97.3	91	VCP(CIPP)	8	ROOTS	2008	LATERAL LINING	Install Top Hat & Line lateral
1-197	1-196		91	83	VCP(CIPP)	8	ROOTS	2008	LATERAL LINING	Install Top Hat & Line lateral
1-196	1-195		83	70.8	VCP(CIPP)	8	ROOTS	2008	LATERAL LINING	Install Top Hat & Line lateral
1-195	1-194		70.8	64.6	VCP(CIPP)	8	ROOTS	2008	LATERAL LINING	Install Top Hat & Line lateral
TOTAL		0								

Chemical Root Treatment

1919' RC Pipe
2371' CI Pipe
Total CIPP 4290'

7 Lateral Linings

2.22. Would investments in improving outdoor spaces (e.g., parks) be an eligible use of funds as a response to the public health emergency and/or its negative economic impacts?

There are multiple ways that investments in improving outdoor spaces could qualify as eligible uses; several are highlighted below, though there may be other ways that a specific investment in outdoor spaces would meet eligible use criteria.

First, in recognition of the disproportionate negative economic impacts on certain communities and populations, the final rule includes enumerated eligible uses in disproportionately impacted communities for developing neighborhood features that promote improved health and safety outcomes, such as parks, green spaces, recreational facilities, sidewalks, pedestrian safety features like crosswalks, projects that increase access to healthy foods, streetlights, neighborhood cleanup, and other projects to revitalize public spaces.

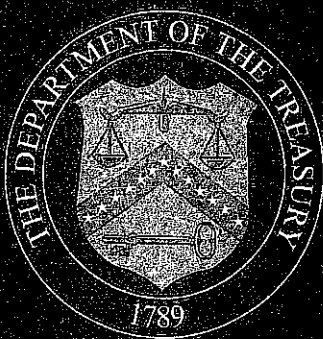
Second, recipients may provide assistance to disproportionately impacted small businesses. The final rule included rehabilitation of commercial properties, storefront improvements, and façade improvements as enumerated eligible assistance to these small businesses.

Third, recipients can assist small businesses, nonprofits, or other entities to create or enhance outdoor spaces to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 (e.g., restaurant patios).

Recipients pursuing many of these uses should also note the eligibility standards for capital expenditures in the final rule, which are summarized on pages 30-31 of the Overview of the Final Rule.

2.23. Would expenses to address a COVID-related backlog in court cases be an eligible use of funds as a response to the public health emergency?

Yes. The final rule maintains that SLFRF funds may be used to address administrative needs of recipient governments that were caused or exacerbated by the pandemic. Please see pages 4388-4389 of the final rule. During the COVID-19 public health emergency, many courts were unable to operate safely during the pandemic and, as a result, now face significant backlogs. Court backlogs resulting from the inability of courts to safely operate during the COVID-19 pandemic decreased the government's ability to administer services. Therefore, steps to reduce these backlogs, such as implementing COVID-19 safety measures to facilitate court operations, hiring additional court staff or attorneys to increase speed of case resolution, and other expenses to expedite case resolution are eligible uses.



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The Overview of the Final Rule provides a summary of major provisions of the final rule for informational purposes and is intended as a brief, simplified user guide to the final rule provisions.

The descriptions provided in this document summarize key provisions of the final rule but are non-exhaustive, do not describe all terms and conditions associated with the use of SLFRF, and do not describe all requirements that may apply to this funding. Any SLFRF funds received are also subject to the terms and conditions of the agreement entered into by Treasury and the respective jurisdiction, which incorporate the provisions of the final rule and the guidance that implements this program.



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Introduction

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan, delivers \$350 billion to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The program ensures that governments have the resources needed to:

- Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts,
- Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue, and
- Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity.

EARLY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

In May 2021, Treasury published the Interim final rule (IFR) describing eligible and ineligible uses of funds (as well as other program provisions), sought feedback from the public on these program rules, and began to distribute funds. The IFR went immediately into effect in May, and since then, governments have used SLFRF funds to meet their immediate pandemic response needs and begin building a strong and equitable recovery, such as through providing vaccine incentives, development of affordable housing, and construction of infrastructure to deliver safe and reliable water.

As governments began to deploy this funding in their communities, Treasury carefully considered the feedback provided through its public comment process and other forums. Treasury received over 1,500 comments, participated in hundreds of meetings, and received correspondence from a wide range of governments and other stakeholders.

KEY CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS IN THE FINAL RULE

The final rule delivers broader flexibility and greater simplicity in the program, responsive to feedback in the comment process. Among other clarifications and changes, the final rule provides the features below.

Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue

The final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of up to \$10 million, allowing recipients to select between a standard amount of revenue loss or complete a full revenue loss calculation. Recipients that select the standard allowance may use that amount – in many cases their full award – for government services, with streamlined reporting requirements.

Public Health and Economic Impacts

In addition to programs and services, the final rule clarifies that recipients can use funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response. For example, recipients may build certain affordable housing, childcare facilities, schools, hospitals, and other projects consistent with final rule requirements.



In addition, the final rule provides an expanded set of households and communities that are presumed to be “impacted” and “disproportionately impacted” by the pandemic, thereby allowing recipients to provide responses to a broad set of households and entities without requiring additional analysis. Further, the final rule provides a broader set of uses available for these communities as part of COVID-19 public health and economic response, including making affordable housing, childcare, early learning, and services to address learning loss during the pandemic eligible in all impacted communities and making certain community development and neighborhood revitalization activities eligible for disproportionately impacted communities.

Further, the final rule allows for a broader set of uses to restore and support government employment, including hiring above a recipient’s pre-pandemic baseline, providing funds to employees that experienced pay cuts or furloughs, avoiding layoffs, and providing retention incentives.

Premium Pay

The final rule delivers more streamlined options to provide premium pay, by broadening the share of eligible workers who can receive premium pay without a written justification while maintaining a focus on lower-income and frontline workers performing essential work.

Water, Sewer & Broadband Infrastructure

The final rule significantly broadens eligible broadband infrastructure investments to address challenges with broadband access, affordability, and reliability, and adds additional eligible water and sewer infrastructure investments, including a broader range of lead remediation and stormwater management projects.

FINAL RULE EFFECTIVE DATE

The final rule takes effect on April 1, 2022. Until that time, the interim final rule remains in effect; funds used consistently with the IFR while it is in effect are in compliance with the SLFRF program.

However, recipients can choose to take advantage of the final rule’s flexibilities and simplifications now, even ahead of the effective date. Treasury will not take action to enforce the interim final rule to the extent that a use of funds is consistent with the terms of the final rule, regardless of when the SLFRF funds were used. Recipients may consult the *Statement Regarding Compliance with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule and Final Rule*, which can be found on Treasury’s website, for more information on compliance with the interim final rule and the final rule.



Overview of the Program

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program provides substantial flexibility for each jurisdiction to meet local needs within the four separate eligible use categories. This Overview of the Final Rule addresses the four eligible use categories ordered from the broadest and most flexible to the most specific.

Recipients may use SLFRF funds to:

- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic.
 - Recipients may determine their revenue loss by choosing between two options:
 - A standard allowance of up to \$10 million in aggregate, not to exceed their award amount, during the program;
 - Calculating their jurisdiction's specific revenue loss each year using Treasury's formula, which compares actual revenue to a counterfactual trend.
 - Recipients may use funds up to the amount of revenue loss for government services; generally, services traditionally provided by recipient governments are government services, unless Treasury has stated otherwise.
- **Support the COVID-19 public health and economic response** by addressing COVID-19 and its impact on public health as well as addressing economic harms to households, small businesses, nonprofits, impacted industries, and the public sector.
 - Recipients can use funds for programs, services, or capital expenditures that respond to the public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic.
 - To provide simple and clear eligible uses of funds, Treasury provides a list of enumerated uses that recipients can provide to households, populations, or classes (i.e., groups) that experienced pandemic impacts.
 - Public health eligible uses include COVID-19 mitigation and prevention, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and preventing and responding to violence.
 - Eligible uses to respond to negative economic impacts are organized by the type of beneficiary: assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits.
 - Each category includes assistance for "impacted" and "disproportionately impacted" classes: impacted classes experienced the general, broad-based impacts of the pandemic, while disproportionately impacted classes faced meaningfully more severe impacts, often due to preexisting disparities.
 - To simplify administration, the final rule presumes that some populations and groups were impacted or disproportionately impacted and are eligible for responsive services.



- Eligible uses for assistance to impacted households include aid for re-employment, job training, food, rent, mortgages, utilities, affordable housing development, childcare, early education, addressing learning loss, and many more uses.
- Eligible uses for assistance to impacted small businesses or nonprofits include loans or grants to mitigate financial hardship, technical assistance for small businesses, and many more uses.
- Recipients can also provide assistance to impacted industries like travel, tourism, and hospitality that faced substantial pandemic impacts, or address impacts to the public sector, for example by re-hiring public sector workers cut during the crisis.
- Recipients providing funds for enumerated uses to populations and groups that Treasury has presumed eligible are clearly operating consistently with the final rule. Recipients can also identify (1) other populations or groups, beyond those presumed eligible, that experienced pandemic impacts or disproportionate impacts and (2) other programs, services, or capital expenditures, beyond those enumerated, to respond to those impacts.
- **Provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors.
 - Recipients may provide premium pay to eligible workers – generally those working in-person in key economic sectors – who are below a wage threshold or non-exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act overtime provisions, or if the recipient submits justification that the premium pay is responsive to workers performing essential work.
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet.**
 - Recipients may fund a broad range of water and sewer projects, including those eligible under the EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, EPA's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and certain additional projects, including a wide set of lead remediation, stormwater infrastructure, and aid for private wells and septic units.
 - Recipients may fund high-speed broadband infrastructure in areas of need that the recipient identifies, such as areas without access to adequate speeds, affordable options, or where connections are inconsistent or unreliable; completed projects must participate in a low-income subsidy program.

While recipients have considerable flexibility to use funds to address the diverse needs of their communities, some restrictions on use apply across all eligible use categories. These include:

- **For states and territories:** No offsets of a reduction in net tax revenue resulting from a change in state or territory law.

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- **For all recipients except for Tribal governments:** No extraordinary contributions to a pension fund for the purpose of reducing an accrued, unfunded liability.
- **For all recipients:** No payments for debt service and replenishments of rainy day funds; no satisfaction of settlements and judgments; no uses that contravene or violate the American Rescue Plan Act, Uniform Guidance conflicts of interest requirements, and other federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Under the SLFRF program, funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021. Further, funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. This time period, during which recipients can expend SLFRF funds, is the “period of performance.”

In addition to SLFRF, the American Rescue Plan includes other sources of funding for state and local governments, including the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to fund critical capital investments including broadband infrastructure; the Homeowner Assistance Fund to provide relief for our country’s most vulnerable homeowners; the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utilities; and the State Small Business Credit Initiative to fund small business credit expansion initiatives. Eligible recipients are encouraged to visit the Treasury website for more information.



Water & Sewer Infrastructure

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may be used to make necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure. State, local, and Tribal governments have a tremendous need to address the consequences of deferred maintenance in drinking water systems and removal, management, and treatment of sewage and stormwater, along with additional resiliency measures needed to adapt to climate change.

Recipients may undertake the eligible projects below:

PROJECTS ELIGIBLE UNDER EPA'S CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF)

Eligible projects under the CWSRF, and the final rule, include:

- ✓ Construction of publicly owned treatment works
- ✓ Projects pursuant to implementation of a nonpoint source pollution management program established under the Clean Water Act (CWA)
- ✓ Decentralized wastewater treatment systems that treat municipal wastewater or domestic sewage
- ✓ Management and treatment of stormwater or subsurface drainage water
- ✓ Water conservation, efficiency, or reuse measures
- ✓ Development and implementation of a conservation and management plan under the CWA
- ✓ Watershed projects meeting the criteria set forth in the CWA
- ✓ Energy consumption reduction for publicly owned treatment works
- ✓ Reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water
- ✓ Security of publicly owned treatment works

Treasury encourages recipients to review the EPA handbook for the [CWSRF](#) for a full list of eligibilities.

PROJECTS ELIGIBLE UNDER EPA'S DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (DWSRF)

Eligible drinking water projects under the DWSRF, and the final rule, include:

- ✓ Facilities to improve drinking water quality
- ✓ Transmission and distribution, including improvements of water pressure or prevention of contamination in infrastructure and lead service line replacements
- ✓ New sources to replace contaminated drinking water or increase drought resilience, including aquifer storage and recovery system for water storage
- ✓ Green infrastructure, including green roofs, rainwater harvesting collection, permeable pavement
- ✓ Storage of drinking water, such as to prevent contaminants or equalize water demands
- ✓ Purchase of water systems and interconnection of systems
- ✓ New community water systems

Treasury encourages recipients to review the EPA handbook for the [DWSRF](#) for a full list of eligibilities.

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**ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

With broadened eligibility under the final rule, SLFRF funds may be used to fund additional types of projects— such as additional stormwater infrastructure, residential wells, lead remediation, and certain rehabilitations of dams and reservoirs — beyond the CWSRF and DWSRF, if they are found to be “necessary” according to the definition provided in the final rule and outlined below.

- ✓ Culvert repair, resizing, and removal, replacement of storm sewers, and additional types of stormwater infrastructure
- ✓ Infrastructure to improve access to safe drinking water for individual served by residential wells, including testing initiatives, and treatment/remediation strategies that address contamination
- ✓ Dam and reservoir rehabilitation if primary purpose of dam or reservoir is for drinking water supply and project is necessary for provision of drinking water
- ✓ Broad set of lead remediation projects eligible under EPA grant programs authorized by the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, such as lead testing, installation of corrosion control treatment, lead service line replacement, as well as water quality testing, compliance monitoring, and remediation activities, including replacement of internal plumbing and faucets and fixtures in schools and childcare facilities

A “necessary” investment in infrastructure must be:

- (1) responsive to an identified need to achieve or maintain an adequate minimum level of service, which may include a reasonable projection of increased need, whether due to population growth or otherwise,
- (2) a cost-effective means for meeting that need, taking into account available alternatives, and
- (3) for investments in infrastructure that supply drinking water in order to meet projected population growth, projected to be sustainable over its estimated useful life.

Please note that DWSRF and CWSRF-eligible projects are generally presumed to be necessary investments. Additional eligible projects generally must be responsive to an identified need to achieve or maintain an adequate minimum level of service. Recipients are only required to assess cost-effectiveness of projects for the creation of new drinking water systems, dam and reservoir rehabilitation projects, or projects for the extension of drinking water service to meet population growth needs. Recipients should review the supplementary information to the final rule for more details on requirements applicable to each type of investment.

APPLICABLE STANDARDS & REQUIREMENTS

Treasury encourages recipients to adhere to strong labor standards, including project labor agreements and community benefits agreements that offer wages at or above the prevailing rate and include local hire provisions. Treasury also encourages recipients to prioritize in their procurements employers with high labor standards and to prioritize employers without recent violations of federal and state labor and employment laws.

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Restrictions on Use

While recipients have considerable flexibility to use Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to address the diverse needs of their communities, some restrictions on use of funds apply.

OFFSET A REDUCTION IN NET TAX REVENUE

- **States and territories may not use this funding to directly or indirectly offset a reduction in net tax revenue resulting from a change in law, regulation, or administrative interpretation beginning on March 3, 2021, through the last day of the fiscal year in which the funds provided have been spent.** If a state or territory cuts taxes during this period, it must demonstrate how it paid for the tax cuts from sources other than SLFRF, such as by enacting policies to raise other sources of revenue, by cutting spending, or through higher revenue due to economic growth. If the funds provided have been used to offset tax cuts, the amount used for this purpose must be repaid to the Treasury.

DEPOSITS INTO PENSION FUNDS

- **No recipients except Tribal governments may use this funding to make a deposit to a pension fund.** Treasury defines a “deposit” as an extraordinary contribution to a pension fund for the purpose of reducing an accrued, unfunded liability. While pension deposits are prohibited, recipients may use funds for routine payroll contributions connected to an eligible use of funds (e.g., for public health and safety staff). Examples of extraordinary payments include ones that:
 - ✗ Reduce a liability incurred prior to the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency and occur outside the recipient's regular timing for making the payment
 - ✗ Occur at the regular time for pension contributions but is larger than a regular payment would have been

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Additional restrictions and requirements that apply across all eligible use categories include:

- **No debt service or replenishing financial reserves.** Since SLFRF funds are intended to be used prospectively, recipients may not use SLFRF funds for debt service or replenishing financial reserves (e.g., rainy day funds).
- **No satisfaction of settlements and judgments.** Satisfaction of any obligation arising under or pursuant to a settlement agreement, judgment, consent decree, or judicially confirmed debt restructuring in a judicial, administrative, or regulatory proceeding is itself not an eligible use. However, if a settlement requires the recipient to provide services or incur other costs that are an eligible use of SLFRF funds, SLFRF may be used for those costs.
- **Additional general restrictions.** SLFRF funds may not be used for a project that conflicts with or contravenes the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act statute (e.g., uses of funds that

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undermine COVID-19 mitigation practices in line with CDC guidance and recommendations) and may not be used in violation of the Award Terms and Conditions or conflict of interest requirements under the Uniform Guidance. Other applicable laws and regulations, outside of SLFRF program requirements, may also apply (e.g., laws around procurement, contracting, conflicts-of-interest, environmental standards, or civil rights).



Program Administration

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds final rule details a number of administrative processes and requirements, including on distribution of funds, timeline for use of funds, transfer of funds, treatment of loans, use of funds to meet non-federal match or cost-share requirements, administrative expenses, reporting on use of funds, and remediation and recoupment of funds used for ineligible purposes. This section provides a summary for the most frequently asked questions.

TIMELINE FOR USE OF FUNDS

Under the SLFRF, funds must be used for costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021. Further, costs must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

TRANSFERS

Recipients may undertake projects on their own or through subrecipients, which carry out eligible uses on behalf of a recipient, including pooling funds with other recipients or blending and braiding SLFRF funds with other sources of funds. Localities may also transfer their funds to the state through section 603(c)(4), which will decrease the locality's award and increase the state award amounts.

LOANS

Recipients may generally use SLFRF funds to provide loans for uses that are otherwise eligible, although there are special rules about how recipients should track program income depending on the length of the loan. Recipients should consult the final rule if they seek to utilize these provisions.

NON-FEDERAL MATCH OR COST-SHARE REQUIREMENTS

Funds available under the "revenue loss" eligible use category (sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act) generally may be used to meet the non-federal cost-share or matching requirements of other federal programs. However, note that SLFRF funds may not be used as the non-federal share for purposes of a state's Medicaid and CHIP programs because the Office of Management and Budget has approved a waiver as requested by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services pursuant to 2 CFR 200.102 of the Uniform Guidance and related regulations.

