

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019  
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**MINUTES**

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

Absent:

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

*Mayor Faienza asked for a moment of silence for Ed Dlugolenski*

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

R. Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Faienza, request to table, K. New Business, #1, at the request of the Union to postpone until the next meeting. 3. Discussion and possible action to reduce the size of the LGBTQ Committee. L. 1. ~~Tax Assessment~~ SFPG, LLC v. Town of Cromwell.- Add #3. Discussion and possible action lease/rent Town Property. **Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve amending the agenda.

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

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

None

**E. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**F. MAYOR'S UPDATE**

Mayor Faienza reported:

- Attended the Grand Opening of Cortiva
  - Met with Manager, Finance Director, CCM and the Fire District
  - The Cromwell Division of the Chamber will meet on October 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Thanked the Councilors for their time and dedication over the past two years.
- Mayor Faienza acknowledged R. Newton for 42 years of service to the town and also thanked F. Emanuele and M. Johnson for their service to the town.

- The Ground Breaking for the Highway/Sewer Facility was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- The Library Project is down to the punch list; A dedication will be planned in the near future. Kara Canney and Jon Harriman did an outstanding job on the project.
- The 49 River road clean-up is complete; the property is now in compliance.
- A productive meeting was held with CCM, Fire District Manager J. Neto, Finance Director M. Sylvester and Mr. Chapman. They are working on a Fire/Town proposal to save tax payer's money.
- The Senior/Human Services Department is having another Scarecrow contest this year. They will be paving the Community Field parking lot in the Spring.
- Chief Lamontagne provided a report on South Street; it was distributed to the Councilors.
- He thanked those that are not running in this year's election for their years of service to the Town.
- He wished those that are running good luck in the coming election.

#### H. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Finance Director Sylvester reported:

##### 1. Budget Reports

The reports cover the end of September. Expenditures and Revenue are on target. The building permit came in for the Marriott and they are expecting the permit for Covenant to come in soon. There will be an operating surplus for 18/19. The initial meeting with CCM and the Fire District was productive.

##### 2. Tax Refunds

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1 -21.

##### 3. Discussion and action to approve applying for and signing the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program.

**Motion** made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve applying for and signing the 2019 Emergency Management Performance Grant.

#### I. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- Officer Jespersen is attending the Hartford Academy and doing very well
- Officer Lima is in the FTO Program and doing well
- The Detective Unit is in the process of doing background checks on two individuals; it is hoped that they will attend the November 15<sup>th</sup> Academy

- Wooster Street Pizza was robbed; Officer John Carlson and Bane did an excellent job apprehending the suspect.
- They are working on Trick or Trunk.

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

Public Works Director reported:

- Trees were cleared at the Transfer Station
- Half of the Catch Basins will be cleaned this year
- Pavement Management is on schedule
- Park Maintenance is in the process of renovating a baseball field

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

1. Grievance - IUOE Local 30
  - a. Joe Grassi

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

2. Discussion and possible action to reduce the size of the Committee to Support Individuals with Disabilities.

- a. Permission for Mayor to set a town meeting.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to reduce the size of the Committee to Support Individuals with Disabilities to five regular members and two alternates.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to authorize the Mayor to set a town meeting.

3. Discussion and possible action to reduce the size of the LGBTQ Committee.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to reduce the size of the LGBTQ Committee to seven regular members and 2 alternates.

#### **L. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Strategy and possible action regarding ~~Tax-Assessment~~ SFPG, LLC v. Town of Cromwell.
2. Discussion and possible action Sale of Town Property.
3. Discussion and possible action Lease/Rent Town Property.

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of Strategy regarding Tax Assessment and Sales of Town Property and Lease/Rent of Town Property.

Town Manager Salvatore was invited into Executive Session.

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

Come out of Executive Session at 9:34 p.m.

*No action taken*

**M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting September 11, 2019

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Donohue and *carried* to approve the minutes of September 11, 2019.

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

Abstained: F. Emanuele (was not able to attend this meeting)

**N. APPOINTMENTS**

1. Mattabassett District

a. Joe Corlis, Term expires September, 2022

**Motion** made by R. Newton seconded by J. Donohue and *unanimously carried* to approve appointing Joe Corlis as a Cromwell Representative to the Mattabassett District.

**O. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

None

**P. ADJOURN**

**Motion** made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary