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TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 11, 2016
7:00 PM TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5

Gloria Brendergast, Asst.
TOWN CLERK

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade,
F. Emanuele (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), A. Waters, T. Tokarz

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Finance Director M. Sylvester,
Captain K. VanderSloot, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

R. Newton led the pledge of allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Faienza added P. Resignations, #1. ZBA, a. David Ricard and Q.
Appointments # 10a. ZBA, Mark Zampino, Regular Member (to fill a vacancy) Term
expires November 2017.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried*
to approve the agenda as amended.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORTS

Liaison P. Sousa updated the Council on recent activities of the Board of
Education. (F. Emanuele arrived during Mr. Sousa's report)

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. T. Griffith, Hicksville Road -Requested more than a one year refund for the 10
years that she was overcharged taxes because of an error during the last
revaluation.
2. B. Jahn, Woodside Road - Stated his opinion that not enough information is
provided on certain topics such as the addition to the town hall parking lot,
Valor Green Memorial and the proposed Public Works facility.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Faienza reported:

- The Cromwell Schools Condition Study was presented at the last Board of
Education Meeting. A long-range planning meeting will be necessary before
moving forward.
- Attended the Dare Graduation; it was exceptional this year. The School
Resource Officers did an outstanding job.

- Director of Planning and Development S. Popper is in the process of planning the next Business Visitation. The Council will be informed of the schedule of the business visits when it is complete.
- He continues to meet with the 5 Mayors of surrounding towns to discuss regionalization possibilities.
- The Cromwell Merchants Car Show will be held on May 27th and the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade will be held on May 30th at 6:00 p.m.
- The Cromwell Division of the Chamber meeting will be held tomorrow at Chicago Sam's. The grand reopening of McDonalds on Route 372 will be held following the Chamber Division at 9:30 a.m.
- The ECS Flag Day Ceremony will be held on June 2nd this year because the last day of school will be on June 10th.
- He was asked to participate in the Veteran's Program that was held at Cromwell Middle School earlier in the evening. Senator Doyle and Representative Carpino honored Vietnam Veterans. It was an impressive program.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- He and Finance Director Sylvester continue to monitor the State Budget. If the amounts to date stay the same it appears that Cromwell will see a 4.9% decrease; since our budget was prepared to absorb a decrease in state funding we still appear to be ok.
- He and Public Works Director Spina continue to work on finding a location for the proposed Sewer/Highway Garage.
- He continues to work on the sale of the Main Street Property (South of Main).
- They are waiting for the date to be set for the SYSCO County Line Road closing. It is in the hands of the attorneys.
- The Town now owns 60-61 River Road. It went through P&Z and we are now in the same position to use the property as the previous owners.
- They are moving forward with the grant to put a fishing pier at Cromwell Landing.
- The Dog Park remains closed; the grass is coming up and they are hoping to keep the park closed until the grass is stabilized.
- A letter will be going out shortly to advise the Community Garden participants that the policy that was approved by a previous Board of Selectmen will be enforced. All personal property must be cleared at the end of the season and the garden will be tilled and prepared for the next season.
- He is looking at increasing fees in the Building and Health Departments and implementing fees for out-of-towners that participate in Senior Programs.
- The Library Staff is doing an outstanding job keeping the library running. They were down two employees and managed to keep the library operating smoothly with no reduction in services.
- A meeting is scheduled next week regarding reorganization with employees that will be affected with the reorganization.

- The Town Hall-white collar contract has been signed; it is a two year contract.
- Negotiations with the Police Union have started.
- Negotiations with the Public Works Blue Collar Union will begin this week.
- The COG/DOT Grant for Coles Road appears to be getting a favorable response. If received it will be used to widen and repave Coles Road from Route 9 to Route 3.
- He had a phone conversation with the Mayor of Middletown regarding extending the care and maintenance agreement that the Town of Cromwell and City of Middletown has in the area of Industrial Park Road since FedEx is moving into Middletown. They will continue to discuss this matter in the future.
- The residents receive many services from the Town; our Seniors are not charged for any programs as they are in surrounding towns, our Parks are well maintained, all residents are reimbursed for tipping fees, they receive Police, Library and Public Works services.
- He continues to be impressed with the Staff; they do an excellent job.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Captain VanderSloot reported:

- The Monthly Incident Report was distributed for April 2016.
- The Department remains very busy.
- Officer Perlini continues to do well. Officer Molina and Augenstein continue to do well at the academy.
- The Click-it and Ticket-it program is in progress it is 100% reimbursable; they are concentrating on seat belts and cell phones.
- The pedestrian that was stuck by a motor vehicle is expected to be ok.
- A recent drug arrest resulted in a seizure of \$2,900 in cash and 2 ounces of marijuana.

I. PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Town Manager Salvatore presented Public Works Director Spina's report in his absence;

- The Splash Pad installation was completed last week. The downed and dead trees have been removed and the parking area adjacent to the Splash Pad has been resurfaced. Mr. Spina will be meeting with the Recreation Director and Contractor to have benches and tables installed. The rules and regulations are on tonight agenda for the Council's approval.
- Downtown Drainage Project; May 9th is the start of the 60 period for the contractor to complete work. Work should begin by the end of the week.
- On April 18th staff re-graded, raked and seeded the areas of the park that was damaged by the run off caused by heavy rains. The grass seems to be taking root; they are monitoring the progress and hope to reopen soon.
- Park Maintenance staff redid the two infields, Franklin and Potter Fields at Pierson Park.
- The River Road property that the town recently acquired was mowed and cleared of litter. It is being enjoyed by residents.

- All centerlines, crosswalks and stop bars have been repainted throughout the town.
- Proposals were received from the State DAS website for milling and paving contractors. After an internal transfer is received, work will be scheduled for this fiscal year. North Road, 110 feet north of Christian Hill Road to Pasco Hill Road were selected using the Pavement Management software.
- The town will participate in an online surplus auction (publicsurplus.com) on May 20, 2016 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Budget Reports

Finance Director Sylvester reported:

- Legal Expense is being watched closely. The Town Attorney's line may exceed the budgeted amount. An inter-fund transfer may be necessary in June.
- Revenue is looking better because the State ECS Grant payment was received with the adjustment that was found by the Board of Education.
- The current tax collection is budgeted at 98.75%; it was \$40,000 short as of last week.
- So far State Aid for 16/17 was cut \$288,000; they are hoping for the best until the State budget is finalized. Since they planned accordingly during our budget process we are still ok.
- The Long Range Planning Committee will reconvene shortly.
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K. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve Tax Refunds 1-4.

- ##### **2. Discussion and action to approve a transfer of \$872,400 from the General Fund fund balance to the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund for 2016-17 capital requests, as approved by the Board of Finance.**

Finance Director Sylvester presented the request.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve a transfer of \$872,400 from the General Fund fund balance to the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund for 2016-17 capital requests, as approved by the Board of Finance.

L. STAFF REPORTS

- ##### **1. Economic Development Coordinator's Report for April 2016. A written report was attached to the agenda packet.**

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ##### **1. Continue discussion and possible action on Solid Waste Report. - Tabled** Left tabled.

2. Discussion and possible action on street light conversion. -Tabled
Left tabled.
3. To consider and act upon Library Expansion Project. -Tabled
Left tabled.

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible approval of Rules & Regulations for the Splash Pad located at Watrous Park.

Town Manager Salvatore presented the request in Public Works Director L. Spina's absence.

Motion made by E. Wenners seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve Rules & Regulations for the Splash Pad located at Watrous Park.
(attached to minutes)

O. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. April 13, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion made by E. Wenners seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve the minutes of April 13, 2016.

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade

Abstained: F. Emanuele (was not able to attend this meeting)

2. May 3, 2016 Special Meeting

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by T. Tokarz and *carried* to approve the minutes of May 3, 2016.

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, S. Slade

Abstained: E. Wenners (was not able to attend this meeting)

P. RESIGNATIONS

1. Zoning Board of Appeals
 - a. David Ricard

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to accept Mr. Ricard's resignation with regret.

Q. APPOINTMENTS

1. Connecticut River Valley & Shoreline Visitors Council

- a. Steven Gorss, reappointment, term expires March 2018

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to reappoint Mr. Gorss to the Connecticut River Valley & Shoreline Visitor's Council.

2. Conservation Commission

- a. Amanda Drew, reappointment alternate, Term Expires January 2017

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to reappoint Ms. Drew as an alternate to the Conservation Commission.

3. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses

- a. Jeremy Zeedyk, reappointment alternate, Term Expires January 2018

Motion made by E. Wengers seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to reappoint Mr. Zeedyk as an alternate to the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency.

4. Planning and Zoning

- a. David Fitzgerald, reappointment alternate, Term Expires December 2017

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to reappoint Mr. Fitzgerald as an alternate to Planning and Zoning.

5. Regional Mental Health Board

- a. Diane Mongold, reappointment, Term Expires April 2018

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to reappoint Ms. Mongold to the Regional Mental Health Board.