SLFRF funds beyond those that are available under the revenue loss eligible use category may not be used to meet the non-federal match or cost-share requirements of other federal programs, other than as specifically provided for by statute. As an example, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides that SLFRF funds may be used to meet the non-federal match requirements of authorized Bureau of Reclamation projects and certain broadband deployment projects. Recipients should consult the final rule for further details if they seek to utilize SLFRF funds as a match for these projects.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

SLFRF funds may be used for direct and indirect administrative expenses involved in administering the program. For details on permissible direct and indirect administrative costs, recipients should refer to Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance. Costs incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances must be treated consistently as either direct or indirect costs.



REPORTING, COMPLIANCE & RECOUPMENT

Recipients are required to comply with Treasury's Compliance and Reporting Guidance, which includes submitting mandatory periodic reports to Treasury.

Funds used in violation of the final rule are subject to remediation and recoupment. As outlined in the final rule, Treasury may identify funds used in violation through reporting or other sources. Recipients will be provided with an initial written notice of recoupment with an opportunity to submit a request for reconsideration before Treasury provides a final notice of recoupment. If the recipient receives an initial notice of recoupment and does not submit a request for reconsideration, the initial notice will be deemed the final notice. Treasury may pursue other forms of remediation and monitoring in conjunction with, or as an alternative to, recoupment.

REVISIONS TO THE OVERVIEW OF THE FINAL RULE:

- January 18, 2022 (p. 4, p. 16): Clarification that the revenue loss standard allowance is "up to" \$10 million under the Replacing Lost Public Sector Revenue eligible use category; addition of further information on the eligibility of general infrastructure, general economic development, and worker development projects under the Public Health and Negative Economic Impacts eligible use category.
- March 17, 2022 (p. 18): Specified that provision of child nutrition programs is available to respond to impacts of the pandemic on households and communities.

Calve, Amanda

From: Bella Blue Photography Boudo Janine <bellabluect@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2022 9:58 PM
To: Mayor; Fortenbach, Stephen
Subject: For public comment town council meeting'

To Cromwell Town Council,

I am writing to you today as a parent of two children in the Cromwell school system. I am aware of the Cromwell Middle School Building Committee's proposal to build a new middle school and wanted to voice my support on this project. I have interacted with Building Committee members on several occasions now as they have taken ownership to inform the community of this project. I have full trust in them that they have made a recommendation for a new build based on what is best for our community and most importantly our children.

The current middle school is simply no longer adequate to provide our children with the access and education that they need and deserve. A renovation has the potential to negatively impact the lives and learning for a group of children who have already been educationally, socially, and emotionally impacted by the pandemic. They deserve better and we, as a community, need to make sure they have better.

I hope that the Town Council can also recognize that a new middle school is the best option for Cromwell and that you vote to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

Janine Boudo
(860)919-4655

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Best,
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CROMWELL CREATIVE DISTRICT

Town of Cromwell – Mayor's Office, Attn. Cromwell Creative District
41 West Street, Cromwell, CT 06416

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Public Comment for Town Council Meeting May 11, 2022

"Paint Your Spot in the Parking Lot"

A Mural Project by Cromwell Creative District

Good evening, my name is Katie Daigle. I am a Cromwell resident and I volunteer as the publicity chair for Cromwell Creative District (CCD).

I'm here tonight to share with you the latest mural idea CCD is proposing, which is called "Paint your spot in the parking lot." CCD is proposing a parking lot mural in which each parking space can be painted to highlight a specific group or organization, with the overall goal of showcasing all that Cromwell has to offer. We feel this type of mural is best suited for a popular downtown area, such as the public parking lot (adjacent to Mitchell's restaurant) or the Frisbie Landing parking lot, to ensure that as many residents and visitors as possible can benefit. This initiative fulfills a key component of CCD's mission of bringing continued interest and visitors to downtown Cromwell.

Why a parking lot? Parking lots are a "blank canvas," and painting the spots helps to beautify an otherwise unsightly part of the landscape. Additionally, they are accessible spaces (i.e., do not require ladders or lift equipment in order to paint); they are already outlined, which allows for a uniform look when complete, and they are not costly to paint since the parking spaces are relatively small areas for murals, and not all spaces need to be painted in order to add interest and beauty to the overall parking lot.

What would it look like? CCD artists developed a mural template containing two "Polaroid" picture frames within each parking space in order to provide uniformity throughout the mural, as well as reduce the amount of overall space needing to be painted. One frame will highlight the group's logo/name, and the second will contain an image of their choosing which highlights what that group does for Cromwell. The blank space around the Polaroid frames will be adorned with red roses (done via stencil to ensure uniformity) as an homage to Cromwell's rose town history.

CCD proposes inviting town-based nonprofits, municipal departments, committees/councils, etc., to join the project. For example, the Senior Center, Parks and Rec, Cromwell Fire, Cromwell

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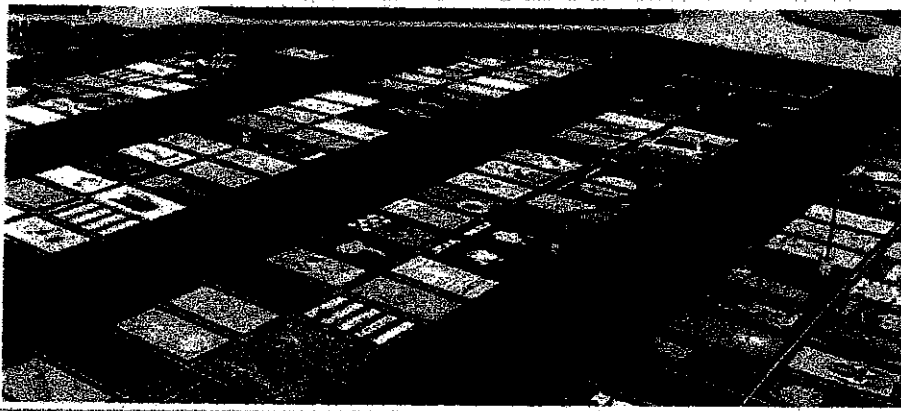
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visual representation of the many things this town has to offer it's residents.

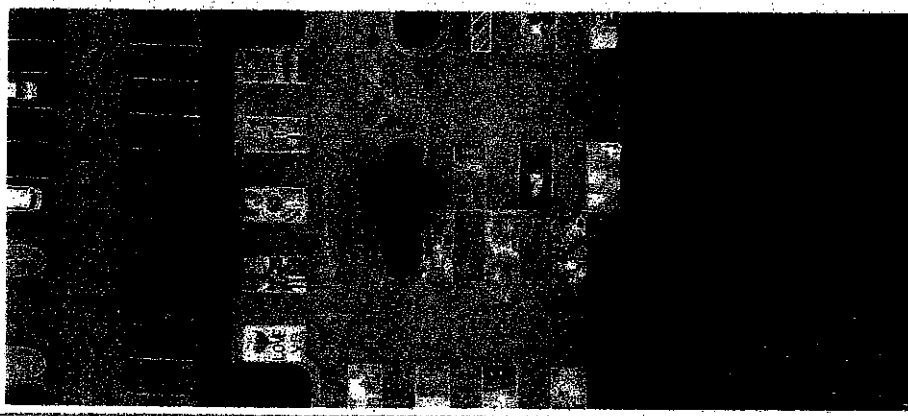
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We are scheduled to meet with the Town Manager and Chief of Police next week to discuss the logistics of this project, and hope that the town will approve this initiative. We would love the support of the Town Council as well. Thank you for your consideration!

Please direct any questions regarding this proposal to Katie Daigle, chair of this endeavor. Cell: 203-535-6663; Email: katie0123@hotmail.com



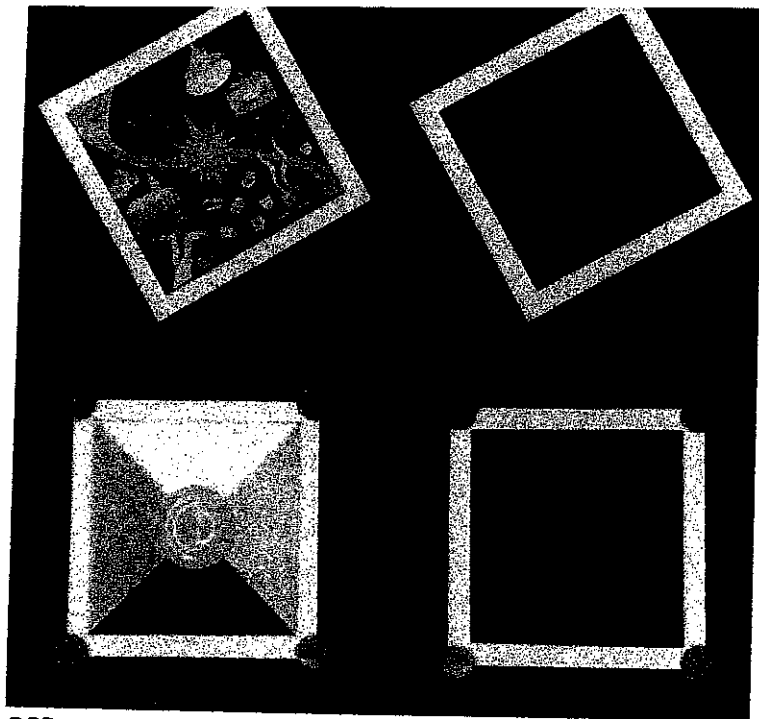
High School Parking Lot, Indiana



Aerial view of parking lot painted by Virginia Beach Creative District

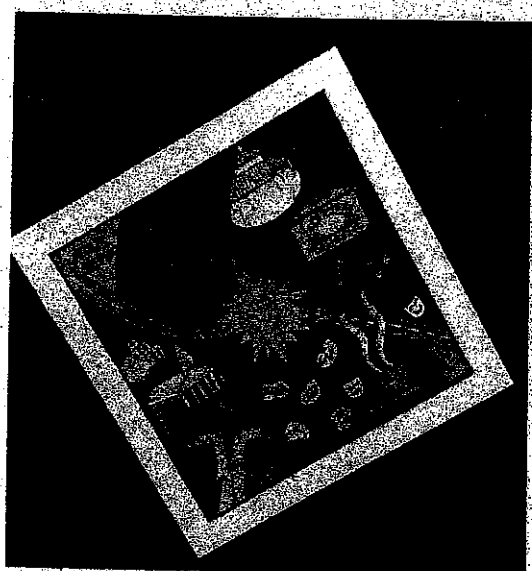
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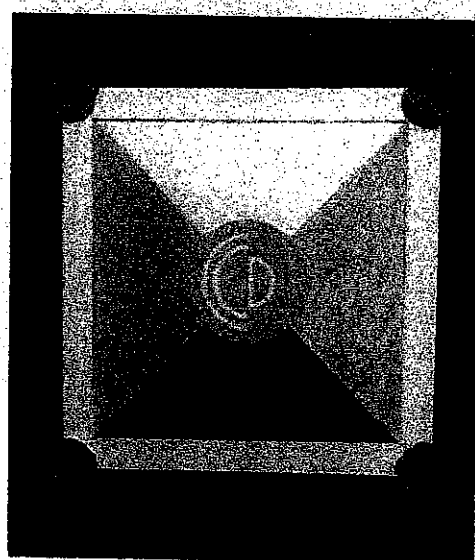
CCD proposed template (2 spaces next to each other)

CCD's Parking Space Mural Design



The top half of each space will allow for expression of that group's mission or activity

The bottom of each space will feature the logo of the group represented by this space



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May 11, 2022

Town Council
41 West Street
Cromwell, Ct 06416

Subject: Middle School

Hello Cromwell Town Council,

My name is Stacy Dabrowski, of 3 Robbie Road. My name may be familiar as I serve on both the Inland/Wetland Watercourse Agency and the Conservation Commission for our town.

I also have two children, they are 11 years old, currently in 5th grade at Woodside Intermediate School and an 8 year old, currently enrolled at Edna C Stevens in 2nd grade.

We moved to this town when my oldest child was just 8 weeks old. I am a Connecticut native, living in Berlin, Rocky Hill, and Cromwell my entire life (except the college years).

My family loves Cromwell, the proximity to the highways, the tree lined streets, the CT river, the farms to the more modern establishments such as Starbucks and Shop Rite.

Today, I write to you because I am growing increasingly concerned with our Town's long-term vision, identity, and ability to prioritize the needs of the residents. We seem to be at a crossroads where it has become integral that we determine what we want to be as we welcome new business and families to town. It is my perception that our town leadership places great value on discount stores and potential warehouses. While I do not disagree the tax revenue could be lucrative, I am not so short sighted to see that we need to find balance- we cannot simply stabilize the mill rate and collect tax revenues but not invest in our town's assets and our community. What do we strive to be? Do we envision Cromwell modeling ourselves after Glastonbury, Simsbury, Avon, Tolland, or even Berlin and Rocky Hill? These towns all have 1 major thing in common- great school systems that contain many new or renovated to modern school facilities.

With that said, we all know the saying "Our children are our only hope for the future, but we are their only hope for their present and future", if we want Cromwell to grow and continue to develop into a strong(er), more desirable place to live, a community that fosters opportunity and gives our children a solid foundation to thrive from, then it will be required that we invest in our children and our community assets.

It is very common for children that grow up in Cromwell, to then raise their own family here as well – if we would like to continue with this tradition for generations to come, we need to establish a community worth coming back to, we need to invest in our assets, to improve them and sometimes rebuild them so this sense of community does not fade. All of this starts in school.

As I mentioned above, I have a child that is headed off to Middle School next year. This is, frankly, not something we're looking forward to. We are leaving the most modern school Cromwell has, a beautiful 20 year old Intermediate facility, to transition to the Middle School- which has not been updated in 43 years. Putting this in perspective, this school has not been updated since I was in diapers.

Another perspective: if a home was built in 1952, like the Middle School Building was, it would likely be deemed Historic! Now, that historic home has had only a few updates performed in 1954, 1956, 1962, 1979 and then a portable structure added in 2001- what condition do you think this home would be in? Would you like to make this place a second home where you spend 40-50 hours per week? There is a lack of technology along with technology / electrical constraints, there are potential health, safety, security, and parking concerns as well. Now, some of us like historic, and for those of you who do- you know when updating anything historic there are tons of unknowns and issues- such as asbestos, new building codes and other various regulations which end up consuming more time and money than ever anticipated.

I toured the Middle School facility last week; I hope you did too. I was disappointed to see that after living through a pandemic, where the use of books and paper have been minimized that there is such a shortage of electrical outlets in the building.

As a parent of a child with additional sensory needs, I was acutely aware of the fluorescent lights and how irritating that can be for a child.

I was shocked to see the condition of the classrooms, frustrated that there are not enough classrooms or break out rooms to support the current class offerings, special need accommodations, counseling, and tutoring / small group support.

The school is unaccommodating to disabled or injured children (and staff);

I was saddened that the library looks like one of an elementary school, not one of a school that should be accommodating a maturing, tech savvy audience.

The office, the councilor offices, the conference rooms, the bathrooms, the locker rooms and every other space and amenity the school currently has is small, dated, or plainly old and tired.

It is clear, that the school is unable to meet the current needs of today's technology and stem demands. One of the two science classrooms does not have sinks, gas or other sciences based tools. There are no stem focus classrooms to accommodate and teach technology and engineering.

The school's data and electrical services are in a janitor's closet.

OUR KIDS DESERVE MORE, THEY DESERVE BETTER.

Finally, it's difficult to teach our children to continuously improve, to work hard and to take care of your belongings when we as a town have let our Middle School Facility, an asset of our community go to a condition which is beyond economic and logical repair. We should be embarrassed and ashamed that we have let this school go to such condition. Should we host other towns, sporting events, community events at our Middle School, this is what currently represents us, who we are as individuals and as a community- we can do better.

I am sure you all are concerned with the dollars and cents, the budget, the tax rates, where will the money and funding come from- I understand that, but frankly, this is something that should have been budgeted for, and planned for or even completed years ago! I also understand you are faced with competing agendas, such as Senior Centers verse new school(s). The decision however should be clear, this should be easy.

Please provide our kids, our community, a new school which can be built with efficiency and have multiple purposes to serve all.

Thank you for your time and consideration should you have any questions or desire further comment, please reach out at any time.

Stacy Dabrowski
860-573-8175

From: Ciara Stone <stonecik@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 6:59 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Fortenbach, Stephen
Subject: For Public Comment 5/11 Town Council Meeting

Please read the below comments into the public record:

Dear Members of the Town Council,

I have been a Cromwell resident for fourteen years and have two children within the Cromwell school system. I am writing today to share my support of the Cromwell Middle School building project. After touring the Middle School during last week's Open House, I was disconcerted to see the poor condition of the school and how ill-equipped it is to support a modern curriculum.

A new middle school will enable a STEAM curriculum by providing appropriately designed and sized spaces to design, create, and collaborate with peers. A new building will not only be less costly to maintain than our current building, but will also benefit the community at large by providing spaces that can be utilized for recreation and the arts.

A new school will better support our students and bring great value to our community.

Thank you for your consideration

Ciara Stone
11 High Ridge Road

Brian J. Grogan
2 Gatesville Lane
Cromwell, CT 06416

To:

Cromwell Town Council

Dear Cromwell Town Council Members:

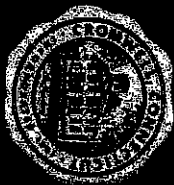
I am applying for abatement of my upcoming property taxes under Connecticut General Statute CGS 12-124A which allows me to enter into an agreement with the Cromwell Town Council where my ~~property~~ taxes will be paid on the sale or transfer of my property or my death. I have enclosed copies of my Federal and State Taxes for 2021

Sincerely,

Brian Grogan

Attachment F

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CROMWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

CROMWELL, CT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2022

AGENDA

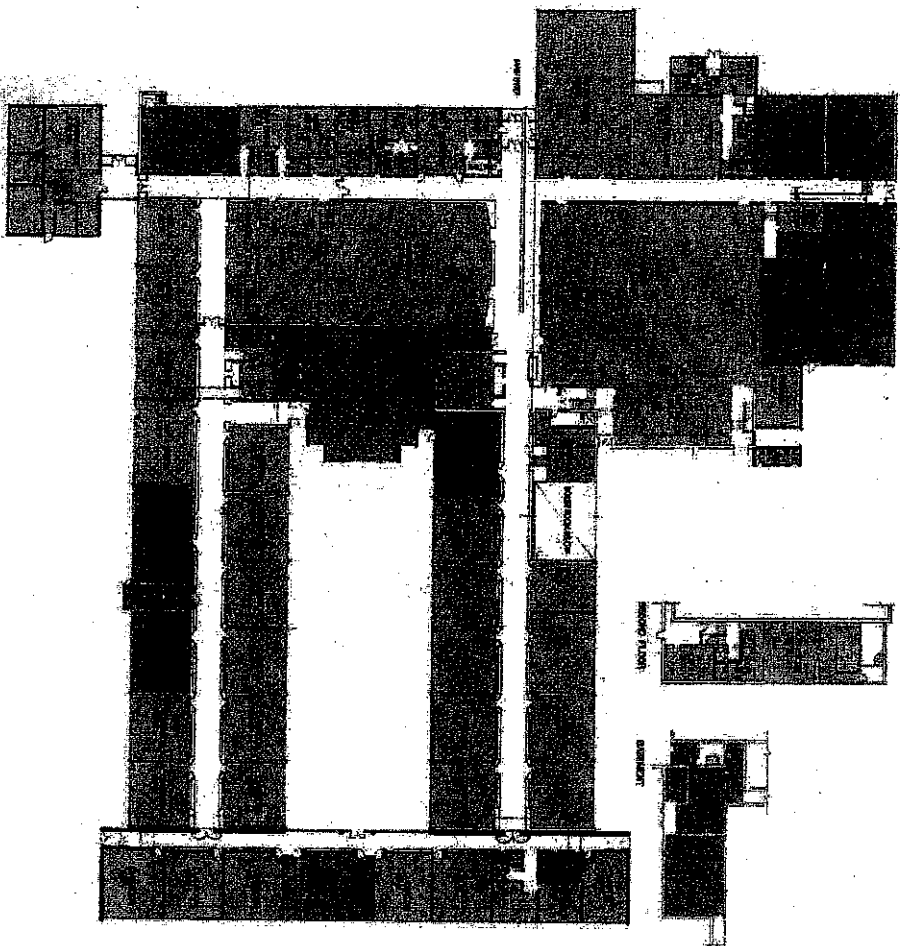
1. DEVELOPMENT OF THREE INITIAL OPTIONS
2. QUALITATIVE COMPARISON OF OPTIONS
3. DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT COSTS
 - SITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS
 - TOTAL ROM COSTS FOR THREE OPTIONS
 - VALUE ANALYSIS
 - PREVIOUS ASSUMPTIONS
 - REIMBURSEMENT, TOTAL COST TO CROMWELL
 - INELIGIBLE AND SOFT COSTS

DEVELOPMENT OF THREE INITIAL OPTIONS

OPTION 1 (R) / RENOVATE EXISTING, LIMITED ADDITIONS



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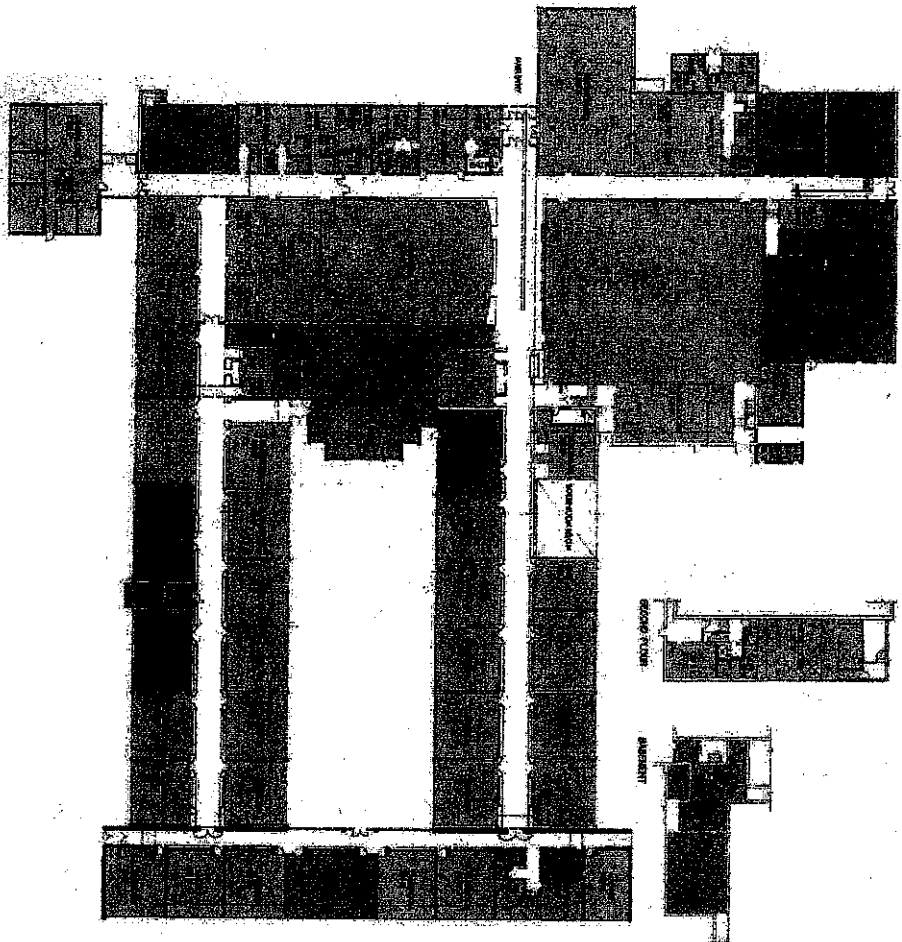


No.	Space Summary Shortfalls <small>(Based upon "best fit" of Ed. Specs. 3/28/2022)</small>	Area <small>(sf)</small>
2	<div> <div> Core/Technical <small>(Equipment Room Required)</small> </div> </div>	2,740
4	<div> <div> Fitness Room <small>(Equipment Room)</small> </div> </div>	400
Subtotal ~ 9,610 SF		

OPTION 1 (R) / RENOVATE EXISTING, LIMITED ADDITIONS



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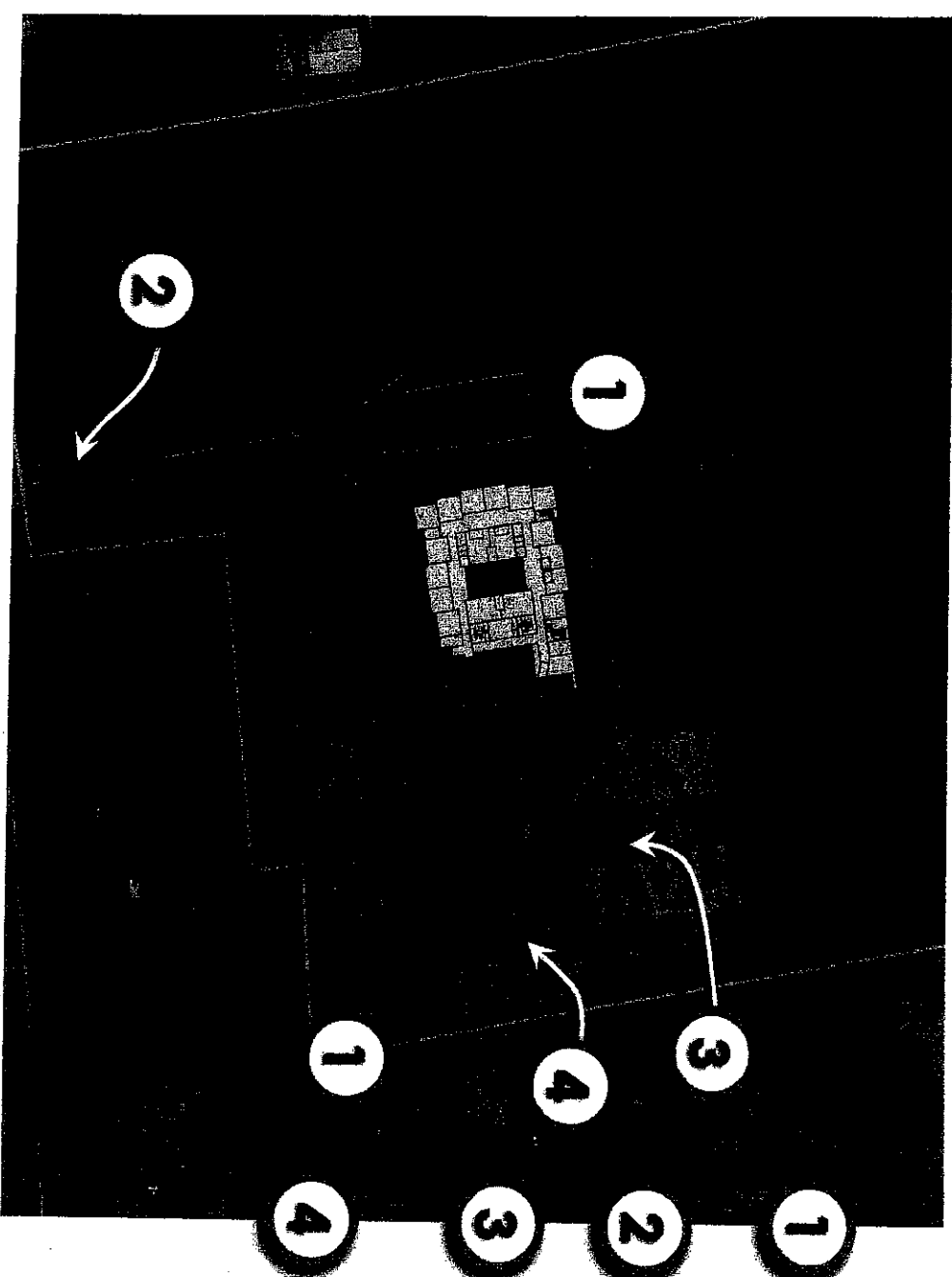
OTHER OBSERVATIONS

TEST FIT OF EDUCATIONAL SPECS

- Average classroom is only 700 sf
- Science & Prep rooms are intermittent (poor adjacencies)
- General lack of staff support spaces, poor distribution in proximity to classroom wings
- All-Inclusive toilet rooms are not well distributed
- General lack of distributed toilet rooms for staff & students
- Some spaces are in rooms above their required SF

OPTION 2 (R) / 55% RENOVATE EXISTING, 45% ADDITION

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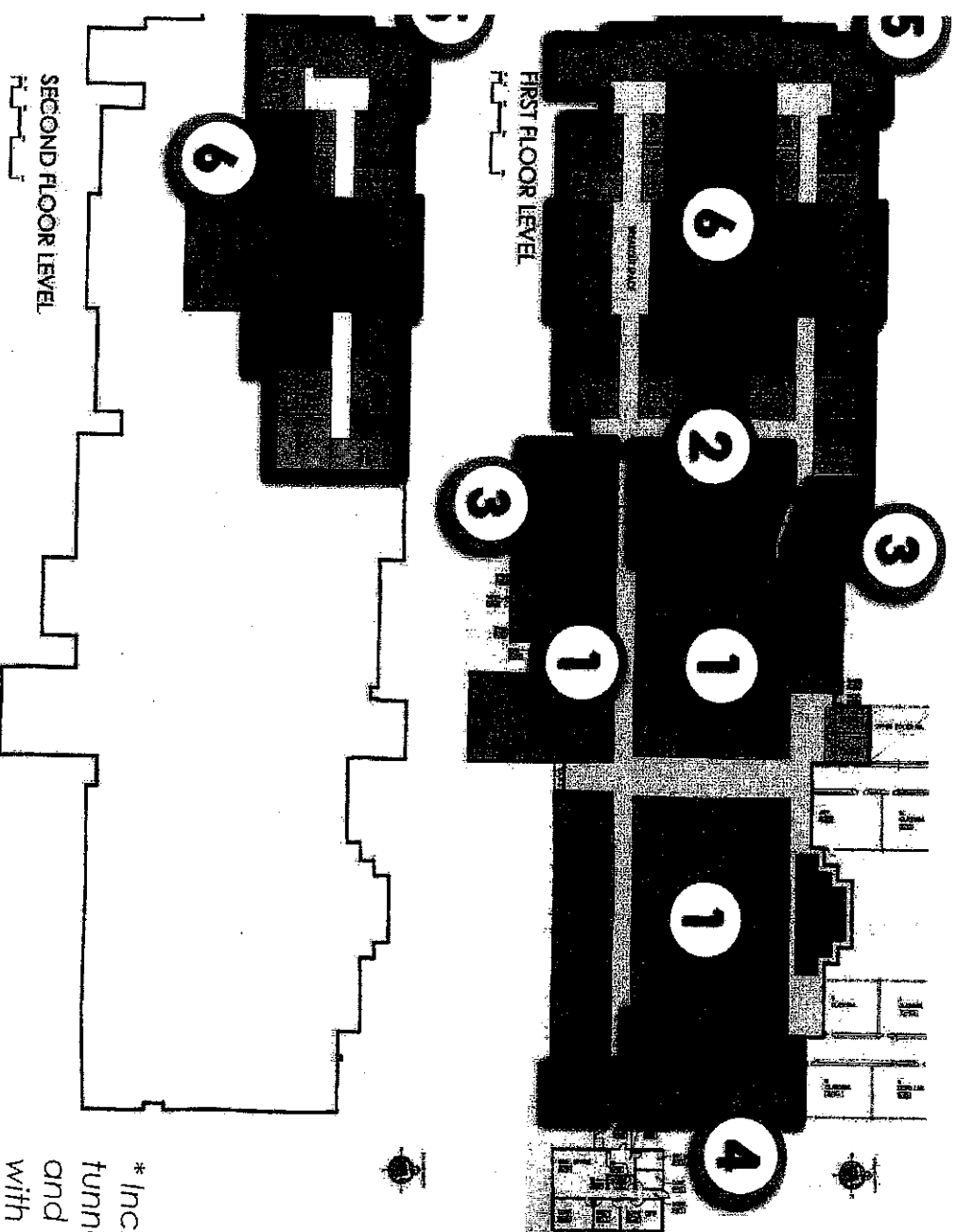


Site Modifications

- 1 Further separation of bus and parent drop off loop, one from each existing entry
- 2 Increased double exit lane for exit to Geer Street
- 3 Created outdoor amphitheater adjacent to band/music breakout and Auditorium
- 4 Preserves separate entry to central office with dedicated parking

OPTION 2 (R) / 55% RENOVATE EXISTING, 45% ADDITION

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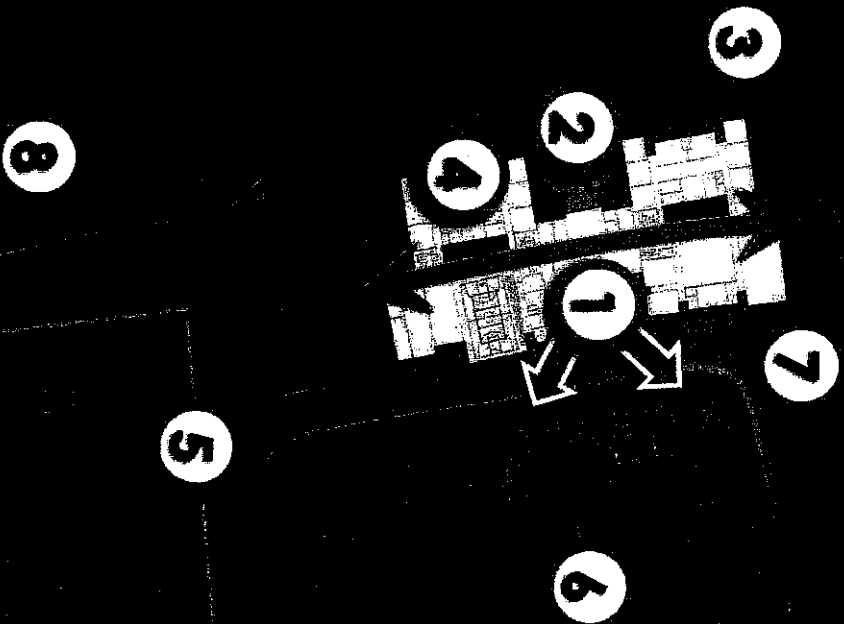


Building Opportunities

- 1 Maintain core spaces and renovate them as new
- 2 Relocate Media/Learning Commons to bldg. center
- 3 Wrap coding, robotics and art around L.C.
- 4 Relocate central office
- 5 Establish learning communities to allow for swing space
- 6 Optimize new addition to provide max. classrooms

* Includes renovation of existing basement/tunnels, to comply with building, life safety, and accessibility codes. Also addresses issues with drainage, hazardous materials, odors.

