

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022 – 4:15 P.M.
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Spotts opened the Public Hearing at 4:15 p.m. and read the legal notice below into the record:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CROMWELL**

The Town Council of the Town of Cromwell, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 4:15 p.m. in the Cromwell Town Hall, Council Chambers, located at 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT regarding the proposed 2022-2023 (five year) Capital Improvement Program. Citizens may direct comments regarding the proposed Capital Improvement Program to mayor@cromwellct.com.

A copy of the Capital Improvement Program, in its entirety, is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut and will be posted online at www.cromwellct.com.

Dated at Cromwell, Connecticut this 17th day of February 2022.

Allan Spotts, Mayor
For the Town Council

Mayor Spotts then gave the opportunity for anyone from the public to speak.

Ann Keiser of 7 Hill Lane asked the Town Council and the Mayor to revisit the issue of the limited space for the Cromwell Senior Center and the Recreation Department. For many years we have focused on increasing businesses in our town to help support taxes. In addition, we have focused on the needs of the space available for our schools. I feel it is now time to focus on the needs of the Senior Center and the Recreation Department and find a way to create a Community Center.

Now that there is an effort to determine what will be done with the Middle School, perhaps this is an opportunity to work together to see if we can tie together an effort to fit the need of the three groups.

Mayor Spotts read the letter below from **Luella D. Landis, Chair of Senior Services Commission** into the record:

Dear Mayor Spotts and Town Council Members:

This letter is being sent to express concerns regarding the numerous space needs of the Cromwell Senior Center. It is critical that plans be made to ameliorate these conditions and that fiscal planning be given to the building of a new Community/Senior Center. Over the past years, this issue has been raised numerous times-- now is the time to act!

One of the Town Manager's goals in 2021-2022 was to address the space needs of the center, and he requested \$40,000 in last year's Capital Plan to do a space study, with the results being that we do not have adequate space where we are currently at in the Town Hall, and after buildings at Pierson Park were looked at, they were deemed too small for our needs. At this point no funds have been requested for any further action. Now is the time to act!

Were it not for the fact that there are serious medical situations within my family, I would be at tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, I cannot be there. Thanks for your consideration.

MOTION made by J. Donohue and **SECONDED** by S. Fortenbach and was unanimously approved to close the Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing closed at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda Calve".

Amanda Calve
Secretary