

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2015
7:00 PM TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, Councilors A. Waters, A. Spotts, M. Terry, S. Banic

Absent: F. Emanuele

Also Present: Acting Town Manager A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Police Captain D. LaMontagne, Tax Collector D. Sienna, Director of Public Works L. Spina, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Spotts led the pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Faienza added the following to the agenda:

Add New Business 6

a. Authorize Mayor to sign resolution.

Add New Business 7

a. Authorize Acting Town Manager to sign agreement.

b. Discussion and authorization to use LOCIP funds to pay for agreement between the Town of Cromwell and Cardinal Engineering.

c. Discussion and authorization for a bid waiver for agreement between the town of Cromwell and Cardinal Engineering.

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

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIAISON REPORTS

None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS (*Rules at the end of the agenda)

1. A. Varricchio, Kowal Drive -Expressed his displeasure regarding the Transfer Station Fees.
2. P. Ireland, Arrowwood Drive -Cromwell Outboard Association -Spoke regarding the status of their lease with the Town.
3. B. Fuller, Pleasant Street - Cromwell Outboard Association -Spoke regarding the status of their lease with the Town
4. M. Johnson, Pleasant Street - Spoke about several of his concerns.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Faienza reported:

- The last business visit was held at GKN, it was an informative tour and we are very lucky to have them in Town. The next business visit will be on April 23rd at 9:30 at the Mattabassett District.
- The town received the \$100,000 annual payment from Mattabassett.
- The Redevelopment Agency will hold a Public Meeting on April 15th.
- A letter of request to extend the present Cromwell Outboard Lease was received. After a short discussion the consensus of the Council was to let Acting Town Manager Salvatore start negotiations.
- The Cromwell Division of the Chamber meets tomorrow at the Coles Road Firehouse.
- There will be a Grand Opening Event at Pizza and Pasta on Main Street on April 15th at 4 p.m.
- Gave Kudos to the Police Department for the recent drug bust that occurred.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- A reduction of \$199,566 was found in the Health Care Line; that makes a total increase in the town budget of 1.3%.
- The Budget Workshops are running smoothly.
- He is working with the Finance Director and Public Works Director to transfer funds for road repairs. Black Haw and Sequoia are in serious need of repair.
- The Town website is a work in progress; overall the site looks good.
- The residents of Deming and Robbie Roads inquired why their roads have not been accepted by the town. He is working with P&Z to see what can be done to avoid future problems of builders not requesting road acceptance by the town for 4 to 5 years.
- A bill is working its way through the legislature for 911 funding. He will attend a meeting tomorrow on that subject.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Chief Salvatore reported:

- The Monthly Incident Report was distributed to the Council for March.
- Gave kudos to the Patrol and Detective Division for their work in the arresting of the Webster Bank robber and the recent drug bust where \$30,000 in cash and \$14,000 worth of drugs were confiscated.
- Concerned with the growing number of identity thief's; they have had 64 cases most of them were the IRS fraud.
- The Department had a swatting incident (false call to eat up resources) that reported a hostage situation in a municipal building.
- Please to announce that the Department is up to full strength.

I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director Spina reported:

- They are working on County Line Drive.
- The highway/sewer Department is doing 1000 feet of sewer line.
- They are working on the Spring Street Sweeping.
- The hot-asphalt plants are now open.
- They are looking into using CIP funds for road improvements.

J. FINANCIAL

1. Budget Reports

M. Sylvester presented the Budget Reports.

- The budget is on target.
- She is working with the Acting Town Manager and Public Works Director to funnel some of the surplus money to Public Works for road repairs.
- Last month's request to refund the Building Permit Fee to Solar City should have been refunded to Trinity Solar City. The correction was made and the fee was refunded to the proper party.
- On the Revenue side; Tax Collection is strong and miscellaneous revenue is a little ahead of target.

2. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1-12.

3. Discussion and action to approve Other Fund Budgets.

a. Sidewalk Fund -\$15,000

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve \$15,000.

b. Dog Fund -\$24,024

Motion made by A. Spotts seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve \$24,024.

c. Authorize Mayor to set time and date of Special Town Meeting to approve Other Funds Budgets.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize Mayor to set time and date of Special Town Meeting to approve Other Funds Budgets.

K. STAFF REPORTS

None

L. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Presentation by consulting engineer on possible sites for a new DPW/CWPCA facility with discussion and possible action to follow. -*Tabled*

Left tabled.

2. Discussion and action to approve request from the Mattabassett District to install odor monitors on town property.
R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.
Mayor Faienza read a letter regarding Odor Monitors that were recently installed on the Mattabassett Property, from Executive Director of the Mattabassett District, B. Armet.
No action taken.