OPTION 3 / NEW CONSTRUCTION



A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

IMPROVED SAFETY

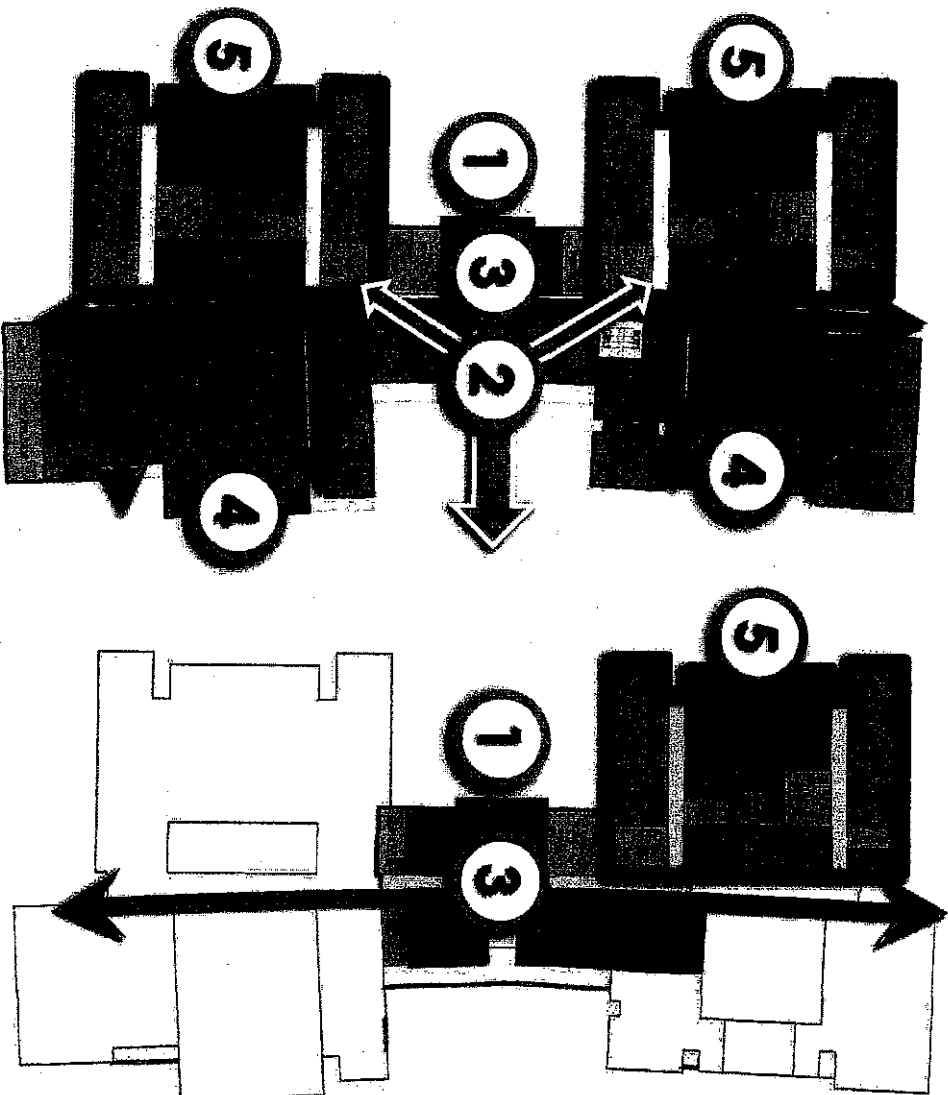
- 1** View from Admin
- 2** Shared Program in Front, Classroom Neighborhoods Protected
- 3** Protected Play
- 4** Internal Courtyards

IMPROVED SITE

- 5** Dedicated Parent & Bus Circulation
- 6** Centralized Fields with Ample Parking
- 7** Dedicated Entry and Parking for Central Office
- 8** Expanded Exit Lanes with Dedicated Left and Right Turns

OPTION 3 / NEW CONSTRUCTION

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Building Opportunities

- 1** Learning Commons/Media Center "heart" of school
- 2** Good visibility from Admin. suite – both inside & out
- 3** Creates "main street" for shared specials
- 4** Easily "lock off" gym, café, auditorium for community use
- 5** Establishes innovative learning communities ~ flexible setting
- 6** Layered uses provides layering of compartments for security

QUALITATIVE COMPARISON OF OPTIONS

COMPARATIVE OPTIONS / CROMWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Category	Option 1 (RNV)	Option 2 (RNV/Add)	Option 3 (New)
Directional Signage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21st Century Space (flexibly suite adaptable)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Indoor Storage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor Amenities (field, classroom/play)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Video Conferencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Phasing (moving, logistics, site impact)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cost Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Initial Cost (tax impact, state reimbursement)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preservation/Expansion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

THE HUMAN FACTOR / WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The human impact of a phased, occupied renovation project:

1. **3 or 4 years of construction** (a student's entire middle school experience)
2. **Interrupted learning** (noise, inaccessible programs, displaced programs, not all assembly areas can be renovated in summers)
3. **Interrupted play** (reduced fields & outdoor play)
4. **Shared site** (construction traffic, lay-down area on site, isolated construction zones within building)



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NOISE &
DISRUPTION



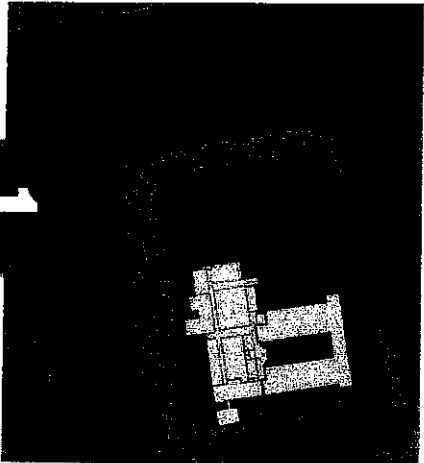
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DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT COSTS

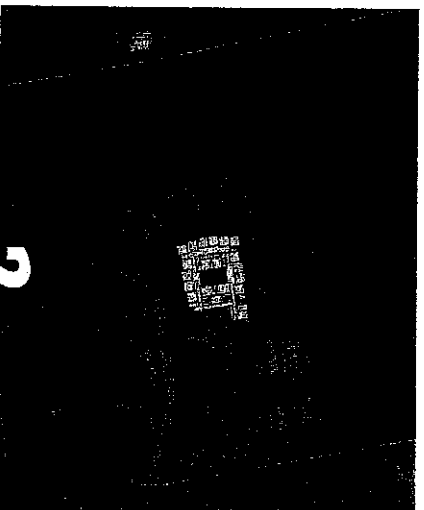


Site Costs Include the following, regardless of the actual configuration*:

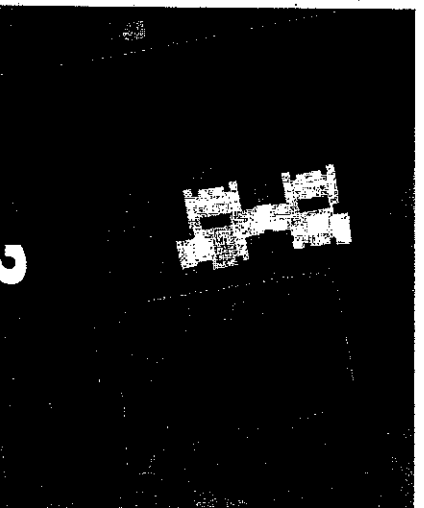
- Increase in parking count to 250 spaces
- Reconfiguration of bus and parent loops, delivery traffic



**Renovate Existing
Limited Additions**



**Renovate Existing
Limited Additions**



New Construction

- Underground detention to improve stormwater discharge quality and volume
- Restoration of soccer field
- New sidewalks and landscaping

* There will be subtle variations in cost per Option, but this exercise was to look at overall ROM costs, and not detailed takeoffs.

PROBABLE COST SUMMARY / ALL OPTIONS



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Middle School + Central Office

Opinion of Probable Cost - Summary of Options

Line Item Category	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Site Improvements	\$2,245,000	\$2,245,000	\$2,245,000
Building Improvements	46,847,452	46,058,186	44,053,906
Subtotal Construction Costs	\$2,092,452	\$1,803,186	\$2,298,906
Soft Costs	10,158,029	10,004,121	9,613,287
Other Costs (Vocational, etc.)	1,038,240	339,340	0
Estimated ~ Total Project Costs	63,288,720	\$61,666,647	\$58,912,193
State Reimbursement	-27,358,750	-26,878,598	-20,905,660
Estimated Cost to Cromwell	\$35,929,969*	\$34,788,049*	\$38,006,532*

*Costs shown are rough order of magnitude (ROM), and produced prior to the involvement of the professional cost estimator.



Middle School + Central Office

Opinion of Probable Cost - Summary of Options

Line Item Category	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Site Improvements		\$245,000	\$1,245,000
Building		\$58,186	\$4,053,906
Subtotal		\$3,186	\$1,298,906
Soft Costs		\$4,121	\$9,613,287
Other		\$340	0
Estimated Total		\$66,647	\$58,912,193
State Reimbursement		\$78,598	-\$20,905,660
Estimated Total to Client		\$94,788,049	\$38,006,532
Variance	-\$2,076,563	-\$3,218,453	

Current legislation includes 50% reimbursement for Central Office space, which is what we have assumed in the costs. On recent projects, we have seen 100% reimbursement granted, when the space is part of the school building, but we think it prudent to assume the more conservative approach.

VALUE ANALYSIS / ALL OPTIONS



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	Renovate Existing + limited additions	Renovation As New (RNV) 55/45%	New Building
Possibility of unforeseen conditions, conflicts, and cost increases	Very likely, est. 4-7% of construction \$2,739,976 -\$1,800,458	\$2,739,976 -\$1,800,458	Somewhat limited, est. 1-3% of const. \$939,518 \$0
Costs that don't stay in the building General Conditions Analysis Typically between 5-10% of the construction cost)	48 Months (uses 8%) \$3,985,420 -\$1,166,866	48 Months (uses 8%) \$3,985,420 -\$1,166,866	24 Months (uses 6%) \$2,818,554 \$0
Temporary Facilities & Field Office Administrative Expenses Typically between \$25,000 ~ \$35,000 per/month)	48 Months \$1,440,000 \$600,000	48 Months \$1,440,000 \$600,000	24 Months \$840,000 \$0
Annual Energy Costs Analysis based upon HPBS for all options, 10 year assessment, <u>owner strongly encourage to consider net zero</u>)	Approx. 100,623 (including basements) ~\$1.5/SF x 10 years \$1,509,345 -\$467,933	Approx. 83,313 (no basements) ~\$1.25/SF x 10 years \$1,041,412 \$0	Approx. 83,313 (no basements) ~\$1.25/SF x 10 years \$1,041,412 \$0
TOTAL DECREASE IN PROJECT VALUE	-\$4,035,257	-\$2,380,024	\$0

PREVIOUS COSTS / COMPARED TO NOW

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Budgeting Options



CMS:

Renovate existing 83,060 sq.ft. * \$450 / sq.ft. = \$37,400,000

Current Reimbursement Rate : 49.64%; Town share : \$18,900,000

Reimbursement rate: reduction to 48.29% or \$500,000 additional Town Share

Build New Building 80,080 sq.ft. * \$600 / sq.ft. = \$48,500,000

Current Reimbursement Rate : 39.64%; Town share : \$29,300,000

NOTE: All figures are estimates and subject to change.

Anticipated Pre-Referendum Costs:

Architect & Owner's Representative Services: \$50,000 - \$70,000

Developed Prior to:

- Creation of Educational Specifications
- Survey of existing building to identify physical/code conditions
- Current market conditions/escalation
- Involvement of Professional Estimator (who confirmed current ROM costs)

COST SUMMARY / REIMBURSEMENT, TOTAL COST TO CROMWELL

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CSG
Construction Services Group
Tecton Architects was charged with preparing three options for a new school. Renovation only, renovation and an addition, and new construction. The benefits and shortfalls of each were identified and explained in detail.

Cost estimates were prepared by both Tecton Architects and construction. Tecton Architects, a comprehensive cost estimate was prepared by an independent cost estimator who specializes in school construction projects in Connecticut. The plan of CSG and Tecton Architects met with the estimator to ensure that the estimator had the necessary information to cost in detail. We believe the estimate to be an accurate reflection of current market values, considering the unique economic circumstances created by COVID-19, national supply chain issues, and resulting material cost escalations.

Following a thorough review of all available information, the building committee selected new construction as the most practical, long-term solution.

Below is a summary explanation of the economic conditions in the building industry. The local economy is currently in a hard construction cycle, general conditions, labor, and materials, required large increases in price, and cost estimates for design and execution, and the owner's cost, including construction, inspection, permits and fees, and furnishings and technology.

In summary, including both the new middle school and central office:

Construction Hard Cost:	\$50,980,348
Owner Soft Cost (15%):	\$7,647,052
Total Estimated Project Cost:	\$58,627,400
Reimbursement Adjustment - Purch:	\$14,426
Reimbursement Adjustment - Audit:	\$1,240,000**
Reimbursement Adjustment - Ineligibles:	\$1,465,110
Total estimated eligible cost:	\$55,785,488
Estimated State Reimbursement at 39.64%:	\$22,113,200
Estimated town share to Cromwell:	\$19,451,200

** Auditorium cost will be reimbursable, actual amount has not been confirmed by State DAS OSG&R

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Construction Hard Cost:	\$50,980,348
Owner Soft Costs (15%):	\$7,647,052
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$58,627,400

Reimbursement Adjustment - Roof:	\$144,226
Reimbursement Adjustment - Auditorium:	\$1,240,000
Reimbursement Adjustment - Ineligibles (2.5%):	\$1,465,110
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST TO CROMWELL	\$36,491,200

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COST SUMMARY / INELIGIBLE AND SOFT COSTS



ELIGIBLE SOFT COSTS

- Architect/Engineering Services
- Project Management Services
- Pre-Construction CM at Risk
- Commissioning
- Special Inspections
- Environmental/HazMat Test/Monitor
- Materials Testing / Inspections
- OSTA Traffic study
- Land Surveys
- Temporary Utilities
- Security System
- Telephone System
- Enhanced Listening System
- Independent Code Review
- Independent Structural Review
- Building Permit
- Move Management Services
- Moving / Storage Expenses
- FF & E
- Fixed Technology



INELIGIBLE SOFT COSTS

- Legal Services
- Printing / Mailing / Advertising
- Owner's Builders Risk Insurance
- State Education Tax Fee
- District Bond Origination Fees
- Bond Interest Fees
- Construction Photo Documentation
- Movable Technology (e.g. laptops)

INELIGIBLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

- Work Beyond Property Lines
- Replacement of Work Less Than 20 Years Old

INELIGIBLE UNTIL USED

- Owner Contingency 5%

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Option 1

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Sample Project Cost Summary - Renovation									
	Shingles	64	1.52					48,320	
	Gutter	150	1.76					26,400	
	Grades	175	1.25					21,875	
	1000	400						83,250	
Project Area Material Spec	85.31								
Existing Building	2,860	15.4%							
Volume	11,100								
Site Improvements	0.00	2.4%						12,400	12,400.00
Paving for Vehicle Circ.	2.5	1.5%						3,250	3,250.50
Renovation - Main Addition	52,455							505,000	557,455.55
Renovation - Basement	50,900							478,500	529,400.00
New Addition Program	6,120	1.1%						4,400,000	10,520,500
Premium of Phases Work								105	53,613.66
Demolition of Existing	0	0.5%						115,000	89
Hot Water Abatement	22,225	1.1%						57,500	79,725.18
Subtotal								587,575	8,498,759.92
Subtotal	9,550							18,714,462	
Portable Toilet Cost (8000 Gallons)	8	0.0025%						12,400	7,200.00
Shrubbery/Landscaping	8	0.003%						402,500	5,600.00
Major Erosion Control/Retaining Wall	8	0.003%						117,500	18,200.00

Estimated Total Cost to Cromwell

Cost associated with additional program that could not "fit"

**Premium for phasing & logistics
(multi-phased occupied
renovation)**

Adjustments for reimbursement

Estimated Total Cost to Cromwell

Option 2



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COB8	46	12	25.25
COB17	150	76	24.88
COB8	75	12	30.80
COB1	491	5	33.25

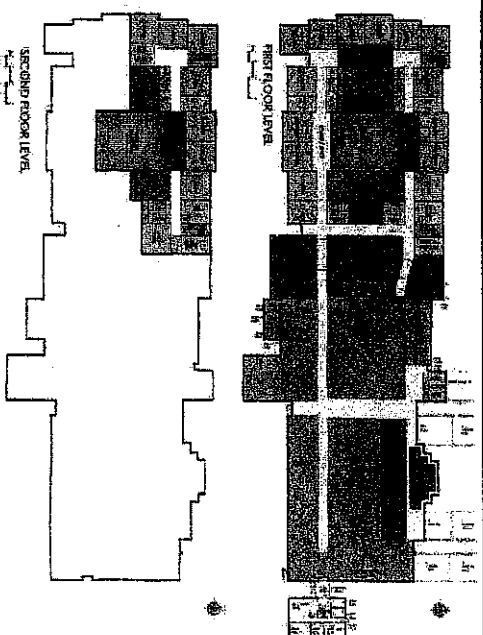
Base program as
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3/28/2022

**Maximized the
55%/45% OSCG&R
regulation for RNV**

**Premium for phasing & logistics
(multi-phased occupied
renovation)**

Adjustments for reimbursement

Estimated Total Cost to Cromwell



Probable Cost Detail

Option 3



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Sample Project Cost Summary - New

Project Cost Summary				
Category	Area	Unit	Cost/Unit	Total
Site Improvements	10,000	Sq. Ft.	\$275,000	\$2,750,000
Parking Lot & Vehicular Circ.	215	Spaces	\$9,250	\$1,988,750
Renovation - Main and Upper	0	Sq. Ft.	\$385,000	\$0
Renovation - Basement	0	Sq. Ft.	\$275,000	\$0
New Building	83,313	Sq. Ft.	\$387,405.45	\$32,170,545
Premium for Phased Work			10%	\$0
Whole Building Demolition	94,503	Sq. Ft.	\$15,500	\$1,473,545
Whole Building Abatement	94,503	Sq. Ft.	\$22,000	\$2,079,066
Subtotal				\$36,928,906
Soft Costs				\$2,100,000
Portable Lease Costs (0 months)	0	Month/CR	\$2,500	\$0
Phased Moving Costs	0	Phase	\$2,500	\$0
Labor/Effort - Operations management	0	Phase	\$17,280	\$0
Contingency				\$0
Unallocated Contingency				\$0
Reimbursement for Contingency				\$0
Estimated Total Cost to Cromwell				\$39,028,906

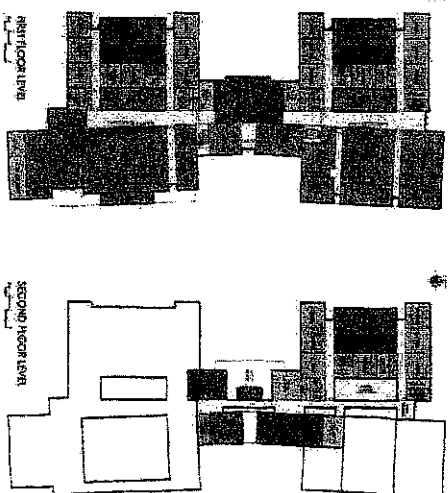
Base program as per Ed. Spec rec'd 3/28/2022

New Building designed to meet Ed. Spec.

No costs carried for phasing & logistics (multi-phased occupied renovation)

10% less reimbursement for New

Adjustments for reimbursement, less ineligibles expected



Probable Cost Summary

All Options



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Middle School

Opinion of Probable Cost - Summary of Options

Line Item Category	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Site Improvements	4,738,750	4,738,750	4,738,750
Building Improvements	45,079,002	44,370,006	42,237,156
Subtotal Construction Costs	49,817,752	49,108,756	46,975,906
Soft Costs	9,714,462	9,576,207	9,160,302
Other Costs (Variances only)	1,038,240	359,340	0
Estimated ~ Total Project Costs	\$60,570,453	\$59,044,303	\$56,136,208
State Reimbursement	-26,738,442	-26,280,179	-20,410,979
Estimated Cost to Cromwell	\$33,832,011	\$32,764,124	\$35,725,228
Variances			

Probable Cost Summary All Options



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Central Office

Opinion of Probable Cost - Summary of Options

Line Item Category	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Site Improvements	506,250	506,250	506,250
Building Improvements	1,768,450	1,688,180	1,816,750
Subtotal Construction Costs	2,274,700	2,194,430	2,323,000
Soft Costs	443,567	427,914	452,985
Other Costs (Variances only)	0	0	0
Estimated ~ Total Project Costs	\$2,718,267	\$2,622,344	\$2,775,985
State Reimbursement	620,308	598,419	494,681
Estimated Cost to Cromwell	\$2,097,958	\$2,023,925	\$2,281,304
Variances	1,630,416	1,707,906	1,778,304

Why Does It Matter? 21st Century Learning

Envelope technology
accounts for
30%
Of energy used

In daylight classrooms,
students progress
20%
Faster on
math tests
26%
Faster on
reading tests

27%
of middle school
students don't feel
they belong

With proper
ventilation rates,
students complete
schoolwork tasks
8%
faster

Sense of belonging
improves grades,
engagement &
advanced course
selection

Higher levels of
outdoor air contributes
to higher test scores in
math and reading

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fewer mistakes on
focused tasks

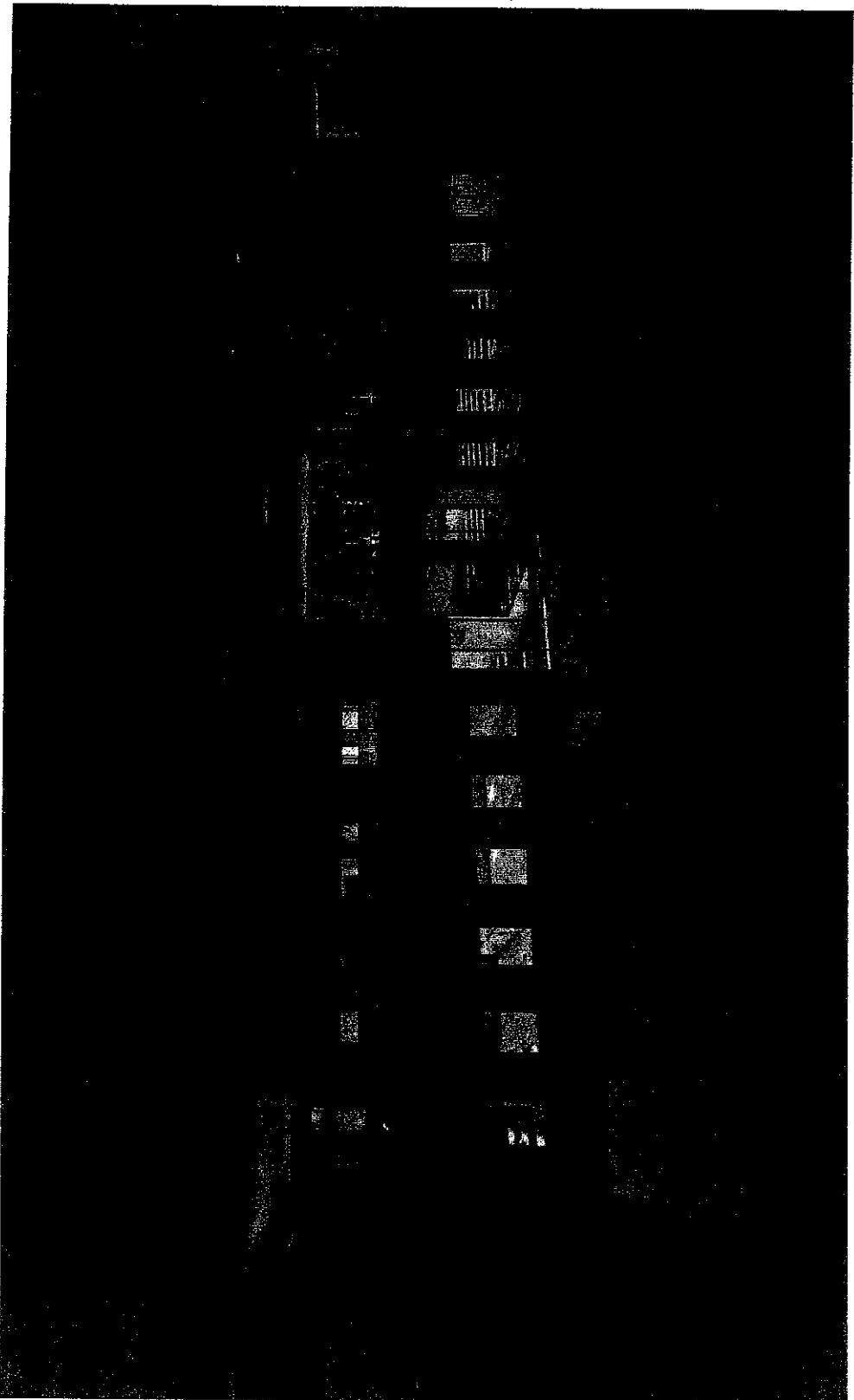
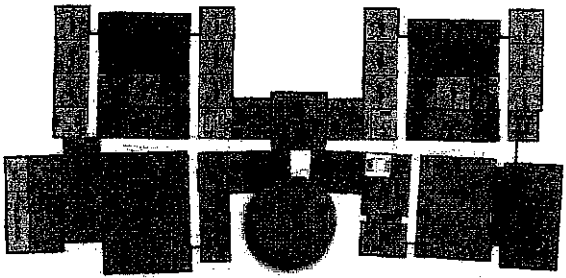
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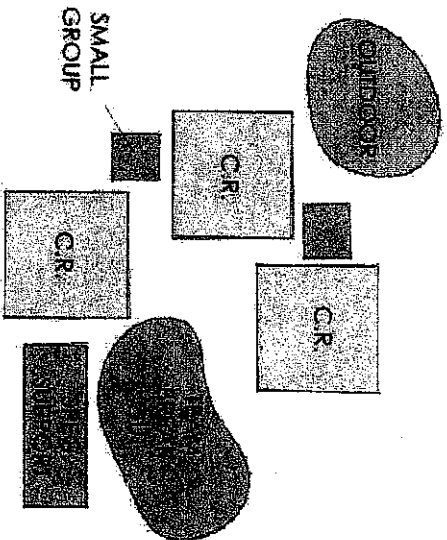
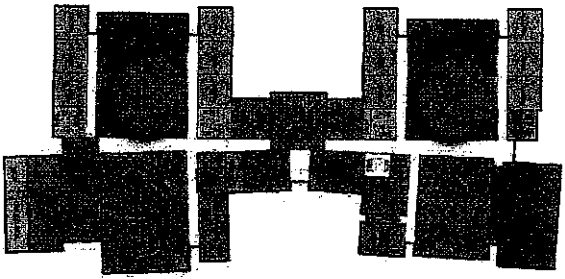
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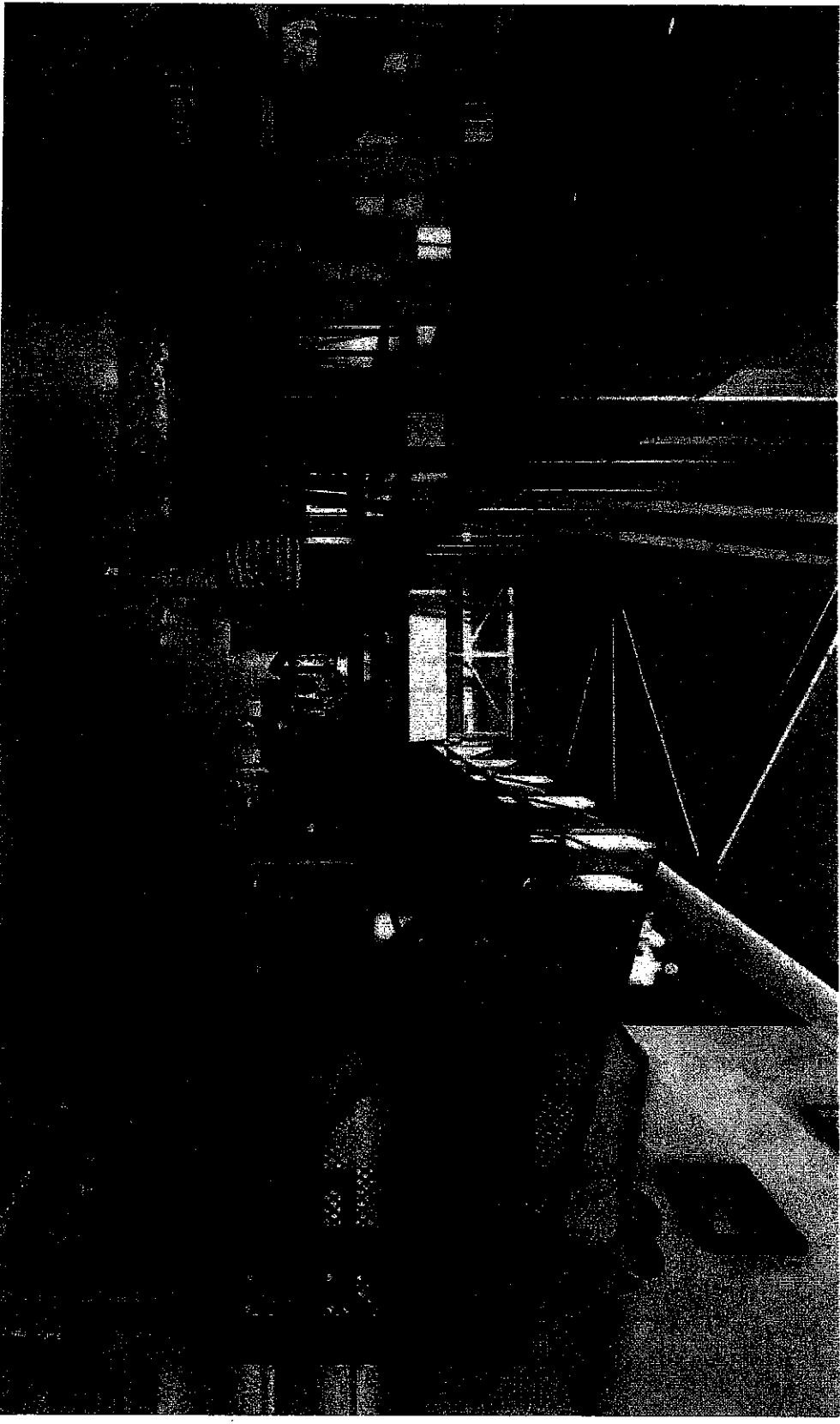
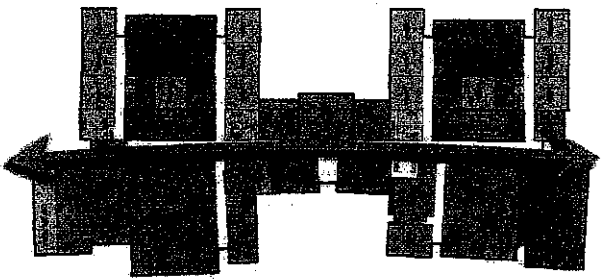
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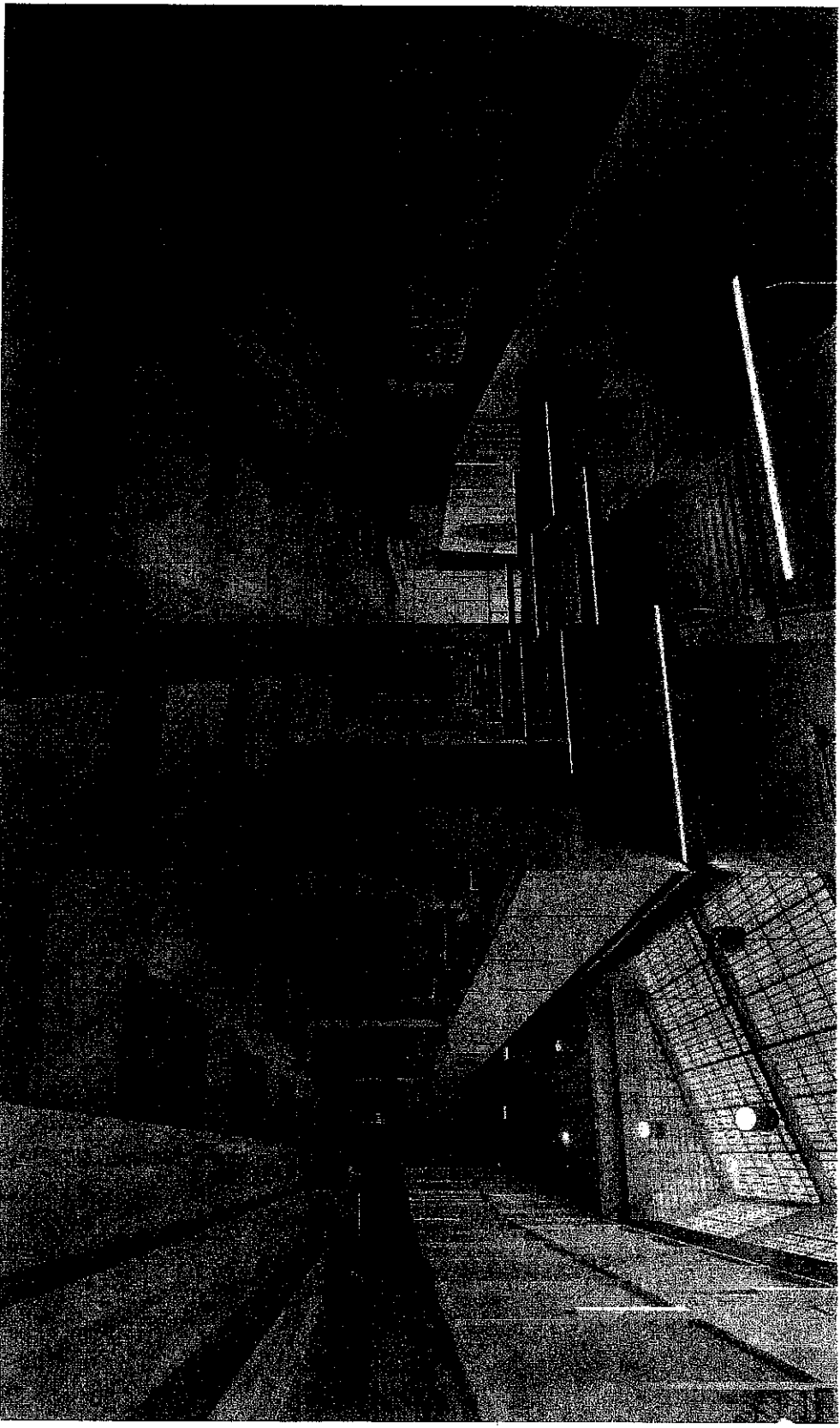
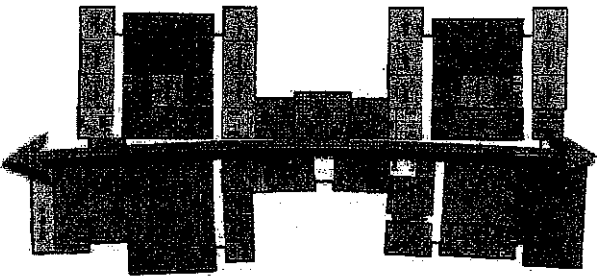
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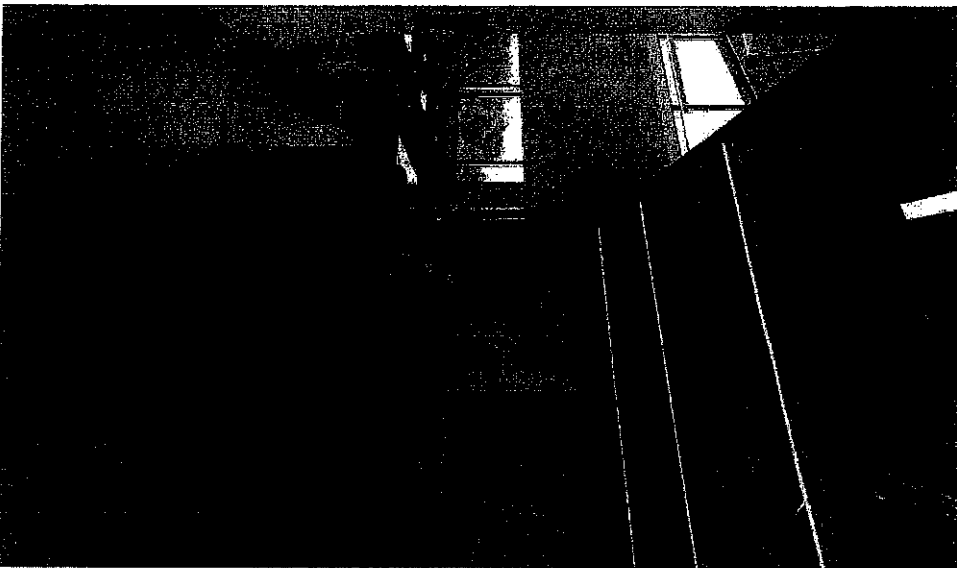
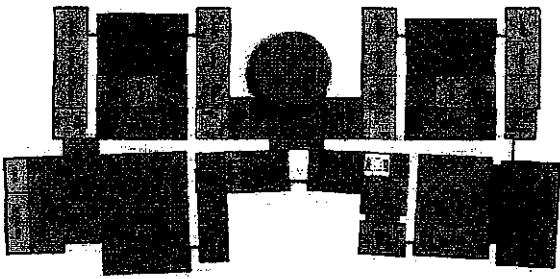
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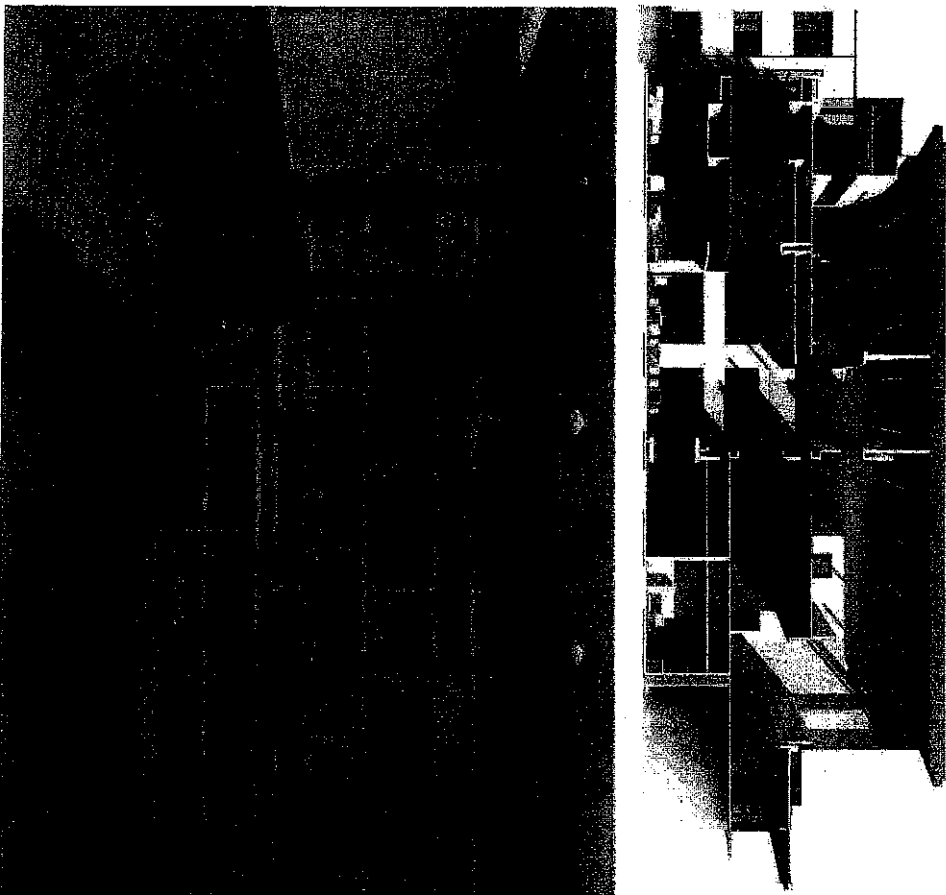
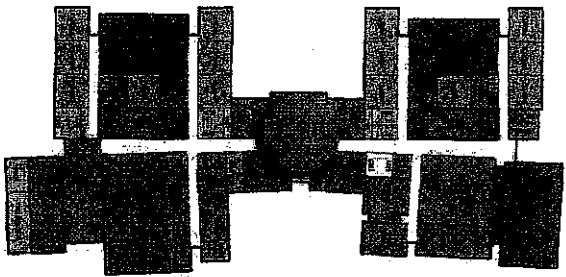
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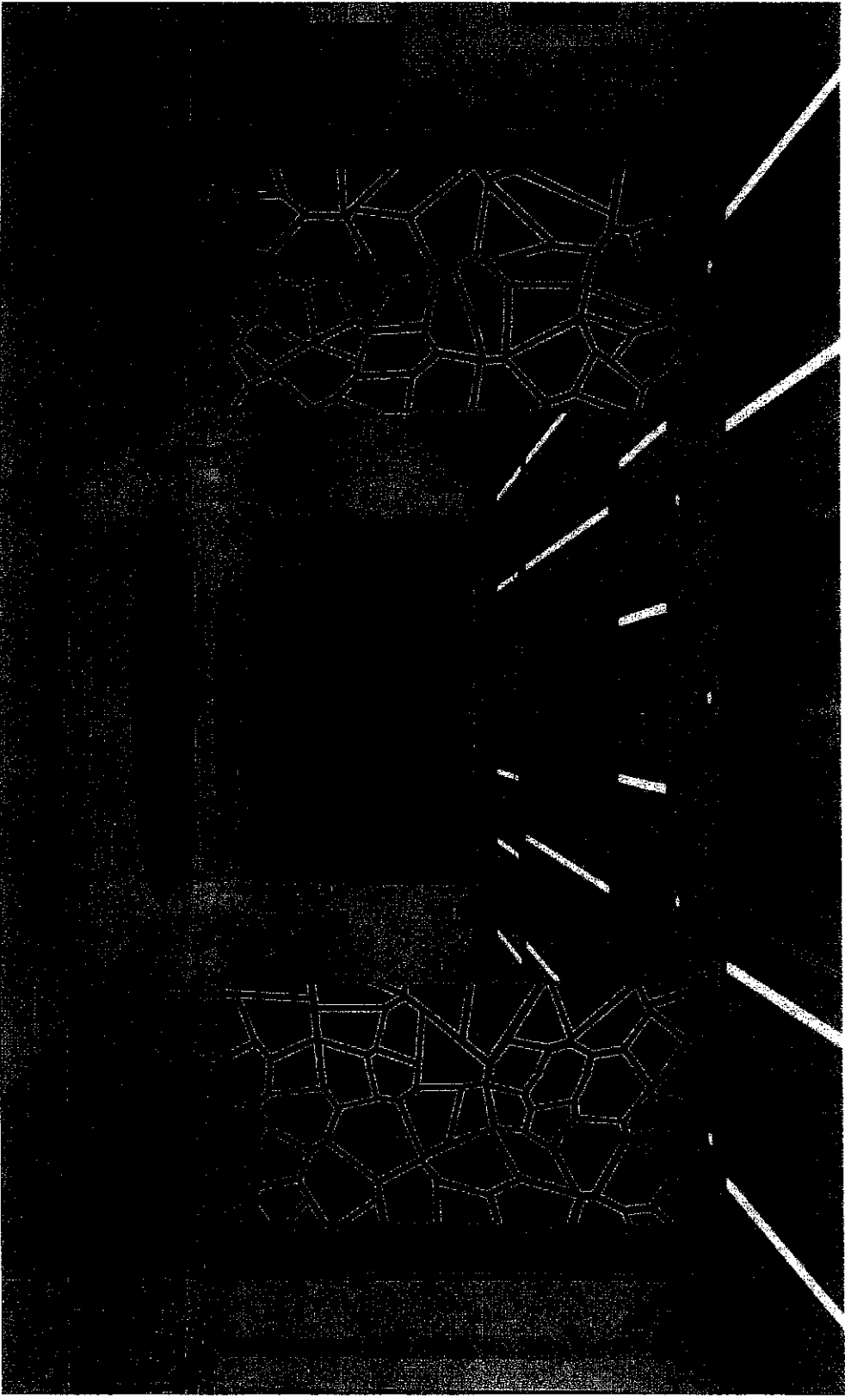
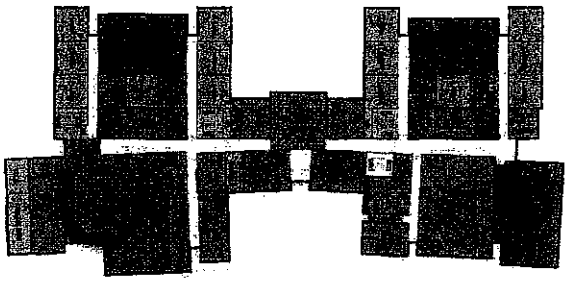
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DESIGN/PROJECT PHASE

