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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Present:

Mayor A. Spotts, Deputy Mayor S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue,

J. Henehan, and P. Luna

Also Present: Town Manager Salvatore, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Chief of Police

Lamontagne and Captain Sifodaskalakis

Absent:

A. Waters

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by J. Demetriades and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to add Agenda Item G.6. Discussion and action to add the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment to the appropriation approved for the School Building Project's architectural schematic designs, to move H. Chief of Police's Update after G. Town Manager's Update, and to move J. Citizen Comments to after C. Approval of Agenda.

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

Motion carried.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIAISON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

Councilman Demetriades complimented the Chair and Co-Chair of the LBTQIA+ Commission by saying they have done an excellent job. He informed the Council that the Chair sent an email with attachments and that they were provided to the Town Council this evening.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steven Falco, 20 Christian Hill Road read his letter into the record. See Attachment A.

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Ann Grasso, 70 Strand Circle read her letter into the record. See Attachment B.

Jim Rude, 25 High Ridge Road encouraged the Town Council and the Fire District to consider working together to see where the Town can save money. He stated that he supports the Fire District and the Police Department, however, there are ways we can save money. For example, we have two sets of dispatch, half a million to pay for the Police Department and half a million to pay for the Fire Department, he suggested this could be combined for a savings. He also gave the example of audits that are required for both the Town and Fire District and suggested this could be looked at. He encouraged the Town to look for ways we can work together to save money.

Anne Kaiser, 7 Bow Lane, Vice Chairperson of the Senior Services Commission said we should review what we have done already. We have a building design that we should build off of. We can work with the School Building Committee and work off of the same land. These are just ideas, but she suggested we all work together.

Rosemary Matus, 4 Blackwell Drive, addressed the Town Council and expressed that there are so many 501C3 organizations in town with no place to meet. They are constantly asking churches or halls. For this reason and others, she feels that a Community Center would be the way to go. She suggested using the existing middle school as a community center once a new school is built.

Alison Rydzewski,123 West Street, addressed the Town Council and expressed that more space is needed. She gave the example of how she and others are in a wheel chair and experience difficulty moving around in the chair with the lack of space at the existing senior center.

Brendon Kruh, 586 Main Street, feels it would be valuable to conduct a study to see what a Community Center would do for the Town. He stated that 501C3 organizations have a difficult time finding ample space to meet or host events. Inside space is valuable. He encouraged the Town Council to explore getting a proposal and the funding logistics.

Theresa, 123 West Street, Fox Glen said she moved to Cromwell because it's the place to be. She used to not want to go to the Senior Center but she realized once she started going, that Senior Centers keep seniors young. She is in support of new Community/Senior Center.

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Councilman Demetriades read a letter from Danielle Libera Tencza into the record. See Attachment C.

Ned Pendleton, 43 Spruce Lane read his letter into the record. See Attachment D.

Michael, 1 Blackhaw Drive, He moved here from Wolcott. He is associated with Knights of Columbus and assisted with lugging food to the Senior Center. He informed the Council that he put them in a person's two car garage as there was not enough space at the Senior Center. He feels a Community/Senior Center would serve a good purpose for those that are in need.

Mayor Allan Spotts read a letter from Mertie Terry of 589 Main Street into the record. See Attachment E.

Mayor Allan Spotts read a letter from Luella Landis, 16 Prospect Hill Road, Chairperson of the Senior Services into the record. See Attachment F.

Mayor Allan Spotts read a letter from Ruth Checko of 5 Nooks Hill Road into the record. See Attachment G.

Mayor Allan Spotts read a letter from the Cromwell Children's Coalition into the record. See Attachment H.

Councilwoman Donohue read a letter from Shannon Hughes-Brown into the record. See Attachment I.

MOTION made by J. Demetriades and **SECONDED** by S. Fortenbach to move Item G.4. To immediately after Item J. Citizen Comments.

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

E. MAYOR'S UPDATE

- **2/16** First Charter Revision Commission Meeting was held. They elected Jenn Lapore as the Chairperson.
- 2/18 He attended the Middle School Building Committee Meeting, Rosanna Glynn was elected as Chairperson. (pending appointment by Town Council)
- 3/2 He attended the second CMS Building Committee meeting.
- 3/2 He attended the second Charter Revision Commission Meeting and Phil Gagnon was elected as the Vice Chairperson.

- He attended the Wedding Singer play put on by Cromwell High School and congratulated the cast, crew, and pit band on an amazing job.
- 3/5 He attended the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Fundraiser at the TPC and presented citations to both the Town Honoree, Cheryl Gagnon and Parade Marshal, Patricia Branciforte.

F. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

- He attended CMS Building Committee meeting
- As far as Economic Development, he has been working with Director of Planning and Development Stuart Popper about interest in locations in town, particularly 100 Berlin Road.
- He and Mr. Popper have been discussing marijuana distribution. He added that only one distribution location is allowed per State Statute. He told the Council he will have Stuart attend next month's Town Council meeting to provide more information.

G. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

1. Budget Report

Finance Director Sylvester presented her budget report to the Town Council.

2. Tax Refunds

Motion **made** by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to approve Tax Refunds #1-12.

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

3. Farmers Market

Town Manager Salvatore explained to the Town Council that the residents who ran the Farmers Market have decided not to move forward with it this year. He presented the plan as outlined in the memo for the Farmers Market.

The Town Council asked questions regarding fees, sponsor levels and number of hours per week that would have to be worked. It was also asked if the Town could create a job description for the Market Manager so it is outlined what the job is and to make sure all duties are fulfilled. Town Manager Salvatore indicated that we would work on one.

3a. Discussion and action to establish a Special Revenue Fund for the Town of Cromwell Farmers Market as proposed.

The Town Manager commended Heather and Jeff Polke for starting the Farmers Market and for doing a great job.

Motion **made** by J. Demetriades and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to establish a Special Revenue Fund for the Town of Cromwell Farmers Market as proposed.

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

3b. Approval of 2022 Proposed Fees for Farmers Market

Motion **made** by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by P. Luna to approve the 2022 proposed Farmers Market Fees as demonstrated in the memo. **In favor:** A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna. *Motion carried.*

3c. Approval of stipend for Market Manager's Payment Arrangement

Motion **made** by P. Luna and **seconded** by J. Demetriades to approve the stipend for Market Manager's Payment Arrangement. **In favor:** A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna. *Motion carried.*

4. Discussion and action to appropriate \$5,000 within the CNR Fund for the conceptual architectural design work for the Community/Senior Center.

Finance Director Marianne Sylvester was present to answer questions of the Town Council. She explained that once we have the costs for the Middle School and for the Community/Senior center then we need to evaluate how to weave the amounts in the long-range capital planning process to minimize impact to the Mil Rate.

Motion **made** by J. Donohue and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to appropriate \$5,000 within the CNR Fund for the conceptual architectural design work for the Community/Senior Center.

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

4a. Discussion and action to expand scope of work for Town Hall Facility Space Study for architectural design of Community/Senior Center.

Motion **made** by J. Donohue and **seconded** by J. Henehan to expand scope of work for Town Hall Facility Space Study for architectural design of Community/Senior Center and continue to work with Silver Petrocelli to complete it.

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

Discussion and action to approve increase of wages for Seasonal Workers. Public Works Director Russo was in attendance to answer any questions of the Council.

Motion **made** by J. Donohue and **seconded** by J. Henehan to approve the increase of wages for Seasonal Workers to \$18.78 per hour. **In favor:** A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna. *Motion carried.*

6. Discussion and action to expand the scope of the appropriation approved for the School Building Project's schematic designs.

The Town Council had a brief discussion with the Finance Director regarding this request.

Motion **made** by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to expand the scope of the appropriation previously made for the school building project to allow for the cost of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. **In favor:** A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna. **Motion carried.**

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne presented her report to the Town Council. She made the following correction to her report: Sergeant Bengtson and Sergeant KOGUT will complete their FBI LEEDA Trilogy next month. She also added that there will be a Meet and Greet at Pierson Park on April 9th and the Easter bunny will be there.

I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

- Sunday and Monday his crew was plowing snow.
- He commended all Public Works Divisions for getting him up to speed
- He has a meeting with Little League on Friday regarding lighting

- He has received calls regarding paving and he is in discussions with the Town Engineer and Finance.
- Thanked the Town Council and BOF for approving the tennis court project.
 He said that an electrician is coming tomorrow to fix the light switch. He also has an assessment being done on the lights to cover them to LED which will be a cost savings to the Town.
- The Public Works crew is prepared for Spring as far as their sweepers and mowers and other equipment. They are ready to go once the winter weather is behind us.
- He will be changing three trees downtown. There are existing shrubs, he brought in an arborist for some advice and they are going to swap them out within the next two weeks.
- An assessment will be scheduled on the basketball court lights to also change to LED for a cost savings.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action for the Town Council to provide a Charge for the Charter Revision Commission.

A brief discussion was held regarding suggestions for revisions to the Charter. Motion **made** by J. Demetriades and **seconded** by J. Henehan to explore four-year terms for the Town Council, to explore the expansion of the Town Council to 9 members and to look at the possibility of staggered terms, to change the Tax Collector and Town Clerk to Town appointed (employees) from elected officials, to eliminate or clarify the duties of the Board of Finance, and to explore a stipend for the Mayor.

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

2. Discussion and possible action for conceptual approval to utilize Town-owned land between Evergreen Estates (55+ community) and the Landon Apartments for a District water/communications tank (map provided).

Town Manager Salvatore stated that there are no restrictions on the highlighted parcel provided to the Town Council. He added that we have a regulation that allows governmental use in any zone. The Fire District only has one water tank. They would like to have a back up tank in the event that they would have to service their existing water tank. He informed the Council that the reason for this requested motion is so that he can at least have open discussion with the Fire District to discuss this and move forward with them.

Motion **made** by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to authorize the Town Manager to discuss the conceptual plan with the Fire District regarding a District water tank/communication tower.

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

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
 Motion made by J. Donohue and seconded by S. Fortenbach to approve the meeting minutes of February 9, 2022
 In favor: A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna. Motion carried.
- 2. February 28, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes Motion made by J. Donohue and seconded by J. Henehan to approve the Public Hearing minutes of February 28, 2022 with the correction of the spelling of the last name Kaiser, and address correction to 7 Bow Lane. In favor: A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna. Abstained: J. Demetriades Motion carried.
- February 28, 2022 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes
 Motion made by S. Fortenbach and seconded by J. Donohue to approve the
 Budget Workshop Meeting minutes of February 28, 2022.
 In favor: A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, J. Henehan,
 P. Luna. *Motion carried.*

M. RESIGNATIONS

None.

N. APPOINTMENTS

 Approval of CMS Building Committee Chairperson, Rosanna Glynn Motion made by S. Fortenbach and seconded by J. Donohue to approve Rosanna Glynn as the CMS Building Committee Chairperson.
 In favor: A. Spotts, S. Fortenbach, J. Demetriades, J. Donohue, J. Henehan, P. Luna. *Motion carried.*

Councilman Fortenbach informed the Town Council that he had an extensive conversation with Rosanna Glynn. She is going to do a great job and she has an

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impressive background. He added that there are great people on that committee and feels that they will do a great job.

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 1. Henderson Field Lighting
 - Town Manager Salvatore presented the Memorandum of Understanding he prepared regarding the lighting at Henderson Field.
- Councilwoman Donohue asked the Town Manager about the status of working with the Fire District regarding cost saving solutions between the Town of Cromwell and the District. She recalled that we had something in play before COVID hit and wondered if we were back on the table to move forward or if the Fire District came to us with any ideas for savings. The Town Manager replied that he has discussions with the Fire District on a regular basis and there are some things we can work together on. He and the Fire District are talking and looking at ways to come together and save money for our taxpayers.

P. ADJOURN

Motion made by J. Donohue and seconded by J. Henehan to adjourn.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Calve Secretary

STEVEN PALCO 20 CHRISTIAN HILL ROAD CROMWELL 860-613-0118

Attachment A Pg1

My name is Steven Falco and I live at 20 Christian Hill Rd. falcosten eg men At the western end of Coles Rd. I've lived in Cromwell for just 15 yrs. and I retired about two years ago. I want to not only show my support for a community/senior center by being here tonite, but also to express in words my support. When I retired from 17 yrs. in an office position, I couldn't wait to meet people my own age and start a new life on my own schedule, and to engage in activities and hobbies and interests that I didn't have time for while working. I wanted to get in touch with town activities and contribute what I could. To actively give back to the community I call home.

I found that opportunity at the Cromwell Senior Center. I'm continually making new friends and find the wonderful staff dedicated to the well-being of us seniors.

However, we need more space! To see around the winter holidays the out-pouring of good-will filling the hallways and very staff offices with donated food and goods for people in need was both heartwarming and astounding. To have so much donated and hardly enough room to store it. Daily I see senior center staff having to shuffle furniture from space to space to meet the needs of the next activity. There is so much going on it's a wonder how it all gets done. But it does get done...and done well. Amy and her staff get it done. Every day.

I know what it's like to have too much to do and not have the means to do it. Burn-out can sneak up in subtle ways.

I hope that doesn't happen simply because the people

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who have been elected and appointed to look out for Cromwell's community failed to act appropriately. And I'm talking about our whole community - all ages.

