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**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12, 2020
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor J. Donohue, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Ahlquist, A. Waters, J. Demetriades (via phone)

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of Public Works L. Spina, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Board of Education Liaison Jeff Matrullo and BOE member Luis Menendez

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

S. Fortenbach led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Faienza amended the agenda by adding K. New Business, #4. Discussion and possible action; Eversource. M. Appointments, 1. Planning and Zoning, Ann Grasso, Alternate. P. Executive Session, in accordance with C.G.S 1- 200(6)(E) to discuss records related to a law enforcement matter.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Henehan and *unanimously carried* to amend the agenda.

Motion made by S. Fortenbach seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as amended.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

1. Town Clerk J. Doyle spoke about the Election Process and Absentee Ballots.
2. Board of Education J. Matrullo presented an update on the recent Board of Education Meeting as well as information on the back to school process, which is available on the Board of Education web site.

E. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

- The Town Manager's review will be done late August or early September. The Goals which were assigned in January will be e-mailed to the Council.
- Thanked all employees for the efforts during the recent storm.
- The Farm to Family Program that was co-sponsored by Representative Carpino and himself was very successful. Fresh fruit and vegetables were distributed to families in need.
- Kudos to Recreation Director S. Kieras and his department for the great job they did with Camp Cromwell this year.

- The Cromwell Division will be meeting tomorrow via Zoom.

F. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager reported:

- He can't wait for 2020 to be over due to the Pandemic and the Tropical Storm; it hasn't been a good year.
- All staff is doing a great job.
- Last Thursday's concert was a team effort; getting electricity to the park so the concert could go on. It is estimated that 100+ people attended.
- The Police and Public Works and Emergency Management and Finance Department did an excellent job working together to manage the recent Tropical Storm.
- The Library is now open for limited public use.
- They are working on prepping Shadow and Amy Lane; since the DEEP will require work on the culvert they will only be paving up to Vincy Drive.
- They are looking on doing Sebethe Drive but this may be delayed due to the lengthy storm clean up.
- The Non-Sworn Police Employee Contract is done and waiting for approval by the Union and the Council.
- The Nike base project is moving forward.
- He is working with Chief Lamontagne to allow retired Cromwell officers to work extra duty assignments when no one in the department is available.

G. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director of Finance M. Sylvester reported that the budget reports that were included in the packet are this for this fiscal year ending July. She was pleased to report that the Tax Department collected approximately \$19 million dollars in the July collection period. No problems are anticipated at this time.

2. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1 - 3.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:(in addition to the written report that was submitted)

- Captain Kevin Vandersloot announced his retirement effective August 28th.
- Commended the Sergeants on Duty the day of the storm for the tremendous job they did. The 1st shift was held over and the entire department did a great job during the storm.
- The Sunoco Station was robbed and they are working on solving the case. There was also a robbery at a residence during the storm that they are working on.
- After five years as a School Resource Officer Alicia was returned to patrol. She will be missed by the students and facility. Detective Pietraroia was appointed

to School Resource Officer and Officer Young was assigned to the Detective Division.

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I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Public Works Director L. Spina reported on:

- The storm clean up.
- DPW and Sewer Building update.
- Pavement Management.
- Cromwell Landing.
- Coles Road and North Road Extension Projects.
- Country Squire Drive.

J. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Faienza submitted questions asked by A. Grasso regarding the census and mail delivery by the U.S. Post Office.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution in support of School Resource Officers and the Cromwell Police Department.

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the Resolution in support of School Resource Officers and the Cromwell Police Department.

2. Update and possible action; Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Mayor Faienza reported that Youth Services Administrator Kate Puorro is planning a forum for those who have shown interest in serving on the Committee. The Council will receive monthly updates.

3. Update and possible action; Ethics Statement.

Followed by a short discussion the consensus of the Council was to approve, after adding (and updated as necessary by the Town Council) to the last sentence.

Motion made by J. Henahan seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve the Ethics Statement as amended by adding (and updated as necessary by the Town Council) to the last sentence. Attached to minutes.

4. Discussion and possible action; Eversource.

Motion made by J. Demetriades seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize the Town Manager to work with other towns and provide testimony regarding Eversource's response to the recent Tropical Storm.

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, July 8, 2020

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of July 8, 2020.

2. Special Meeting, July 11, 2020

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *carried* to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2020.

Aye: J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, E. Faienza, J. Donohue, J. Henahan, P. Ahlquist

Abstained: A. Waters (was not present at this meeting)

Motion carries

3. Special Meeting, July 15, 2020

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve the Minutes of July 15, 2020.

M. APPOINTMENTS

1. Planning and Zoning

a. Ann Grasso, alternate, Term expires December 2021

N. RESIGNATIONS

1. Planning and Zoning

a. Mo Islam

b. David Fitzgerald

2. Economic Development

a. Mo Islam

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to accept resignations 1 and 2 with regret.

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. In accordance with C.G.S 1-200(6)(E) to discuss records related to a law enforcement matter.

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Town Manager Salvatore and Chief of Police D. Lamontagne were invited into Executive Session.

Motion made by S. Fortenbach seconded by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

P. AJOURN

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re Matus, Secretary



Resolution

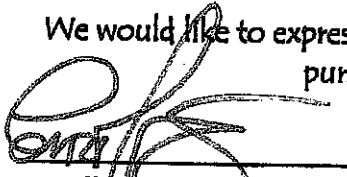
Mayor Faienza and the Cromwell Town Council
In support of our School Resource Officers
And the Cromwell Police Department


We support our School Resource Officer's work in the Schools and appreciate their effort keeping the students and facility safe from harm. They are a role model for students and are always available to help and guide them throughout their informative years.


The Town of Cromwell recognizes the extreme danger that comes with the chosen profession of law enforcement. Each day when our officers don their uniform and equipment, they are accepting the responsibility to serve and protect the lives and property of their communities at all cost, which could include their life.


We support The Cromwell Police Department's commitment to protect all citizens regardless of race and recognize the worth and diversity of individuals and cultures, showing neither undue favor or bias.


We would like to express unwavering support for the Cromwell Police Department for their pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities.

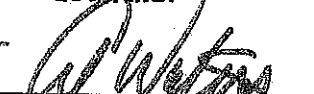

Enzo Faienza
Mayor


Jennifer Donohue
Deputy Mayor

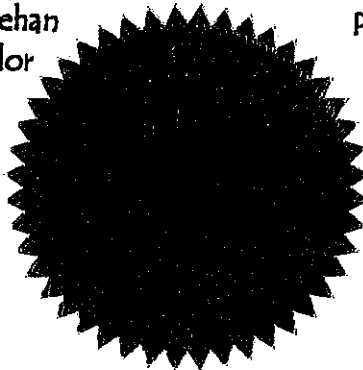

Steve Fortenbach
Councilor


Jack Henahan
Councilor


Pat Ahlquist
Councilor


Al Waters
Councilor


James Demetriades (E.F.)
Councilor



Town of Cromwell Elected and Appointed Officials Ethics Statement

The Cromwell Town Council adopts this Ethics Statement to assure that all elected and appointed officials, while exercising their office, conduct themselves in a manner that will instill public confidence and trust in the fair operation and integrity of Cromwell's Town government.

The citizens and businesses of Cromwell are entitled to have fair, ethical and accountable local government. To this end, the public should have full confidence that their elected and appointed officials:

- Comply with both the letter and spirit of the laws and policies affecting the operations of government;
- Are independent, impartial and fair in their judgment and actions;
- Use their public office for the public good, not for personal gain; and
- Conduct public deliberations and processes openly, unless required by law to be confidential, in an atmosphere of respect and civility.
- Pledge themselves to creating an inclusive and nondiscriminatory environment.

The Elected and Appointed Official Ethics Statement is intended to be self-enforcing and is an expression of the standards of conduct for members expected by the Town. Members entering office shall sign below acknowledging they have read and understand the Elected and Appointed Official Ethics Statement. In addition, the Statement shall be periodically reviewed by the Town Council, Boards, Committees and Commissions, and updated by the Town Council as necessary.

I affirm that I have read and understand the Town of Cromwell's Elected and Appointed Official Ethics Statement.

Signature _____

Date _____

Approved by the Town Council August 12, 2020