Town of Cromwell

Proposed School Financing Analysis

Attachment

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Mesrow's Connecticut Office in Downtown Hartford

Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the H_2O_2 solution on the amount of the released H_2O from the H_2O_2 -loaded hydrogel. The amount of the released H_2O was measured by the weight difference of the hydrogel before and after the release. The concentration of the H_2O_2 solution was 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, and 1.0 wt. %.

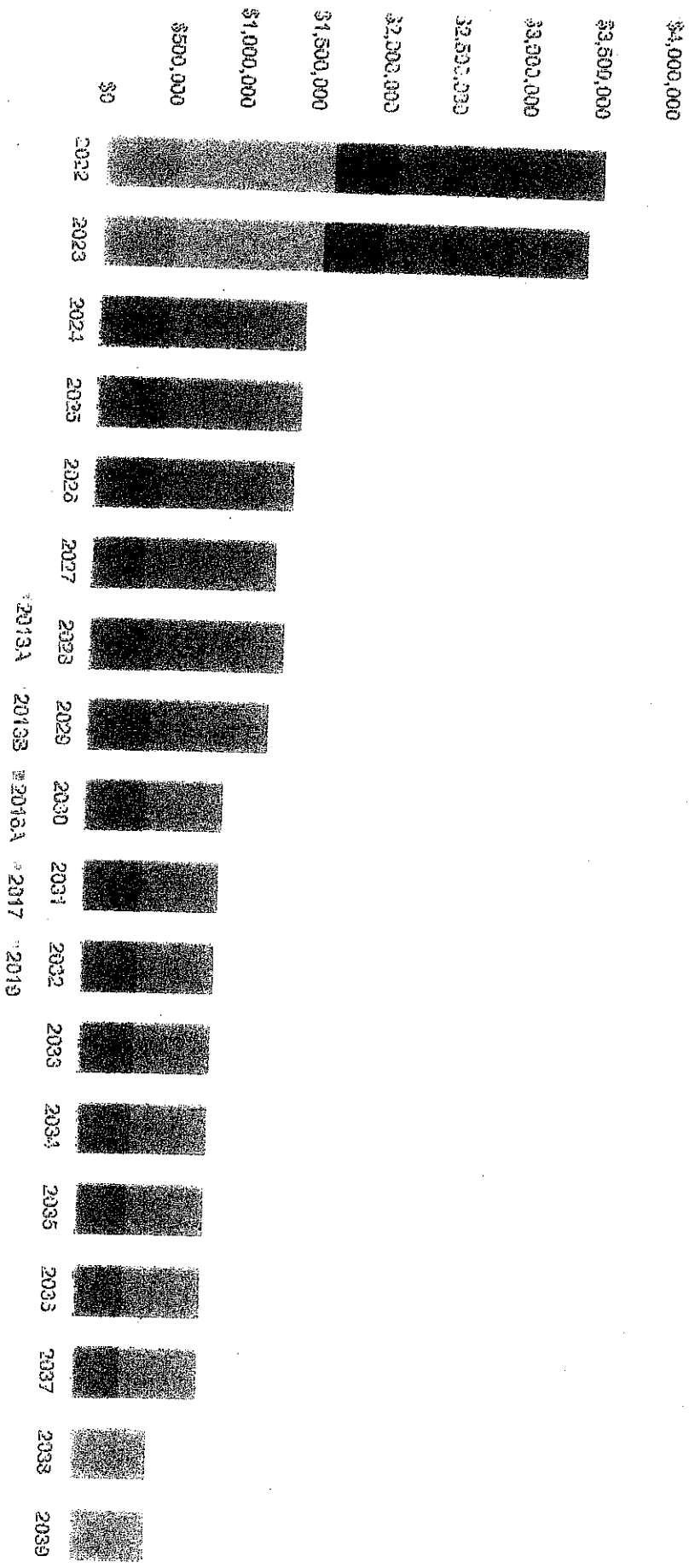
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Year	Series	Amount	As of	Rate	Term	None	None
4/18/2013	Series 2013A	\$4,385,000	11/1/2013	4.000%	4/15/2023	None	N/A
4/18/2013	Series 2013B	\$9,690,000	11/1/2013	4.000%	6/15/2023	None	N/A
12/08/2016	Series 2016A	\$5,520,000	11/1/2016	3.000-4.000%	8/1/2036	8/1/2026	\$3,320,000
12/28/2017	Series 2017	\$6,540,000	11/1/2017	4.000-5.000%	6/1/2029	None	N/A
5/30/2019	Series 2019	\$6,940,000	11/1/2019	3.000-5.000%	4/15/2039	4/15/2029	\$4,520,000

Town of Cromwell Descending Debt Service Profile

Town of Cromwell currently has a descending debt service profile with a sharp drop after Fiscal Year 2023. Annual debt service in Fiscal Years 2024-2039 ranges from roughly \$1.5 million to \$500,000 with a gentle downward slope. The Town currently has a 10-year principal amortization rate of approximately 72.9%. A rate of above 50% is typically viewed as a credit positive by rating agencies.



2022-2039 Capital Budgeting Schedule

2022-2039

Year	Initial Cost	Net Present Value	Net Present Value
2022	\$2,765,000	\$765,250	\$3,530,250
2023	2,785,000	644,500	3,429,500
2024	930,000	530,575	1,460,575
2025	960,000	488,750	1,448,750
2026	965,000	444,300	1,409,300
2027	900,000	401,000	1,301,000
2028	1,015,000	356,500	1,371,500
2029	970,000	309,100	1,279,100
2030	710,000	263,950	973,950
2031	725,000	231,800	956,800
2032	740,000	199,000	939,000
2033	760,000	165,300	925,300
2034	775,000	138,100	913,100
2035	795,000	107,100	902,100
2036	810,000	79,950	889,950
2037	825,000	52,350	877,350
2038	505,000	30,900	535,900
2039	525,000	15,750	540,750

2022-2039 Capital Budgeting Schedule
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Proposed Plan of Financing

The Town of Cromwell has requested a plan of finance that would provide a project fund of approximately \$58.6 million in fiscal year 2023, with the expectation that a portion of the cost would be reimbursed by State grants. Mesitrow has modeled a scenario that would use a Bond Anticipation Note Issuance in 2022 to generate the required project fund. The BANs would be permanently financed by a combination of project grants and long-term financing the following year. This structure has the added benefit of *flexibility*: in 2023, Cromwell can choose to roll the notes over for another year, refinance all of the notes, or refinance a portion of the notes, depending on the Town's objectives and the speed with which State reimbursement is realized.

October 2022

- Cromwell issues approximately \$58.6 million in BANs due October 2023

File
Final 2-14-23

1 Year 2023-25

October 2023

- Cromwell issues approximately \$40.1 million of general obligation bonds.
- These bond proceeds will pay off a portion of the BANs.
- The remaining amount of debt service due on the BANs will be paid off via State reimbursement and cash on hand.

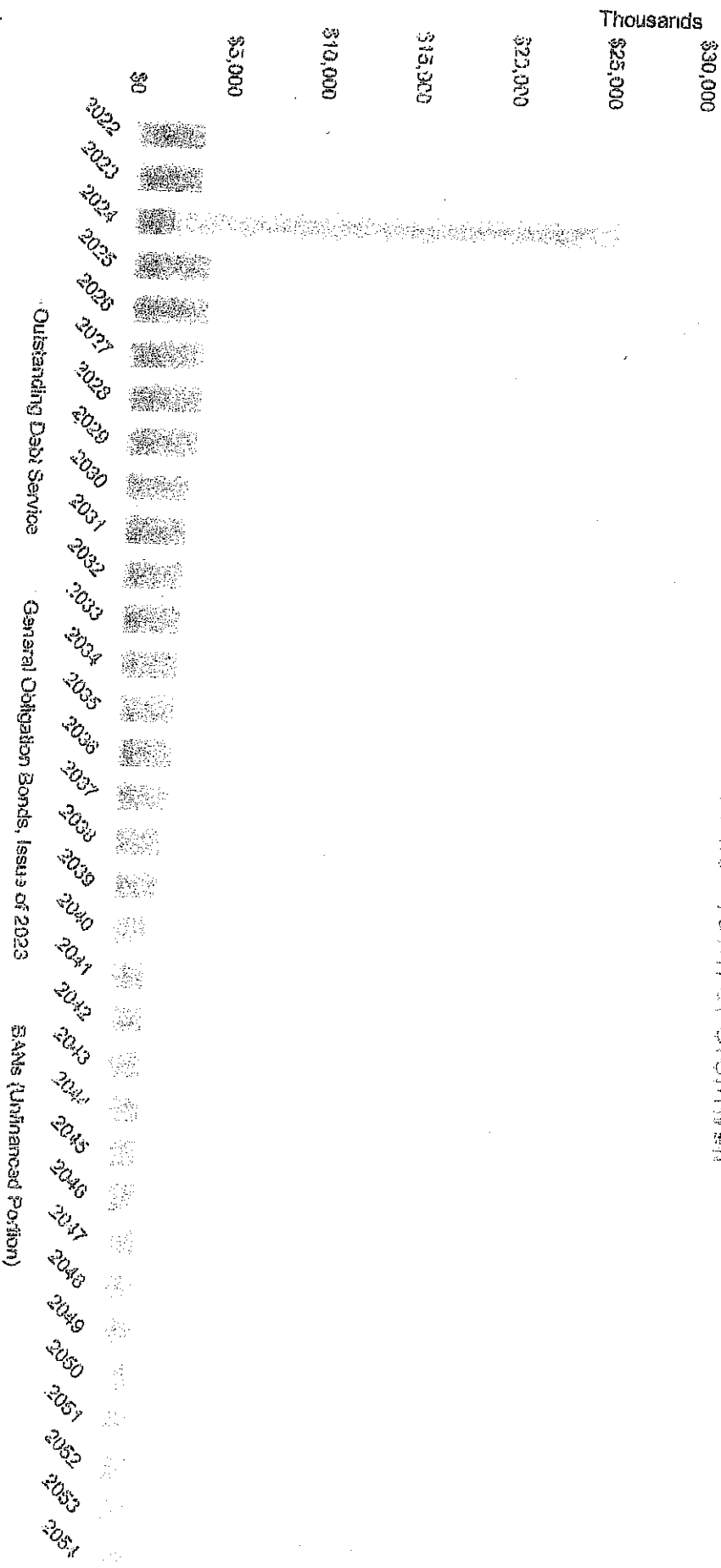
Ongoing

- Annual debt service due on the GO bonds will use a level principal structure to keep the Town's payments steadily tapering downward over the following 30 years

Projected Debt Service After Financing

In 2023, Cromwell would permanently finance the balance of the notes out for 30 years
 The advantage of this structure is that it reduces the annual principal payments made by the Town

Projected Debt Service Profile - Town of Cromwell



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Projected Financing Results

10/15/2023

The following tables display the projected results of the financing described on the previous slides.

The project fund generated by the BANS will be available to finance the project during the construction phase

Proceeds of the GO bond issuance will be used to finance the majority of the BANS due in Fiscal Year 2024. The remaining amount of debt service due on the BANS will be offset by state reimbursement and cash on hand.