As we go through life, what we call "home" changes. We have many "homes" There are certain milestones in life that offer various homes. It can be schools, careers, retirement, and yes, even illness and accidents. We all, young and old, need some sort of home. A new Community/Senior Center can be such a home - for young and old and everyone in between. How about it? Let's get it done so we can all say in Cromwell, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

Thank You.



CROMWELL CREATIVE DISTRICT

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

www.cromwellcreativedistrict.org/ cromwellcreativedistrict@gmail.com

DATE:

3.9.22

TO:

Cromwell Town Council and Town Manager

RE:

Proposed Community Center

Cromwell Creative District (CCD), a 501c3 nonprofit, is here this evening to support the Senior Center and Recreation Department in their request to formally begin the assessment work required to properly plan both function and location of a Community Center. While it is beneficial to have these two activities housed in Town Hall where all departments and leadership are able to easily interact, programs are being stifled by the lack of space.

Other groups in town, especially the nonprofits, also find it difficult to gain meeting and event space within the already crowded Town Hall. There is no theater/movie house in Cromwell; and if an auditorium is included, movies, plays, dance, and musical events can be held in the evenings and weekends when residents and visitors are looking for activities. A full-size basketball court, a squash court, a well-designed creative activities room, a game room, and the list goes on, will entice new residents to want to live in Cromwell.

Bringing in businesses is not the only way to make Cromwell thrive. Creating Community in a brick-and-mortar facility will provide intergenerational and diverse interactions that are currently not possible.

CCD strongly endorses building a Community Center.

Rethink How You See Cromwell

AHachment C

Company 'N Tempo Music Theatre & Dance Centre

Statement to Town Council

Re: Need for Cromwell Community Center

To the Town Council:

Company 'N Tempo has been a business in Cromwell for over 30 years, supporting, encouraging and teaching the performing arts to our community.

Booking performance space is a yearly obstacle for us. We hold performances that range anywhere from **100 – 600 audience members**. We are at the mercy of local schools, having to work around their schedules and often not having the room for us.

For our largest performances in June, we **book out of town** because Cromwell does not have a big enough auditorium for us. This unfortunately means **high rental fees** and custodial fees.

For our musicals, we have substantial **set pieces** which require a lot of rehearsal time on stage. The local schools do not have the room for us to store our set pieces a few weeks in advance or for us to be on stage a few weeks before the show, which makes preparation difficult for the cast and crew.

If we had a community center large enough for performance space, my hope would be that our students could have an extensive musical theatre experience with more rehearsal time on a stage.

Our performances are usually:

November – Fall Musical

May – Music Recitals (Piano, Guitar, Singing)

June - Theater and Dance End of the Year Performance

July/August – Summer Musical

And we would do more performances if it was convenient to do so.

My questions would be about cost of usage, rules of usage/storage etc.

I would be happy to have further discussions about the need for performance space and appreciate the consideration of this.

Danielle Libera Tencza

Company 'N Tempo Owner/Director



Attachment D

43 Spruce Lane Cromwell, CT 06416 March 9, 2022

Mr. Mayor, Town Council members, Town Manager,

I'm Ned Pendleton. I live at 43 Spruce Lane on the Covenant Living Campus. As chair of Covenant's Facilities Management committee, I'm representing the Executive Committee of the Resident Council here tonight. We support the Senior Center and Recreation Department in requesting a formal beginning to the assessment work required to plan both the function and location of a Community Center.

A Community Center is needed. Seniors need more extensive facilities in town. Whereas Covenant Living would like to invite the public to some events, the limited size of our auditorium and the lack of parking make it difficult.

Our campus doesn't have a pool or courts for tennis or pickleball. Our residents would like those and would use them.

But beyond seniors, a place where all ages and all groups could share facilities is badly needed. Cromwell has a superior library for a town its size. It also should have a superior senior center and recreational facilities. Perhaps it could be a location for a community daycare center. Amenities like these will draw people to live here.

Calve, Amanda

From: MERTIE L TERRY <mterry589@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 11:23 AM

To: Kieras, Scott; Mayor; Saada, Amy; Louella Landis

Subject: Cromwell Communty Center

Good morning all:

Please accept this e-mail as my wholehearted support of the Town of Cromwell moving forward with a plan to build/buy/rent (or whatever), to make available to the citizens of our town a Cromwell Community Center.

Why a Community Center? The answer is easy. Look around us.

We are a Town of approximately 14,243. as of 2021. That's quite a lot of people to be served if they look to us for help or support.

How you ask, would a Community Center help Cromwell? Easy. It can become a place where seniors can gather to make new friends, enjoy old friendships, partake in the arts, music and an occasional luncheon or dinner. Where kids and young adults can enjoy sports, activities and have a social interaction without fear of being bullied or made fun of. In other words a "safe" and wonderful place for all.

And, please as you look to the future keep in mind that our town is growing and will continue to grow as people recognize the value of our community and move here. We can no longer "kick the can" down the road - we need to stand up and say - okay it's time - time for Cromwell to start planning for a much needed and welcomed Community Center. So on that note, I am asking that the Park and Recreation Committee join members of the Senior Commission in supporting a Community Center for Cromwell. Thank you! Mertie Terry 589 Main Street Cromwell CT

Attachment F

Calve, Amanda

From:

Luella D.Landis < gwla620@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, March 7, 2022 2:12 PM

To:

Mavor

Subject:

Comments for March 9, 2022 Town Council Meeting: Funding for a Community Center

Dear Mayor Spotts and Members of the Cromwell Town Council:

First of all, the Cromwell Senior Services Commission would like to thank Councilwoman Jennifer Donohue for addressing the request of our Commission concerning funding for a Community Center.

Secondly, we strongly recommend that funding for this project be re-appropriated and included in the town budget so that further steps can be taken toward achieving the goal of a Community Center for all the citizens of Cromwell. Enough funding should be allocated for the next steps of design, and appropriate location selection.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Luella D. Landis Chair Cromwell Senior Services Commission

Attachment G

Calve, Amanda

From:

Ruth Checko < rchecko@avonct.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:05 PM

To:

Mayor

Subject:

Community Center Discussion

Hello Mayor Spotts,

I am a resident of Cromwell, serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee and a Parks and Recreation professional. I will am writing to say that I am in support of a Community Center. With that said, I am also in support of better athletic fields in Cromwell.

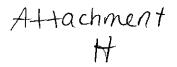
Ruth Checko Director of Recreation and Parks

Avon Recreation and Parks Department <u>60 West Main Street</u> Avon, CT 06001 Office: (860) 400-4332

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March 6, 2022

TO:

Cromwell Town Council

FROM:

Cromwell Childrens Coalition

RE:

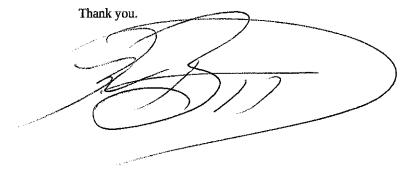
Community Center

The Cromwell Childrens Coalition believes a community center would be very beneficial for the Town of Cromwell. The residents, from toddlers through Senior Citizens, would have access to additional programs with the extra space- especially during the daytime hours. Meeting space, and possibly even storage space, could be made available to recognized Cromwell non-profit organizations to assist in their development and, therefore, benefit the entire community.

A community center could be a valuable asset to our youth by providing jobs, after school activities and even the chance for peer to peer programming. By this we mean, High School students working with younger children in school work and clubs (robotics, arts, music, sports, gardening etc).

This type of programming would benefit the entire community in that working parents would have a safe place for their children after school, jobs, and most importantly, the chance for our elder youth to grow into adults who value giving back to others in their town.

We realize that this is a major undertaking, but the upside far outweighs the cost of the project in the long term. The Cromwell Childrens Coalition hopes that a community center comes to fruition in the near future for the town of Cromwell.





Attachment I

Calve, Amanda

From:

Calve, Amanda on behalf of Mayor

Sent:

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:41 PM

To:

Allan Spotts (Aspotts@cromwellct.com); Anthony Salvatore

Subject:

FW: Community Center Allocation

From: Shannon Hughes-Brown <shannon.m.hughes@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2:22 PM

To: Mayor <mayor@cromwellct.com>; Donohue, Jennifer <jdonohue@cromwellct.com>; Luna, Paula

<pluna@cromwellct.com>; awater@cromwellct.com; Henehan, John < jhenehan@cromwellct.com>; Demetriades,

James <jdemetriades@cromwellct.com>; Fortenbach, Stephen <sfortenbach@cromwellct.com>

Subject: Community Center Allocation

Dear Mayor Spotts and members of the Cromwell Town Council,

I am writing this evening to express my support of allocating funds for architectural design work of a community center for the Town of Cromwell. A community center could provide additional programming for the town residents through the senior center and recreation department. This improves the overall health of residents and increases the town's sense of community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best, Shannon Hughes-Brown 7 Court Place

Shannon Hughes-Brown she | her shannon.m.hughes@gmail.com