

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY MAY 12, 2021  
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MINUTES**

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

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Chief of  
Police D. Lamontagne, Director of Public Works L. Spina

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**HOME TOWN HERO** Award Presented to Bailey Wilson, by Mayor Faienza and Police  
Chief LaMontagne

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Waters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion** made by S. Fortenbach seconded by J. Henehan and *carried* to approve  
the agenda.

Aye: J. Henehan, A. Waters, S. Fortenbach, E. Faienza, J. Donohue, P. Ahlquist  
Abstained: J. Demetriades

Mayor Faienza added the following items; New Business 3. Discussion and  
possible action to approve CCD's request to install a Sensory Path at Pierson  
Park. Appointments 2. Senior Services Commission, a. Patricia Snow, Regular  
Member. Term expires 4/22.

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

**D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS**

1. Jeff Matrullo, Board of Education liaison.
2. Aigne Goldsby, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

**E. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Faienza reported:

- The Board of Education's focus will be on the Middle School; they will apply for  
a grant next June.
- The Fire District Budget is proposing an increase of 12% and the Water District  
an increase of 20%. This will result in a 3% mill rate for them. The vote to

- The American Legion will host a Memorial Day Ceremony at the gazebo across from the Police Department at 11:30 a.m. followed by a Parade.
- The Town, Board of Education Budgets and Bonded Debt all passed.

**Town Manager Salvatore reported:**

- ## G. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

## 1. Budget Reports

**Motion** made by Al Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve Tax Refunds 1 - 9.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve re-appointing the firm of PKF O'Connor Davies for the F/Y ending June 30, 2021.

To:	Legal Expense	\$20,000
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From: Employee Benefits                      \$20,000

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve the \$20,000 Interdepartmental Transfers to Legal Expense from Employee Benefits.

To: Town Planner                              \$4,500  
From: Employee Benefits                      \$4,500

**Motion** made by J. Henahan seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve the \$4,500 Interdepartmental Transfers to Town Planner from Employee Benefits.

#### **H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE**

Chief Lamontagne submitted a written report:

- Presented an update on the "Active Shooter" that was reported at an area hotel. The Department responded and found that there was an incident but however it did not include a shooter.

#### **I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Public Works Director Spina reported:

- Provided an update regarding paving Kirby Road & Industrial Park Road.
- Sebethe Road will be widened because of some business's complaints.
- Cromwell Landing will be hydro seeded and plantings will be added.
- Provided an update regarding North and Coles Road.
- Sidewalks will be installed on Geer/Main Street.

#### **J. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. Robin Cassella -Spoke about break-ins at the Citco Station.

#### **K. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Special Events Facility Use Policy.

**Motion** made by P. Ahlquist seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to approve amending the Special Events Facility Use Policy.

2. Discussion and action to create a Charter Revision Commission.

**Motion** made by J. Henahan seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to take action to create a Charter Revision Commission consisting of 7 members.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve CCD's request to install a Sensory Path at Pierson Park.

Motion made by S. Fortenbach seconded by J. Henahan and *unanimously carried* to approve the concept of the Blue Choice for the Sensory Path and have the Town Manager work out the details.

**L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, April 14, 2021

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of April 14, 2021.

**M. RESIGNATIONS**

1. Recreation Commission
  - a. Mike Holcomb
2. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
  - a. Bob Vanderzee

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to accept Mr. Holcomb and Mr. Vanderzee's resignation, with regret.

**N. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority
  - a. Alice Kelly, Regular Member, Term expires 1/2025
2. Senior Services Commission
  - a. Patricia Snow, Regular Member. Term expires 4/22.

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve re-appointing Ms. Kelly to the CWPCA and appoint Ms. Snow to the Senior Services Commission.

**O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Waters - Senior Services Commission

**P. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Sale of Town Property
  - a. 38 Shunpike Road
  - b. Action
  - c. 91 Nooks Hill Road
  - d. Action

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session for Sale of Town Property items a. 38 Shunpike Road and c. 91 Nooks Hill Road at 8:34 p.m.

Town Manager Salvatore was invited into Executive Session.

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m.

- b. Action 38 Shunpike Road

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve sale of 38 Shunpike Road for \$4,500.

d. Action 91 Nooks Hill Road

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve sale of 91 Nooks Hill Road for \$4,500.

P. **ADJOURN**

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary