

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 2020**

**7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Meeting live-streamed [www.cromwellct.com](http://www.cromwellct.com), Quick links, live Town Meetings  
Public attendance limited due to Covid 19, and by request to [mayor@cromwellct.com](mailto:mayor@cromwellct.com)  
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**MINUTES**

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor J. Donohue, J. Henahan, S. Fortenbach,  
A. Waters, J. Demetriades

Absent: P. Ahlquist,

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

A moment of silence was held for Robert Jahn who recently passed.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Waters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda.

**D. RESIGNATIONS**

1. Board of Education

a. Michael Camilleri

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Board of Education

a. Lou Mendez, to fill a vacancy, term expires 11/21

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to appoint Mr. Mendez to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education. Term expires 11/21

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and action regarding Tax Deferral request.

Director Saada recommended to approve the request

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to approve the Tax Deferral request.

## 2. Tax Refunds

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve the tax refund.

## 3. TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC FORUM

### a. Discussion on implementing a DIVERSITY AND INCUSION COMMITTEE.

Mayor Faienza opened the forum and welcomed the following people and thanked them for their willingness to address this topic and make Cromwell even a better place to live. Mayor Faienza advised that they had begun working on this before COVID-19 and feels that there is always room for improvement.

The attendees were given a chance to introduce themselves and speak on the topic.

The consensus of the Council and the attendees included:

- The committee will need commitment and focus.
- Observe what resources are available and what additional resources are needed to better serve the community.
- Need outreach to the community in the areas of Health, Economic, Social Development and the students' needs in School.
- The Community needs to be educated in Government and Health.
- Every child matters.
- The community needs to learn and listen to History.
- The Town had started working on this topic before COVID-19 and continues to work with CREC.
- CREC advises that a core committee needs to be established and trained to facilitate meetings.
- The attendees all showed interest in serving on the committee.

Carol Perry  
Jennifer Beck  
Erin Omicioli  
Katelynn Puorro  
Maricarmen Cajahuaranga  
Alice Henley  
Clare Serrantino

## G. ADJOURN

**Motion** made by J. Donohue seconded by J. Henehan and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Re Matus  
Secretary