

TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY MAY 10, 2017
7:00 PM TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5

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TOWN CLERK

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, A. Waters, T. Tokarz,
E. Wenners, S. Slade

Absent: F. Emanuele

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. LaMontagne, Director of
Public Works L. Spina, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of Planning and
Development S. Popper, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tom Tokarz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by E. Wenners seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried*
to approve the agenda.

*Mayor Faienza presented a Proclamation to Lou Spina, Director of Public Works,
proclaiming the week of May 21st Public Works Week. Mr. Spina accepted the plaque
on behalf of the Public Works employees. Several members of the Public Works
Department were present.*

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT

None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. R. Jahn, Woodside Road -Mr. Jahn attended the Autumn Lake Business Visit and spoke very highly of the improvements made to the facility. He encouraged those present to make arrangements to tour the facility. Spoke favorably on extending the sewer line to the new building on Geer Street. Inquired if any Sewer items are included in the CNR transfer that appears on the agenda.
2. R. Waters, South Street -Spoke about several issues.

F. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Faienza reported:

- This month's Business Visit was a tour of Autumn Lake on Main Street. They have done an impressive amount of renovations and updating. He encouraged people to take a tour of the building.
- He and Town Manager Salvatore will attend the COST meeting at the State Capitol tomorrow.
- He will be attending the Quarterly Pension Meeting tomorrow afternoon. The pension fund is in very good shape.
- Yesterday he and Town Manager Salvatore attended the Open House and tour of the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home. It was a great tour and he was pleased to hear how many benefits are available to our veterans.
- Mayor Faienza distributed a red-line copy of the Charter so the Council will have a month to review the proposed changes. It will be discussed at the June Meeting and a public hearing will be scheduled.
- The Cromwell Division of the Chamber is meeting tomorrow at the Tournament Players Club.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- He attended the CCM Legislative Committee Meeting; there is much uncertainty about what the State is doing, so far there is three versions of the budget; the Democratic version, the Republican version and the Governor's version.
- Public Works has done an outstanding job on the Dog Park. They have put down river rock and patio blocks; It looks like it is in pretty good shape and they hope to re-open it in a few weeks.
- All the plots at the Community Garden are reserved.
- A request for a curb cut was requested for the south side of Main Street. The guard rails will have to be moved back. This will give access to the end of River Road.
- The electrical service at Frisbee Park will be upgraded. The Gazebo is in bad shape it is rusting out and a welder will have to be brought in to fix it.
- The Splash Pad will be open on Memorial Day weekend. They are having a canopy installed on the east side of the Splash Pad to provide shade.
- Various Departments participated in the Cromwell High School job shadow program. It was interesting both for the students and the staff. Hopefully this will become a yearly event.
- The American Flags are being installed along the parade route in time for the Memorial Day Parade.
- Our UCONN H/R intern will be finishing up next week. He has been a tremendous asset to the Manager's Office. Hopefully we can continue with the UCONN program in the future.
- The Library Expansion is moving forward.
- They will level and repair the area near 60 River Road to make it more drivable.

- The River Landing project is on hold by DEEP because of potential of contamination in the area.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

Chief LaMontagne reported:

- Monthly Statistics were distributed for April.
- So far this year the Department has received approximately 3,245 calls for service.
- Officer Mitchell Brooks is in the final stages of the Academy. He will graduate on June 19th.
- Officer Ryan Wobrock was sworn in on April 3rd and entered the Academy on April 7th.
- The Distracted Driver Program started in April.
- The Department participated In the National Prescription Take-back Program; four boxes were collected and sent to the DEA.
- Chief thanked the Fire Department for the Flag Raising they held to honor the Police Department.
- DARE graduation was held last Friday. Officer Tolton received Kudos for a job well done.
- Patrols are being stepped up because this time of year there are more pedestrians and bikers on the roads.
- The Department is gearing up for the Traveler's Open.
- The \$150,000 CNR request for a car-port that was requested in F/Y 15/16 went to RFP. No responses were received. A company that the Public Works Director has worked with in the past was called in. They gave an estimate of \$177,000 not including any solar panels. As a result the CNR request of \$150,000 was turned back to the Board of Finance.

I. PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Public Works Director L. Spina reported:

- A Pre-Construction Meeting was held with Eversource regarding the Raymond Road gas-line project.
- The Highway Department finished with the storm drains; they did an outstanding job.

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Budget Reports were distributed in the mailed packet.

Finance Director Sylvester presented:

- They are keeping an eye on legal expense; they will know if a transfer is necessary when the final bills are received for the Fiscal Year.
- Working with the Public Works Director; some interdepartmental transfers may be needed at the end of the year.
- Right now the Revenues look good.
- Supplemental Motor Vehicle line exceeded budget by \$245,000.

- They are expecting an operating surplus again this year.

K. FINANCIAL

1. Discussion and action to approve a transfer of \$690,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the Capital/Non-Recurring Fund for the 2017-18 Capital Requests, effective July 1, 2017, as approved by the Board of Finance.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve a transfer of \$690,000 from the General Fund fund balance to the Capital/Non-Recurring Fund for the 2017-18 Capital Requests, effective July 1, 2017, as approved by the Board of Finance.

2. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve Tax Refunds 1 -7.

L. STAFF REPORTS

1. Economic Development Coordinator Report May 2017. (Written report)
Mr. Popper was in attendance and answered questions regarding his report.

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action amending Chapter 40, Recreation and Youth Services Commission. -tabled

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to remove from table.

Town Manager Salvatore presented the item. All reference to Youth Services will be removed because they have their own Youth Advisory Board.