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize the Tax Collector to abate the taxes plus interest upon the recording of the Quit Claim Deed to the Town of Cromwell from Westwind Home Owners Association and Coles Brook.
D. Sienna presented the request.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to authorize the Tax Collector to abate the taxes plus interest upon the recording of the Quit Claim Deed to the Town of Cromwell from Westwind Home Owners Association and Coles Brook.
2. Discussion and possible action to revise The Cromwell Blight Ordinance.
 - a. Authorize the Mayor to set time and date of Public Hearing to revise the Blight Ordinance.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the Mayor to set time and date of Public hearing to revise the Blight Ordinance with the addition under 99-9 #3. \$100.00 per day (fine).
3. Discussion and possible action to revise Vendor/Peddlers Ordinance.
 - a. Authorize the Mayor to set time and date of Public Hearing to revise the Vendor/Peddlers Ordinance.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the Mayor to set time and date of Public hearing to revise the Vendor/Peddlers Ordinance.
4. Grievance -IBPO Police Union
Detective Sergeant K. Vandersloot presented the Union's side.
Chief A. Salvatore and Captain D. LaMontagne presented the Town's side.
A short discussion followed.
 - a. Action if necessary
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to support the decision of the town. Grievance denied.
Aye: S. Banic, E. Faienza, R. Newton, A. Waters, A. Spotts
Nay: M. Terry
Motion carries

5. Discussion and action to approve Resolution Endorsing Submission of Brownfield Grant Application.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve Resolution Endorsing Submission of Brownfield Grant Application.

- a. Authorize Acting Town Manager Salvatore to sign the grant application.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by M. Terry and *unanimously carried* to authorize Acting Town Manager Salvatore to sign the grant application.

6. Discussion and action to approve Fair Housing Resolution.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve the Fair Housing Resolution

- a. Authorize Mayor to sign Resolution.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by M. Terry and *unanimously carried* to authorize Mayor to sign Resolution.

Al Waters asked to be excused and left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

7. Discussion and action to approve agreement for Engineering Services between the Town of Cromwell and Cardinal Engineering Associates, Inc. for the Northern Industrial Tier.

Public Works Director L. Spina presented the request.

- a. Authorize Acting Town Manager to sign agreement.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts to approve agreement for Engineering Services between the Town of Cromwell and Cardinal Engineering Associates, Inc. for the Northern Industrial Tier.

After a short discussion:

Amended Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve agreement for Engineering Services with Cardinal Engineering for the Northern Industrial Tier and authorize the Acting Town Manager to sign agreement pending discussion between Cardinal Engineering and the Acting Town Manager regarding Article III. Compensation.

Main Motion to approve agreement for Engineering Services and authorize the Acting Town Manager to sign agreement pending discussion regarding Compensation *unanimously carried as amended*.

- b. Discussion and authorization to use LOCIP funds to pay for agreement between the Town of Cromwell and Cardinal Engineering.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to appropriate LoCIP funds up to \$100,000.

- c. Discussion and authorization for a bid waiver for agreement between the Town of Cromwell and Cardinal Engineering.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to authorize bid waiver for agreement between the Town of Cromwell and Cardinal Engineering.

- 8. Continue discussion and possible action on Solid Waste Report.

- a. Action if necessary.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried to table*.

N. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Public Hearing, March 2, 2015, Capital Improvement Program

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of March 2, 2015.

- 2. Special Meeting, Budget Workshop, March 2, 2015

Motion made by S. Banic seconded by M. Terry and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting, Budget Workshop of March 2, 2015.

- 3. Special Meeting, March 5, 2015

Motion made by S. Banic seconded by S. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 5, 2015.

- 4. Special Meeting, Budget Workshop, March 5, 2015

Motion made by S. Banic seconded by M. Terry and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of March 5, 2015.

- 5. Special Meeting, March 11, 2015

Motion made by S. Banic seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of March 11, 2015.

Aye: S. Banic, M. Terry, E. Faienza, R. Newton

Abstained: A. Spotts (was unable to attend this meeting)

- 6. Regular Meeting, March 11, 2015

R. Newton asked that the minutes indicate that Transfer Station Passes would be sold in January of **2016**. (New Business #9, January 2016 ...2 places)

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Banic and *carried* to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2015 as corrected.

Aye: S. Banic, M. Terry, E. Faienza, R. Newton

Abstained: A. Spotts (was unable to attend this meeting)

O. RESIGNATIONS

None

P. APPOINTMENTS

1. Senior Services Commission

- a. Linda Polke, reappointment, Term Expires April 2017
- b. Mary Konopka, reappointment, Term Expires April 2017
- c. Helen Zalewski, reappointment, Term Expires April 2017
- d. Pat Alsup, reappointment, Term Expires April 2017
- e. Theresa Fucini, reappointment, Term Expires April 2017

Motion made by A. Spotts seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve appointments a - e.

2. Planning & Zoning

- 1. Kenneth Slade, to fill a vacant position, Term Expires November 2015

Motion made by M. Terry seconded by A. Spotts and *unanimously carried* to approve Mr. Slade's appointment.

Q. TOWN COUNCIL COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

- S. Banic -Board of Assessments
- M. Terry -ZBA and EDC
- E. Faienza -Board of Assessments
- R. Newton -CWPCA

R. GOOD & WELFARE

E. Faienza- Reminded the Council to let the American Legion know if they would be participating in the Memorial Day Parade. An invitation was in this month's packet.

S. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by A. Spotts seconded by S. Banic and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary