

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019  
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MINUTES**

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, J. Donohue, A. Waters,  
M. Johnson, J. Demetriades

Absent: F. Emanuele

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Finance Director M. Sylvester, Chief of  
Police D. Lamontagne, Public Works Director L. Spina, EDC Coordinator S. Popper,  
Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer B. Driska, I/T Consultant M. Austin

Mayor Faienza called for a moment of silence in memory of 9/11

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Waters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Faienza added, Under P. Appointments, 2. Board of Finance, a. John  
Ireland, alternate.

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

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to  
add, L. New Business, 2. Discussion and possible action issues South Street.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to  
approve the agenda as amended.

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

1. Certificate Presentation to Public Health Exercise Volunteers.

Health Coordinator S. Nesci presented certificates of thanks to Pat Sienna,  
Joanne Golden, Judy Benvenuto, Christa Dixon, Midge Knowlton, Bert Nadeau,  
Sue Nadeau, Patricia Alsup, Tony Angelica, Mary Jo Piskura and Paula Luna.

**E. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

1. S. Pelletier, South Street - Spoke regarding L 2.
2. K. Pelletier, South Street - Spoke regarding L 2.
3. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road - Spoke regarding I 1, F 5 and M 1.
4. J. Melhorn, South Street - Spoke regarding L 2.
5. R. Waters, South Street - Spoke regarding M 1, L 2, and L 1.
6. T. Butler, South Street, Spoke regarding L 2.

7. M. Brillas, Holly Court, Spoke regarding I 1.

#### **F. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Faienza presented the following:

- Continued discussion for combining some services with the Fire District President and Executive Director.
- The next business will be to Cortiva Massage School on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with Board of Education Chairman M. Camilleri, Superintendent of Schools E. Macri and Town Manager Salvatore.
- 9-11 Ceremony -thanked Recreation Director Scott Kieras, the Fire District and Police Department Chiefs and honor guard and Representative Carpino and Robert Donohue.
- The Vietnam and Korean War Veterans Memorial Green at Valour Green Ceremony will be on Sunday.
- The Chamber Breakfast will be held tomorrow.
- Thanked those who supported the Mayor's Gala.
- Holiday Stroll and Tree Lighting will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE**

Town Manager Salvatore presented the following:

- The Library renovation is almost completed. They are in the process of wrapping up. The solar panels on the building will be removed and then relocated.
- Staff is working with pharmacies on projects; presently they are working with Stop and Shop for Flu Shot clinics.
- Senior/Human and Youth Services will once again hold a scarecrow contest.
- They are in the process of negotiating two contracts; Police and Blue Collar.
- They are in the process of looking into a Fire District Study.

#### **H. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Town Manager Salvatore reported for the Finance Director:

- Budget reports provide information pertaining to activity through the end of August for the current fiscal year. Everything is on target.
- There are sufficient funds within the CNR Fund for the two requests on the agenda.
- Tuition reimbursement for the police officers are capped at \$10,000 per year for the union.

#### **I. FINANCIAL**

1. Discussion and action to appropriate \$56,000 within the CNR Fund for computer workstation and server upgrades necessary due to the discontinuation of Microsoft support for specific versions.  
I/T Consultant M. Austin presented the item.  
Discussion followed.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to appropriate \$56,000 within the CNR Fund for computer workstation and server upgrades as approved by the Board of Finance.

2. Budget Reports  
On target

3. Tax Refunds

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve Tax Refunds 1-70.

4. Discussion and action to appropriate \$25,000 within the CNR Fund for remediation of blighted conditions at 49 River Road.

a. Authorization to waive the bidding process.

Zoning and Wetlands Enforcement Officer B. Driska presented the item.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve appropriation of \$25,000 within the CNR Fund for remediation of blighted conditions at 49 River Road.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to waive the bidding process.