6. Senior Services Commission

- a. Madeleine Lowry, reappointment, Term Expires April 2018

- b. Claire Hickey, reappointment, Term Expires April 2018

- c. Caroljoyce Cannito, reappointment, Term Expires April 2018

- d. Mertie Terry, reappointment, Term Expires April 2018

- e. Patricia Sienna, reappointment, Term Expires April 2018

- f. Eleanor Corciullo, reappointment, Term Expires April 2108

Motion made by E. Wengers seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to reappoint members a-f to the Senior Services Commission.

7. Water Pollution Control Authority

- a. Robert Jahn, reappointment, Term Expires January 2020

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to reappoint Mr. Jahn to the CWPCA.

8. Zoning Board of Appeals

- a. Brian Fisk, reappointment alternate, Term Expires November 2017

- b. John Harris, reappointment alternate, Term Expires November 2017

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to reappoint Mr. Fisk and Mr. Harris to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

9. Committee to Support People with Disabilities

- a. Meagan Ribera, reappointment, Term Expires June 2017

- b. Jennifer Beck, reappointment, Term Expires June 2017

- c. Erin Hodlin, reappointment, Term Expires June 2017

- d. Brian Hodlin, reappointment, Term Expires June 2018

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to reappoint a-d to the Committee to Support People with Disabilities.

10. Zoning Board of Appeals

a. Mark Zampino, Regular Member (to fill vacancy)Term expires November2017
Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried*
to appoint Mr. Zampino as a regular member to the ZBA.

R. TOWN COUNCIL COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

T. Tokarz -Redevelopment Agency

A. Waters-Senior Services

F. Emanuele-Senior Services and Board of Education

E. Faienza-Charter Revision

R. Newton-Board of Education and CWPCA

E. Wenners-Board of Finance

S. Slade-Fire District

S. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by Tokarz and *unanimously carried*
to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Re Matus
Secretary

Incident Statistics Report

04/01/2016 00:00 Thru 04/30/2016 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
911 Hang Up Call	14
Administrative Matter	23
Alarm - All types	29
ALARM-FALSE BILLABLE	33
All Other Offenses	5
Animal Complaint	44
Assist Motorist	35
Assist Other Agency	36
Burglary	5
Car Seat Installation	3
Civil Matter	3
Counterfeit/Forgery	3
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	9
Dis Conduct/BOP	1
Domestic Incident	5
Drug - INFRACTION only	1
Drug/Narcotic Violation	1
DUI	1
Dumping	2
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	1
Fight/Disturbance	1
Fingerprinting	40
Follow Up	1
FV Protocol / P.A.	7
Identity Theft	3
Impaired / Intox Person	1
Juvenile Incident	15
Larceny - From Building	2
Larceny - From MV	11
Larceny - MV Parts/Access	1
Larceny -Shoplifting	8
Larceny, Bad Checks	1
Medical Emergency	45
Missing Person	1
MV Accident	32
MV Abandoned	4
MV ACCIDENT PRIV PROP	5
MV Parking Violation	7
MV Violation	186

Cromwell Police Department

Incident Statistics Report

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Call Type Description	Total for Period
Noise Complaint	4
Nursing Home Fax Report	3
Property Check	103
Property Lost/Found	10
Property Seized	4
Record Only Call	6
Road Cond/TCS Out	11
Runaway	1
See Complainant	35
Sex Assault Rape	1
Suspicious Activity	57
TEST CALL	1
Threaten/Harass/Intimidation	5
Town Ordinance	2
Traffic Assignment	9
Trespassing	1
Unfounded Complaint	20
Untimely Death	2
Unwanted Person	3
Well Being Check	13
Total:	916

Town of Cromwell

Splash Pad Rules & Regulations

Operational Hours: Daily from 9 AM to 8 PM

*Splash pad may be closed at any time due to weather,
maintenance or other operational concerns.*

***TO START:** Locate Activator in the middle on the top of the white stand post.

- Splash Pad is unsupervised.
- All children under the age of 12 must have adult supervision.
- Toddlers must wear swim diapers.
- Patrons engaging in horse play or foul language will be asked to leave.
- Climbing on the splash pad features is strictly prohibited.
- Keep glass containers, bicycles, skateboards and in-line skates off the splash pad.
- No food or drink on the splash pad.
- NO SMOKING.
- No pets allowed on splash pad.
- For your safety, splash pad is under video camera surveillance and is regularly monitored.

PLAY SAFE & ENJOY!