This financing would result in a 10-year principal amortization rate of approximately 42.1%

Assuming no further issuance, the Town's 10-year principal amortization rate would increase to 50% in Fiscal Year 2027

Projected Financing Results	GO Bond Amortization Rate	Year Principal Amortized
Dated Date	10/18/2022	10/17/2023
Final Maturity	10/17/2023	10/15/2053
Arbitrage Yield	1.00%	3.43%
True Interest Cost	1.00%	3.49%
Bond Proceeds	59,183,998	36,694,542
Project Fund	59,033,998	36,491,200
Total Interest	1,168,832	16,255,837
Average Annual Debt Service	59,939,731	1,880,043
Total Debt Service	59,773,232	56,390,837

Project Financial Results (2022)

2022	3,530,250	665,287	3,530,250
2023	3,429,500	2,631,800	3,429,500
2024	1,460,575	2,564,800	25,397,894
2025	1,448,750	2,497,800	4,080,550
2026	1,409,300	2,430,800	3,974,100
2027	1,301,000	2,363,800	3,798,800
2028	1,371,500	2,296,800	3,802,300
2029	1,279,100	2,229,800	3,642,900
2030	973,950	2,162,800	3,270,750
2031	956,800	2,095,800	3,186,600
2032	939,000	2,028,800	3,101,800
2033	925,300	1,968,500	3,021,100
2034	913,100	1,914,900	2,941,900
2035	902,100	1,888,000	2,870,600
2036	889,950	1,827,800	2,804,850
2037	877,350	1,787,600	2,745,350
2038	856,900	1,747,400	2,328,350
2039	540,750	1,707,200	1,747,400
2040		1,668,750	1,668,750
2041		1,642,050	1,615,350
2042		1,588,650	1,561,950
2043		1,535,250	1,508,550
2044		1,481,850	1,455,150
2045		1,428,450	1,401,750
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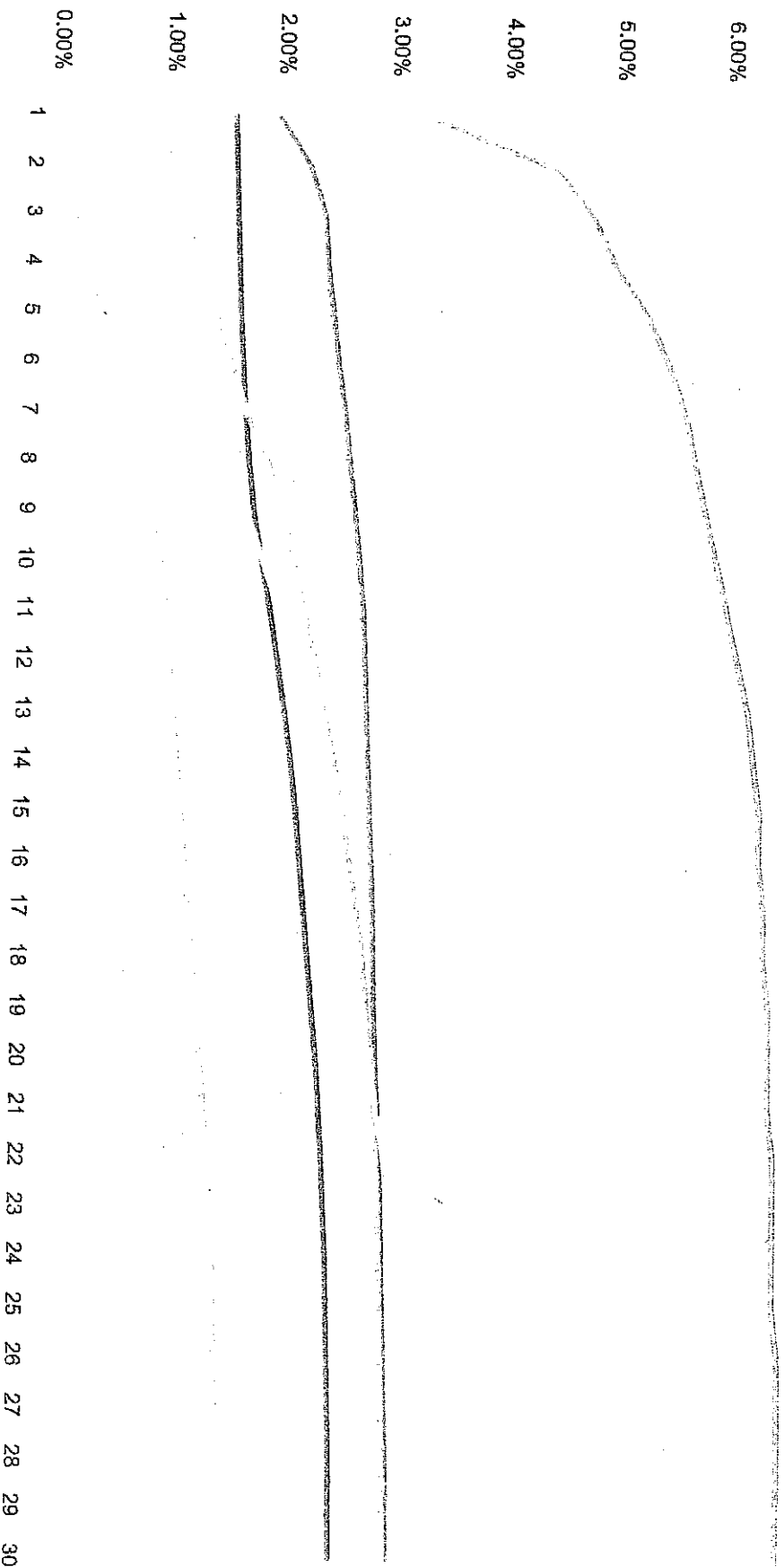
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Today 1 Year Ago 3 Years Ago 5 Years Ago 10 Years Ago 30 Years Ago



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MEMORANDUM

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD: Interest Rates and the Balance Sheet

On March 16, the Federal Reserve announced that benchmark interest rates would be raised by a quarter point.

Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said he would consider raising rates by 50 bps at future meetings, and the Fed dot plot suggests 7 total hikes this year.

The Fed announced they are reducing the balance sheet but are not expected to announce specific reductions of the balance sheet until their next meeting in May.

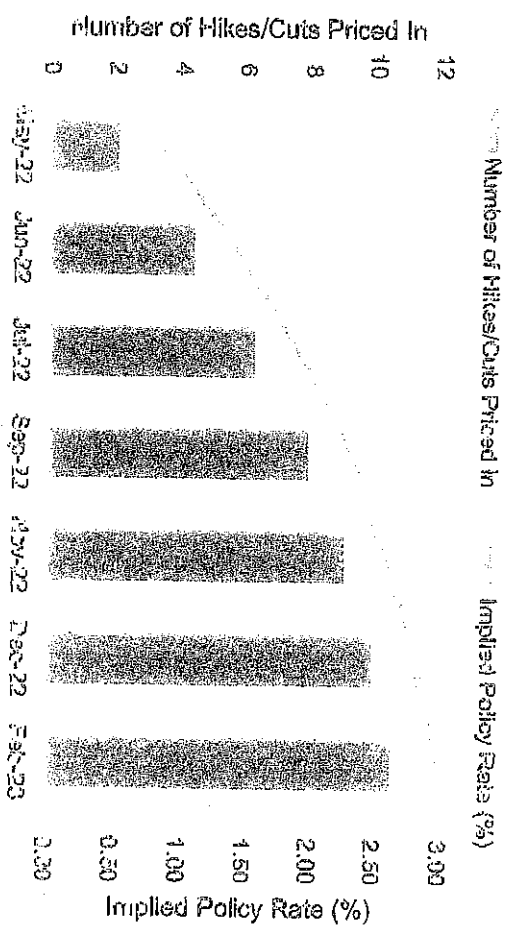
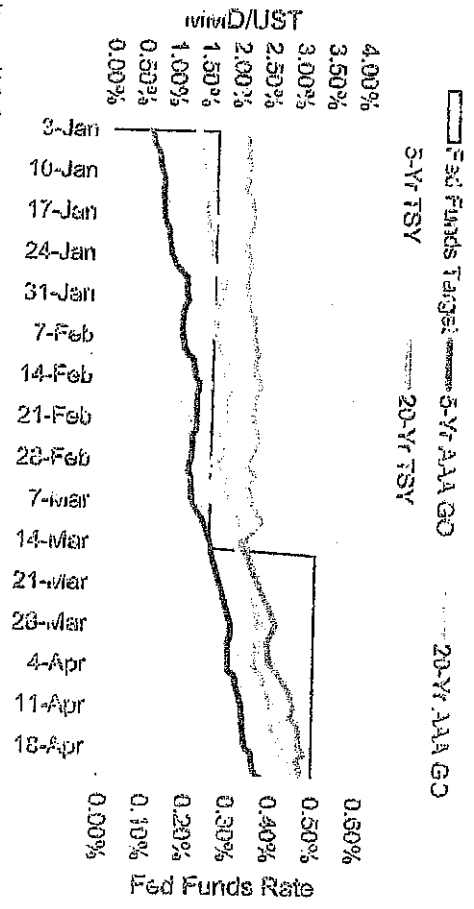
The Fed also updated forecasts for various economic indicators, expecting:

The benchmark rate to rise to 1.9% by end of 2022 and to 2.8% in 2023
Inflation to be at 4.3% by end of 2022 and 2.7% in 2023
Unemployment to drop to 3.5% by end of 2022 through 2023

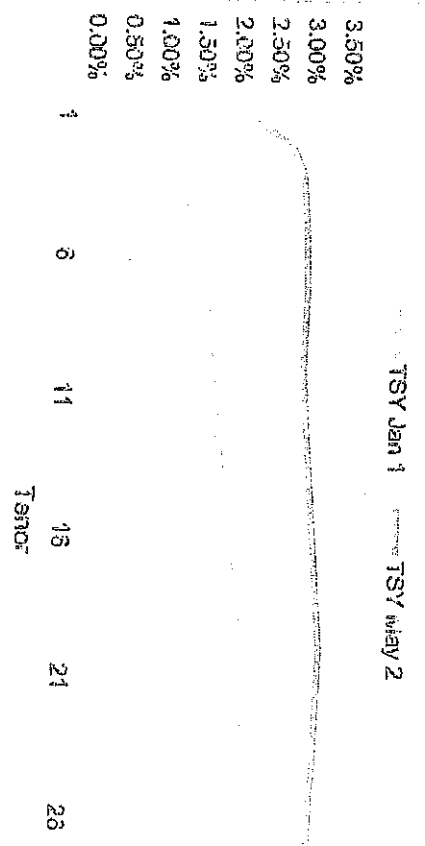
The U.S. economy grew at a median 2.8% this year, down from the 4% expected in December

With respect to the Ukraine Crisis, the Fed stated that "the implications for the US economy are highly uncertain, but in the near term the invasion and related events are likely to create additional upward pressure on inflation and weigh on economic activity."

Interest Rate Changes YTD



TREASURY Rates Have Increased YTD, Especially Near the Short End of the Curve

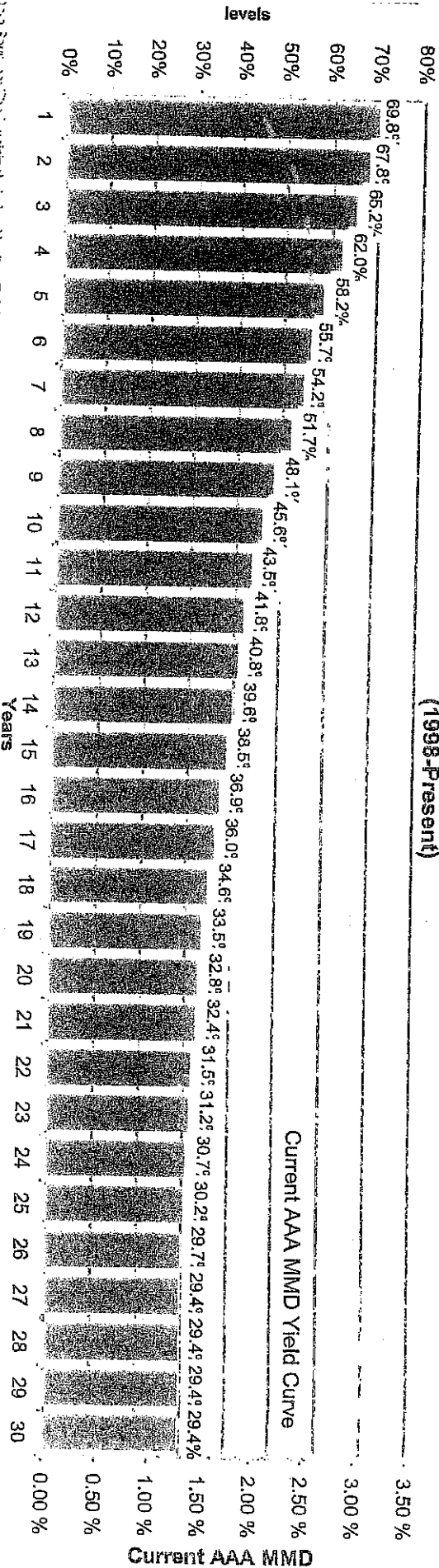


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MOVING TO AAA RMD

Year	Current	1 Week A	1 Month A	3 Month A	1 Year A
5 YR	2.45	6	44	134	202
10 YR	2.72	6	50	127	173
20 YR	2.92	4	48	123	152
30 YR	3.05	4	48	120	146

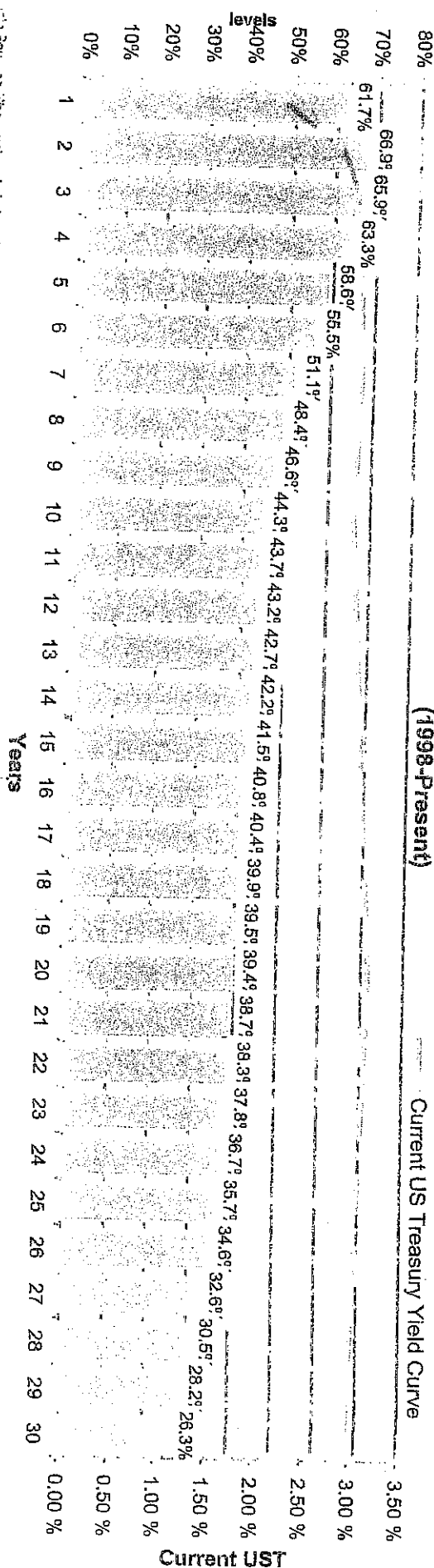
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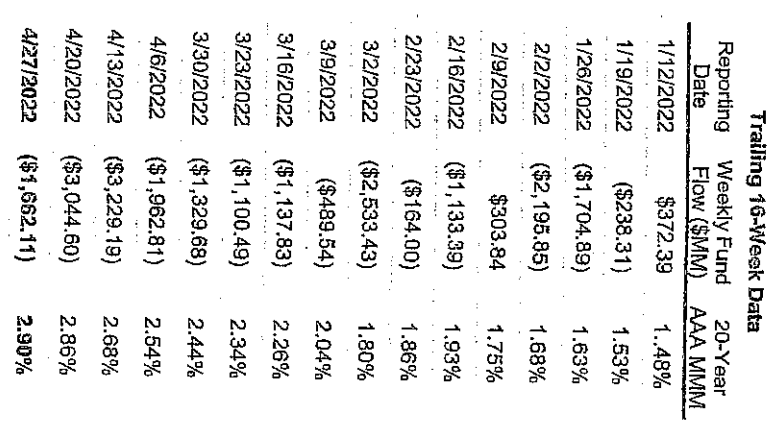
5 YR	2.92	-4	43	126	206
10 YR	2.89	-1	48	108	124
20 YR	3.14	2	46	97	94
30 YR	2.96	2	43	87	65

**% of Time UST Has Been At or Lower than Current Levels
(1998-Present)**



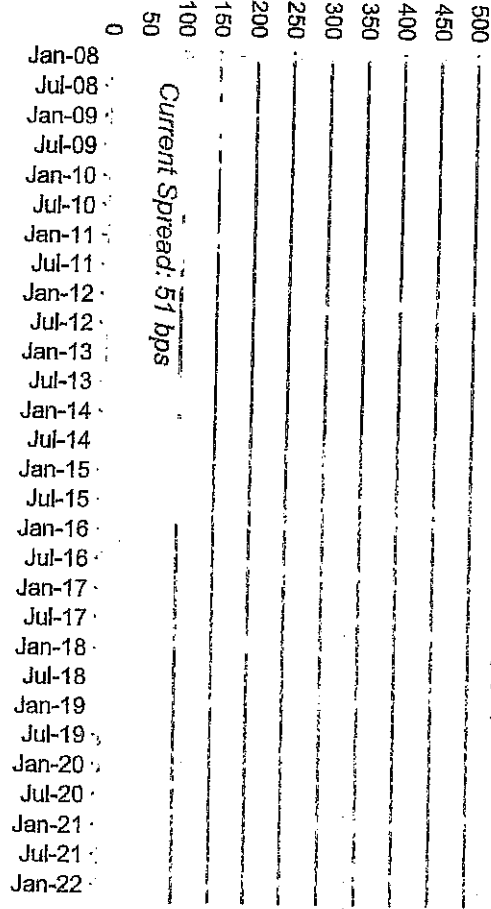
THESE RESULTS INDICATE THAT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE 1990S ARE APPROPRIATE AND SHOULD BE ADOPTED.