Aye: A. Waters, J. Donohue, E. Faienza, R. Newton, J. Demetriades

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried

5. Discussion and action to approve request from Officer Young for Educational Assistance of \$1,000 for each semester beginning August 26, 2019.

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *carried* to approve request from Officer Young for Educational Assistance of \$1,000 for each semester beginning August 26, 2019.

Aye: A. Waters, J. Donohue, E. Faienza, R. Newton, J. Demetriades

Nay: M. Johnson

Motion carried

**J. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE**

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- The monthly incident report for July and August were distributed.
- Officer Lima is in the FTO program.
- Colin Jespersen was sworn in last week; he will be attending the Hartford Academy.
- In the process of hiring two officers for the November 15<sup>th</sup> Academy. Detectives are in the process of doing background checks.
- A DUI check point was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- On August 26<sup>th</sup> Taco Bell was robbed.
- Chief will apply for a DOT Highway Use for the Tree Lighting and Stroll.

- Officers have been visiting Covenant Village every other week and having coffee with the residents

*Mayor Faienza called for a five-minute recess at 9:07 p.m.*

#### **K. PUBLIC WORK'S DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Public Works Director Spina reported:

- **DPW Facility** - waiting for the contractor to submit final design and apply for building permits.
- **Coles Road** - should be awarded to a contractor once DOT approves the bid analysis
- **Library** - attended construction update meeting this afternoon. Punch list items being addressed
- **Cromwell Landing** - We had to remove 31 trees late last month that were diseased with Emerald Ash Borer. We did treat some that we hope to save
- **Pavement Management** - I have issued purchase orders for the milling and resurfacing of Coles Rd (Evergreen to RT 372), Evergreen Rd. (Coles to North Rd.), and South St. (Main to Lincoln)

#### **L. NEW BUSINESS**

2. Discussion and possible action issues South Street. (moved before item 1)  
Chief Lamontagne presented information regarding past traffic enforcement on South Street and issues that residents have currently reported. Chief presented facts and data regarding South Street to support her position not to add stop signs on South Street at the requested locations.  
A lengthy discussion followed with questions from the Town Council members.  
A. Waters was not satisfied and had heated comments directed at the Chief and the Cromwell Police Department.  
Chief Lamontagne stated that they will continue enforcement on South Street, as has been done in the past and work with Town Manager Salvatore for any other remedies that may be available.  
*No action taken*

*Al Waters left the meeting at 10:15 p.m.*

1. Discussion and action for proposed Transfer Station Rules Change.  
Public Works Director L. Spina presented the item.  
Discussion followed.

**Motion** made by J. Demetriades seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to adopt the changes, with the caveat of the new diameters recommended for bush are a diameter of 6 inches plus or minus and length of 8 feet plus or minus. The resident and carrier must sign the amended affidavit with the addition of including an

estimation of quantity of the waste and a detailed description of the waste. This also applies to grass.

#### **M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Strategy
  - a. RFP/RFQ 60-61 River Road
  - b. Action if necessary

**Motion** made by J. Demetriades seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:36 p.m.

Town Manager Salvatore and Economic Development Coordinator S. Popper were invited into Executive Session.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 11:06 p.m.

#### **N. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting, July 10, 2019

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of July 10, 2019.

2. Special Meeting, August 28, 2019

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of August 28, 2019.

#### **O. RESIGNATIONS**

1. Amanda Drew
  - a. Board of Finance
  - b. Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
  - c. Conservation Commission
  - d. Farmland Preservation Commission
  - e. Dog Park Committee

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to accept Ms. Drew's resignation from the above boards and commissions with regret.

#### **P. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Board of Finance
  - a. Allan Spotts, to fill a vacancy, term expires 11/19

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to appoint Mr. Spotts to the Board of Finance, to fill a vacancy, term expires November 5, 2019.

- b. John Ireland, alternate

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to appoint Mr. Ireland as an alternate to the Board of Finance.


**Q. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

None

**R. ADJOURN**

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Secretary