A short discussion followed.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to amend Chapter 40, Recreation.

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action to authorize Town Manager to sell Town Property to the South and West of 31 River Road to allow a property line adjustment.

Kelly Maher was present and presented her request to the Council.

Town Manager Salvatore and Director of Planning and Development Popper presented information to the Council. The consensus of the Council was that they would like to allow Ms. Maher to purchase at least enough land to build her garage. The Council charged Town Manager Salvatore to get an independent appraisal for the property; for both pieces and one just for the side piece where the garage would be built.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade to authorize Town Manager to sell the property with the stipulation it is to be sold at fair market value and the buyer will pay all legal fees.

Discussion continued on how much property should be sold to Ms. Maher.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize the Town Manager to move forward to sell the property.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Tax Abatement request for 70 County Line.

S. Popper read an e-mail (attached) into the record from Mr. Sudell, President of Two Men and a Truck.

Town Manager Salvatore distributed the opinion of town staff that was recommending a two year abatement at 75% for the first year and 50% for the second year.

Discussion continued. Consensus of the Council was to approve two year abatement at 100% for each year with the caveat that the business must remain in town for a minimum of 5 years and to excise the agreement within 5 years. The Council unanimously welcomed Two-Men and a Truck to Cromwell.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to approve a two year abatement of real property tax at 100% for each year with the caveat that the business must remain in town for a minimum of 5 years and to excise the agreement within 5 years.

3. Discussion and approval to authorize Town Manager to sign Business Development Incentive Agreement for 70 County Line.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to authorize Town Manager to sign Business Development Incentive Agreement for 70 County Line.

O. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Special Meeting, April 25, 2017 (6:00 p.m.)

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by E. Wenners and *carried* to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017.

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

Abstained: E. Faienza and A. Waters were unable to attend this meeting.

2. Special Meeting, April 25, 2017 (6:30 p.m.)

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by E. Wenners and *carried* to approve the minutes of April 25, 2017.

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

Abstained: E. Faienza and A. Waters were unable to attend this meeting.

P. RESIGNATIONS

1. Youth Services Advisory Board

a. Pam Grande, RN

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to accept Ms. Grande's resignation with regret.

Q. APPOINTMENTS

1. Youth Advisory Board
 - a. Andrew Kaminsky, Student
 - b. Skyler Brown, Student
 - c. Peter Czajkowski, Student

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve appointment a, b and c.

R. TOWN COUNCIL COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

T. Tokarz -I/W and Redevelopment Agency

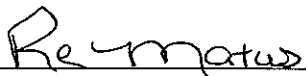
E. Weners- Current Budget Referendum

S. Slade-ZBA and Fire Commission

S. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Incident Statistics Report

04/01/2017 00:00 Thru 04/30/2017 23:59

Call Type Description	Total for Period
911 Hang Up Call	8
Administrative Matter	14
Alarm - All types	17
ALARM-FALSE BILLABLE	36
All Other Offenses	1
Animal Complaint	26
Assist Motorist	19
Assist Other Agency	29
Burglary	2
Car Seat Installation	1
Civil Matter	1
Counterfeit/Forgery	1
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	1
Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	3
Domestic Incident	4
Drug/Narcotic Violation	1
DUI	4
Escort	2
Fight/Disturbance	1
Fingerprinting	16
FV Protocol / P.A.	1
Harrassing Phone Calls	1
Identity Theft	6
Impaired / Intox Person	1
Intoxicated Driver	1
Juvenile Incident	7
Larceny - From Building	8
Larceny - From MV	2
Larceny -Shoplifting	4
Larceny, Bad Checks	1
Larceny- Other	10
Larceny-Pick Pocket	1
Medical Emergency	48
MV Accident	33
MV Abandoned	1
MV Parking Violation	1
MV Towed	1
MV Violation	175
MVA NR PRIV PROP	7

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Call Type Description	Total for Period
Noise Complaint	7
Nursing Home Fax Report	3
Patient Dispute	1
Property Check	63
Property Lost/Found	4
Record Only Call	9
Report of Gunshot	1
Road Cond/TCS Out	9
Runaway	2
See Complainant	35
Suspicious Activity	55
TEST CALL	1
Threaten/Harass/Intimidation	4
Town Ordinance	1
Traffic Assignment	1
Unfounded Complaint	10
Untimely Death	1
Unwanted Person	3
Well Being Check	10
Total:	716

Popper, Stuart

From: Doug Sudell <Doug.Sudell@twomen.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Popper, Stuart
Subject: Tonights Meeting

Stuart,

Something has come up and so I am not able to make the meeting tonight but I would hate to delay the process. I have put together a note that I would ask you to share with the council members.

I'm not aware of protocol so it may not be possible but if so please share this with the members during the meeting or in advance, whichever you deem appropriate.

Thank you much.

Doug

Dear Town Council Members,

I apologize for not being able to attend this meeting. It's is greatly appreciated that you are taking the time to hear our application and I appreciate the time Mr. Popper and the Economic Development Commission has dedicated to reviewing my application and supporting our efforts to build in Cromwell. Unfortunately I am unable to attend tonight but would hate to delay this process.

I ask you to support the deferment at 100% for 2 years as recently recommended by the Economic Development Commission. I was able to meet with the Commission and review our project, the economic rationale, and the need for tax deferment to bring this project to fruition. Initially, after very thoughtful deliberation, the Economic Development Commission recommended 100% tax deferment for seven years. I would ask the Counsel to accept their recommendation and provide the greatest level of deferment available to the Council.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Doug Sudell
President - Billy Jean, Inc. dba TWO MEN AND A TRUCK