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

approve the budget will be held on May 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the Coles Road Fire House.

- 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.

F. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- The Fire District is looking at charging fees for Fire Marshall services. Manager Salvatore is questioning the process; what authority grants them permission to do this? Town Attorney Olson contacted their attorney but hasn't heard back.
- The sidewalks are moving forward on Main and Geer Street.
- Cromwell Landing is moving forward, a few more trees may have to come down. The benches for inside the Gazebo are on order.
- Finishing up on the Job Description project; the Employee Handbook will be worked on next.
- Silver and Petrucelli was awarded the Space Study.
- Most Town facilities will open on June 1st; this does not include the Gym or Public Use of the Meeting Rooms.
- The is the fourth year that the Town Budget passed without a increase in the mill rate.
- Presented an update for Sebethe, Progress and Alcap Ridge.
- There isn't much new with the Red Lion; there has been some interest by individuals but not to revive it as a hotel.
- The apartments being built at the Nike Site are moving along, as well as the Carrier Homes on Field Road.
- The Bike-Trail is progressing very well.
- Four grievances will be heard at the June Meeting regarding the Transfer Operators position.

G. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Finance Director M. Sylvester submitted a written report.

- 1. Budget Reports
- 2. Tax Refunds

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

- 3. Discussion and action to appoint Town Auditor for Fiscal Year 2021. **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.
- 4. Discussion and action to approve the following Interdepartmental Transfers:

To: Legal Expense

\$20,000

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. Henehan 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

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. Henehan 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. Henehan 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

- 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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