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TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016
7:00 PM TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5

Gloria Brendergast, asst

RECORD OF VOTE

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, Counselors F. Emanuele, A. Waters, T. Tokarz, E. Wenners, S. Slade (arrived at 7:26 p.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Chief D. LaMontagne, Public Works Director L. Spina, Engineer J. Harriman, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

T. Tokarz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORTS

Arthur G. Simonian, P.E., LEED, Executive Director, The Mattabassett District updated the Councilors regarding Allocation of Middletown Funds and also provided an update regarding the Mattabassett Budget. (letter attached)

P. Sousa, Liaison Board of Education, updated the Council on recent Board of Education matters and school activities.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- 1. M. Johnson, Pleasant Street
- 2. R. Waters, South Street
- 3. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road and also spoke as the Chairman of the CWPCA.
- F. MAYOR'S REPORT
- G. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
- H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S REPORT

I. PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR'S REPORT

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Budget Reports

K. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1 - 11.

2. Discussion and possible action to appropriate \$50,000 from the 2016 LOCIP Fund to the Downtown Drainage Improvements Project.

Town Manager Salvatore and Finance Director Sylvester presented the request. **Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to appropriate \$50,000 from the 2016 LOCIP Fund to the Downtown Drainage Improvements Project.

- 3. Discussion and possible action to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund fund Balance to the CNR Fund for the Downtown Drainage Improvements project. **Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund fund Balance to the CNR Fund for the Downtown Drainage Improvements project.
- 4. Discussion and possible action to appropriate an additional \$50,000 within the CNR Fund for the drainage improvement project by the Police Station parking lot. (Original appropriation \$200,000)

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by E. Wenners and *unanimously carried* to appropriate an additional \$50,000 within the CNR Fund for the drainage improvement project by the Police Station parking lot. (Original appropriation \$200,000)

- 5. Discussion and action to approve Other Fund Budgets
 - a. Sidewalk Fund -\$10,000

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by T. Tokarz and *unanimously carried* to approve <u>\$10,000</u>.

b. Dog Fund -\$24,024

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and unanimously carried to approve <u>\$24,024</u>.

- S. Slade clarified that this Dog Fund request is for Animal Control and not the Dog Park.
- c. Authorize Mayor to set time and date of Special Town Meeting to approve Sidewalk Fund, Dog Fund, and Sewer Usage and Assessment Funds.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by E. Wenners and *unanimously carried* to authorize Mayor to set time and date of Special Town Meeting to approve Sidewalk Fund, Dog Fund, and Sewer Usage and Assessment Funds.

6. Any unfinished business from Budget Workshops.
None

L. STAFF REPORTS

Economic Development Coordinator submitted a written Report.

M. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Presentation by consulting engineer on possible sites for a new DPW/CWPCA facility with discussion and possible action to follow. - Tabled Left on table
- 2. Continue discussion and possible action on Solid Waste Report. Tabled *Left on table*

Mayor Faienza called for a five minute recess at 8:45 p.m.

3. Discussion and possible action on street light conversion.

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

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible approval to include the TPC River Highlands Homeowners Association into the Town's residential reimbursement program. Public Works Director presented the request.

This is the same program that other private associations in town receive. Town Manager Salvatore stated that the funds were included in the present budget. The annual cost of the reimbursement is \$9,468.75.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to include the River Highlands Homeowners Association into the Town's residential reimbursement program.

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

- 2. Discussion and approval to authorize Town Manager to sell a 1.90 acre parcel of land at the south end of Main Street identified as Parcel ID 00480800. **Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to authorize Town Manager to sell a 1.90 acre parcel of land at the south end of Main Street identified as Parcel ID 00480800.
- 3. Discussion and action to appoint a seven-member Charter Revision Commission.

Mayor Faienza presented the following names:

- (R) -Michael Camilleri (elected)
- (R) -Michael Cannata (elected)
- (R) -Anthony Amenta

- (R) -Paul Beaulieu
- (R) -Allan Spotts (appointed to Board of Finance to fill vacancy-not elected)
- (D) -Shirley Banic
- (I) Marie Roberto

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade to appoint the Mayor's recommendations to the Charter Revision Commission.

- A. Waters submitted Heather Polke's name. He felt that a younger person should be considered and that Mrs. Polke is active in many different organizations' in Town.
- S. Slade also submitted Heather Polke's name and also thinks that she would do a good job.

Mayor Faienza stated that he has been working on this for a month and hadn't received any input until the past Thursday evening. He had already put the list together selecting residents that volunteered to serve on the commission. The consensus of the Council was to vote on each candidate individually and if a candidate failed to receive a majority vote, Mrs. Polke would be included in the voting process.

Above Motion and second rescinded by Mr. Newton and Mr. Waters.

Michael Camilleri

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade *Unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Camilleri*

Michael Cannata

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade *Unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Cannata*

Anthony Amenta

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade *Unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Amenta*

Paul Beaulieu

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade *Unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Beaulieu*

Allan Spotts

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade *Unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Spotts*

Shirley Banic

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade *Unanimously carried to appoint Ms. Banic*

Maria Roberto

Aye: T. Tokarz, A. Waters, F. Emanuele, E. Faienza, R. Newton, E. Wenners, S. Slade *Unanimously carried to appoint Ms. Roberto*

O. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Combined Special Meeting February 10, 2016

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 10, 2016.

2. Regular Meeting February 10, 2016

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2016.

- 3. Special Meeting February 17, 2016
- E. Wenners requested that under Chapter 82, Animals, change to Counselor Emanuele <u>discussed</u> instead of Counselor Emanuele <u>requested</u> to have cats licensed.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 17, 2016 as amended.

P. RESIGNATIONS

None

O. APPOINTMENTS

None

R. TOWN COUNCIL COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

- S. Slade -Fire Commission
- E. Wenners-P&Z and Board of Finance
- R. Newton -CWPCA
- F. Emanuele -Board of Education
- A. Waters Memorial Day Parade

S. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Re Matus Secretary