Age Group	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
0-14	25	22	18	15	12	10
15-24	18	16	14	12	10	8
25-34	12	10	8	6	4	3
35-44	8	6	4	3	2	1
45-54	5	4	3	2	1	0
55-64	3	2	1	0	0	0
65-74	2	3	4	5	6	7
75+	1	2	3	4	5	6

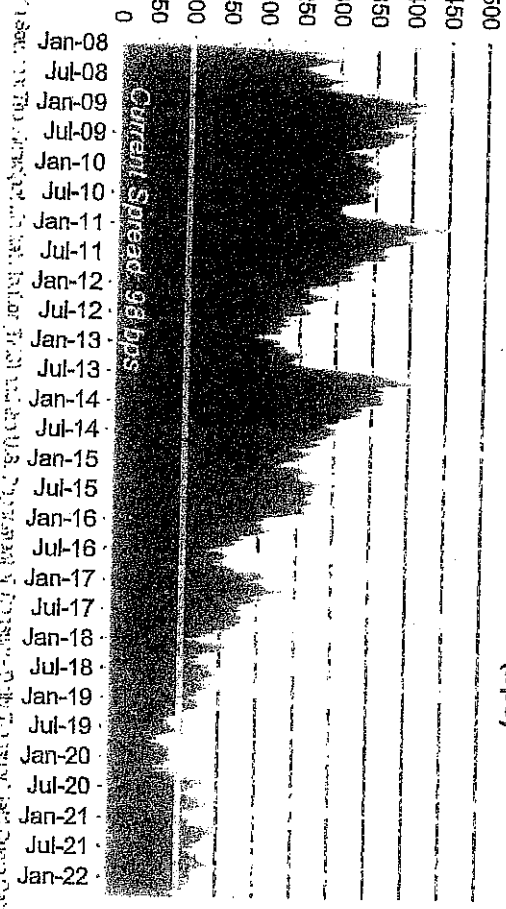


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Difference Between 5Y and 1Y MMD (bps)



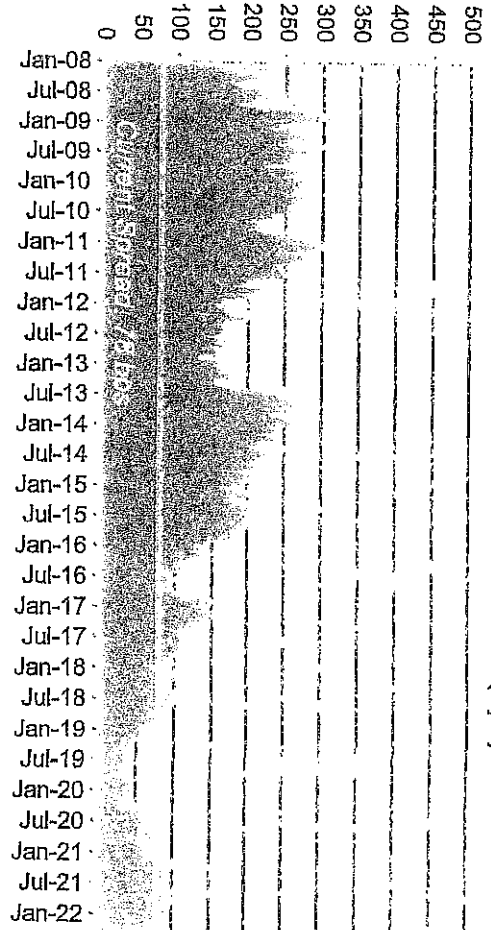
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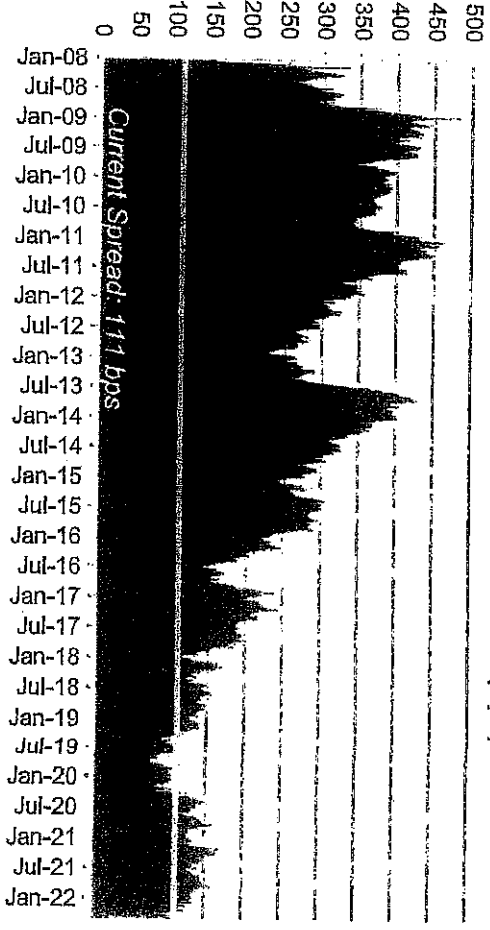
1. ENERGY RELATED FINANCE

2008-2022

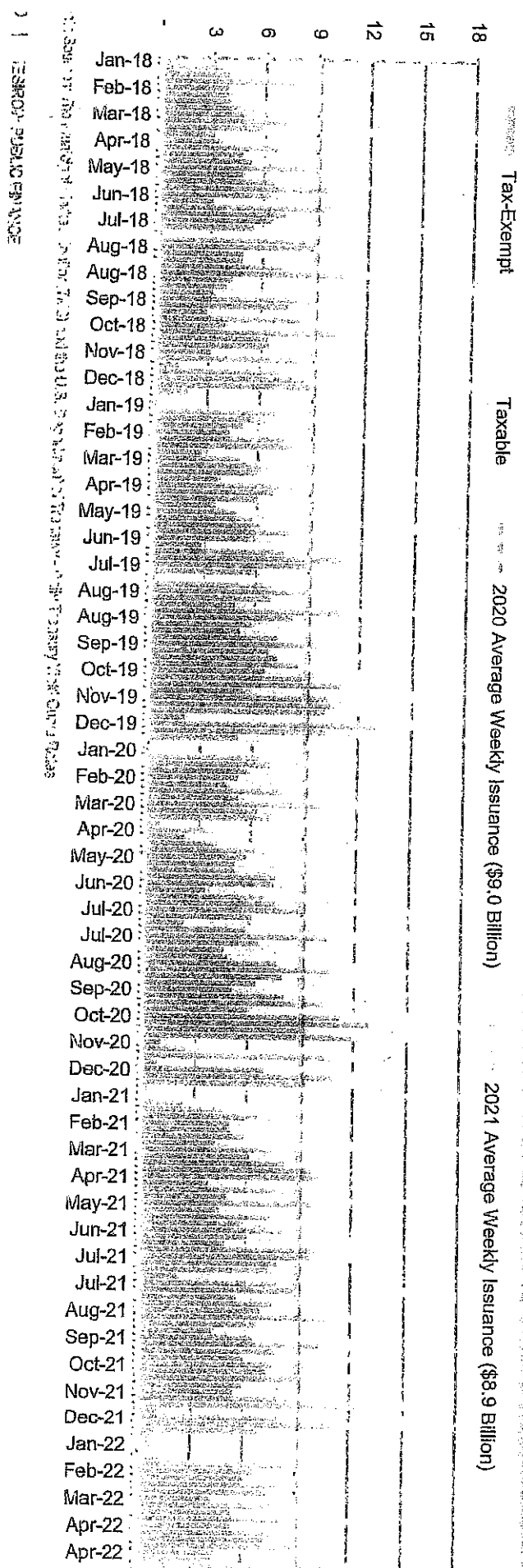
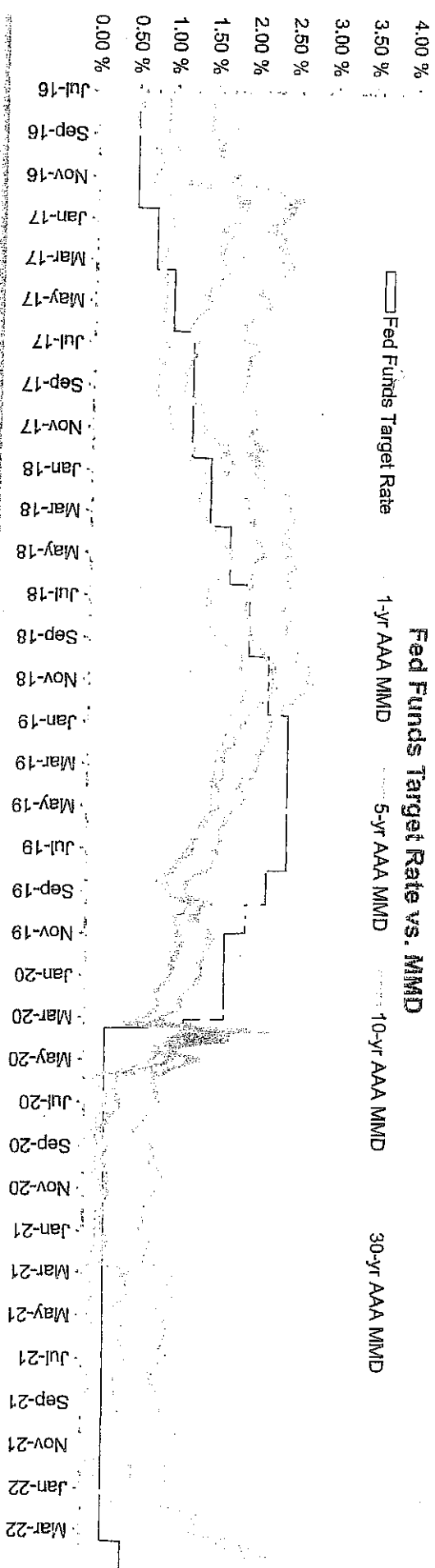
Difference Between 10Y and 1Y MMD (bps)



Difference Between 30Y and 1Y MMD (bps)



State and National Average Interest Rates



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**RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CROMWELL
(May 11, 2022)**

Item __. New Middle School and Central Offices

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town Council recommends, and refers such recommendation to the Board of Finance for its consideration, that the Town of Cromwell appropriate FIFTY-EIGHT MILLION SIX HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$58,604,400) for costs of the planning, design, acquisition, construction, furnishing and equipping of a new middle school and central offices to be located at 6 Captain Mann Memorial Drive, including site modifications anticipated to include creation of an outdoor amphitheater, outdoor reading and lecture area, and parking improvements. (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition, site improvements, demolition and removal of materials, installation, relocation, permitting and environmental costs, furnishings, fixtures, equipment, technology, materials, site improvements, architectural, engineering and other consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project and its financing, including the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Project. The Town anticipates applying to the State of Connecticut for school building project grants to offset in part the cost of the Project and anticipates that it will receive grants for the Project in the estimated amount of approximately \$22,113,200. The Cromwell Middle School Building Committee, which has been established by the Town Council, is established as the building committee with regard to the Project, and following consultation with the Town Council and the Town Manager, shall determine the final scope and particulars of the Project. The Cromwell Middle School Building Committee, following consultation with the Town Council and the Town Manager, may reduce or modify the scope of the Project, and the appropriation may be spent on the Project as so reduced or modified. The Town anticipates applying for and receiving a grant from the State Department of Education to defray a portion of the eligible costs of the Project.

(b) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs for the Project may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the Project. The Town Manager and the Director of Finance/Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(c) That the Town Manager and the Director of Finance/Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the aforesaid bonds, notes or temporary notes if authorized by the Board of Finance to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem

advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(d) That the Board of Education and other proper officers of the Town designated by the Town Manager and the Director of Finance/Treasurer are authorized to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject grants for the Project; and to enter into any grant agreement necessary to obtain such grants. Any grant proceeds shall be used to pay Project costs or otherwise be applied to the payment of the principal and interest on bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(e) That the Board of Education and other proper officers of the Town designated by the Town Manager and the Director of Finance/Treasurer are authorized to apply for and accept Federal grants to help finance the appropriation for the Project and to enter into any grant agreement necessary to obtain such grants. Any grant proceeds shall be used to pay Project costs or otherwise be applied to the payment of the principal and interest on bonds, notes or temporary notes.

(f) That the Town Manager, the Director of Finance/Treasurer, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the Project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and obtain other funding to finance the aforesaid appropriation, including but not limited to applying for and accepting grants and funds that may be available for the Project.


FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Project be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review pursuant to Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

**TOWN OF CROMWELL - TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
41 WEST STREET, CROMWELL, CT 06416
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Present: Mayor A. Spotts, Deputy Mayor S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, P. Luna, J. Henehan, A. Waters

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Attorney K. Olson

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spotts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Spotts listed ground rules for this meeting: there will be no public comments from the audience as this is a Special Meeting; he clarified that Town Council has never had a Public Comment section on Special Meeting agendas. He added that outcall from the audience, clapping, or derogatory remarks will not be tolerated. If any of these ground rules occur, he will clear the room.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action regarding retaining a third-party agency to conduct a study into the climate and culture of the work environment of Town Employees.

MOTION made by J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by J. Henehan to approve issuing an RFP to initiate an independent climate culture study/survey including all full-time municipal employees with the intent to start the process as soon as possible.

Discussion: Councilman Demetriades felt that the wording of the motion for the RFP is limited. He indicated that we should be clear and concise about what we are asking for in the RFP and why. He suggested an investigation into the practices of Town Management based off of the information they received at the previous meeting and in the past. It was also suggested to obtain the input of past full-time employees in addition to current full-time employees.

There was a brief discussion regarding the difference between a study and an investigation, employee complaints/patterns and what the Town is requesting in the RFP and why the information was being requested.

There was also discussion regarding how far back the selected company will go to complete this study/survey, if past full-time employees will be able to participate, and if the Town Council has the authority to have an investigation be conducted.

J. Donohue and J. Henehan rescinded their motion and second to approve issuing an RFP to initiate an independent climate culture study/survey including all full-time municipal employees with the intent to start the process as soon as possible.

MOTION made by J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by J. Henahan to approve issuing an RFP to initiate an independent third-party climate culture study/survey investigation including practices and policies of management including all full-time municipal employees with the intent to start the process as soon as possible.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, P. Luna, J. Henahan, A. Waters

Motion carried.

MOTION made by A. Waters and **SECONDED** by S. Fortenbach to appropriate \$40,000 within the CNR for the purpose of conducting a study regarding the climate and culture of the work environment of Town employees.

Attorney Olson informed the Council that this cannot be voted on at this meeting as it is not on the agenda. She recommended sending out the RFQ, getting the proposals in and then appropriating funds once the firm is selected.

A. Waters and S. Fortenbach rescinded their motion and second to appropriate \$40,000 within the CNR for the purpose of conducting a study regarding the climate and culture of the work environment of Town employees.

C. ADJOURN

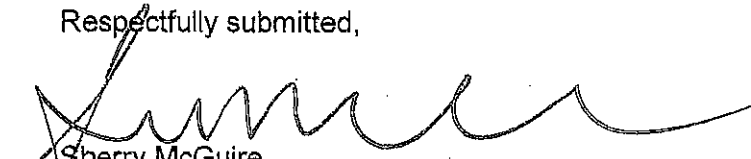
MOTION made by J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by S. Fortenbach to adjourn.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, P. Luna, J. Henahan, A. Waters

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry McGuire
Secretary

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

The Town of Cromwell received \$2,047,830 on June 22, 2021 as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Town is slated to receive the 2nd half of these funds, another \$2,047,830, in June 2022. In total, the Town is scheduled to receive \$4,095,660.

At their February meeting, the Town Council voted to use the Revenue Replacement category for the ARPA funds, based on the (up to) \$10 million standard allowance as defined in the Treasury's Final Rule that came out at the end of December. This category provides for greater flexibility in the way monies can be spent and simplified reporting.

These funds must be committed prior to 12/31/2024 and fully expended by 12/31/2026. To date, the Town committed \$165,000 to give Town and Fire District employees premium pay, \$900,000 for the reconstruction of the Watrous Park tennis courts, \$500,000 to purchase two dump trucks, and \$125,000 to hire an engineering consultant for the analysis of stormwater issues. The Town Council also authorized setting aside \$615,000, or 15%, for RiverCOG to address the negative impact of the pandemic on the local economy. This set-aside has not yet been committed or expended.

The following is an example of concepts that have been discussed internally with rough estimates for costs. Many of these ideas need further exploration into the scope and/or cost. In some cases, other grant opportunities may exist and should be tapped before the Town uses ARPA funds for them.

1. PUBLIC HEALTH

- a. Improve/Expand Outdoor Spaces (*Appropriated \$900,000 for Watrous Park tennis courts): The increased need for outdoor spaces for social distancing during the pandemic resulted in additional use of the Town's park facilities and sports areas. The Town's ability to effectively provide park and recreation services to the community is decreased as a result. Areas that would be addressed include pavilion repairs/improvements, additional picnic tables, *tennis court improvements, playing fields, ADA accessibility improvements, and outdoor trail improvements. Also, include additional trees and vegetation on Town properties, encouraging a healthier lifestyle and improving air quality.
- b. Public Works Communication System (\$450,000): The current system is stretched and in need of an upgrade. Communication is limited in reception and geographic range. Additionally, the Public Works field forces can only communicate with other Public Works departments. An upgraded system would enhance the range throughout the State and provide the ability to communicate with surrounding municipalities and State agencies in the event of large storms or other public health emergencies.
- c. Water Bottle Filling Stations (\$10,000): Replace water fountains located in Town Hall, Library, Police Station and Parks with water bottle filling

stations. Water fountains were shut down in response to the pandemic and transmission of the virus. Accessible drinking water is public service to those parties utilizing services within the Town facilities and parks. Providing a contactless means of accessing drinking water in public spaces will address the current situation as well as thwarting the spread of future COVID-19 variants and other viruses.

2. **NEGATIVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS (No funding levels identified yet)**

- a. Increase Donations to Community Health Center for mental health services, Eddy Center for homeless shelters, Community Renewal Team for increased meals, and job search/resume assistance agencies. During the pandemic, these agencies saw an increase in the number of people they served from Cromwell. The Town's Human Services department provides information and referrals to these agencies.
- b. Aid to Small Businesses in the form of grants for enhancing outdoor spaces or to aid due to loss of income when the business was required to close. [probably addressed through RiverCog initiatives]
- c. Internet Access (payments, computers, routers) for individuals/families in need.
- d. Increase Assistance to Households beyond current levels for heat/electric and food to include expenses such as car repairs or insurance payments so people can get to work, water heater/AC repair or other unanticipated expenses for individuals/families in financial need.

3. **INFRASTRUCTURE**

- a. Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement Study (\$125,000): With the increasing frequency of severe storms, there are a couple of areas that have experienced repeated flooding within the past few years. Two areas that would be included in this study are Cedar Drive and Coles Road, and Nooks Hill Road to address capacity issues from Shadow Brook. Additional areas may include Evergreen Road near Millennium Drive and Copper Knoll, the intersection of Geer and Court Streets, and West Street near Pierson Park. The purpose of this study would be to analyze the problem and provide possible solutions with cost estimates for consideration.
- b. Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements (\$X,000,000?): Potential cost associated with item #4(c) above.
- c. Stormwater Flooding Mitigation (\$21,000): Increased frequency of severe storms and flooding necessitates additional resources to mitigate rising flood waters. This expense would include a dedicated sand shed, sand bag filler attachment for bobcat, and additional sand bags.
- d. Green Infrastructure Investments (\$25,000): Improvements that support stormwater system resiliency, including general drainage improvements using a variety of low impact development (LID) measures. Increasing the number of trees and allowing the establishment of natural vegetation within Town property would also improve water filtration.

- e. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation-Phase V (\$300,000): The 4,290 feet of sewer pipes to be rehabilitated, along Nordland Avenue to South Street, South Street, Geer Street, and Raymond Place, were built in 1968 and 1977. Additionally, laterals on Briadon Drive and Main Street need new installation of top hat and linings. [Sewer Usage Fund Balance: \$2.9M]
- f. Sanitary Sewer Installations (\$X00,000?): Existing residences along Shadow Lane currently have older septic systems. Additionally, new housing development is also being considered. The connection of this area to the Town's sanitary sewer system would alleviate potential issues arising from failing septic systems and provide improved sewerage systems to new homes. Removal of septic areas improves stormwater quality through the elimination of illicit discharges from failed or failing septic systems.
- g. Fire District/Water Division [Grants,
- i. Emergency Interconnection Project (\$1,750,000): Water infrastructure project
 - ii. Water Main Replacement Project (\$2,776,000): Replace partial lead goose necks in the water service lines. Can be broken down into phases.
4. MISCELLANEOUS (allowable under Standard Revenue Loss option/provision of Government Services)
- a. Improvements to Communication Systems (\$60,000): In responding to the pandemic, the Town recognized the need to improve/enhance the existing telephone system so the public has greater access to various Town services and departments. Additional upgrades to the Council Chambers for improved live streaming or hybrid meetings are being evaluated as well.
 - b. 6-Wheel Dump Trucks (2) (\$500,000): Replacement of two dump/plow trucks that have significant repair issues.
5. PREMIUM PAY
- a. Premium Pay for Essential Workers (\$165,000): Town employees, including Fire District and Water Division employees continued to provide essential services by physically reporting to work and being present to meet the daily needs of the community while putting themselves at risk of contracting COVID-19 before vaccines were available.