


**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2020
4:30 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS via Zoom**

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MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor J. Donohue

Zoom: P. Ahlquist, J. Henahan (signed in at 4:33), S. Fortenbach, A. Waters,
J. Demetriades

Absent:

Also present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Director of Public Works L. Spina, Town Engineer/Asst Public Works Director J. Harriman, Zoom Technician A. Armetta, Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Faienza called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Salvatore led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by J. Demetriades seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the agenda as posted.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

None

E. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

- Asked that on behalf of the Town Council as well as his appreciation be passed along to Town Staff for the exceptional job they are doing to keep the town up and running.
- Spoke about the Tax Deferment that was passed at the Council's Special Meeting of April 9, 2020.

F. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- Agreed that Town Staff is doing an outstanding job.
- Some individuals are out; there is no indication that they have COVID-19.
- TPC will be making an announcement tomorrow regarding the 2020 Tournament.
- The sign is installed on Route 3. The old sign will be removed.
- Tax Deferment Information is on the website w/ the landlord forms.

- The wall at the North Cemetery is being fixed.
- Community Field Parking Lot is being paved.

G. FINANCIAL/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Finance Director Sylvester reported:

- Budget Reports reflect thru the end of March.
- Legal Fees and Health, Emergency Management Budgets are being closely monitored. COVID-19 expenses are being tracked for possible reimbursement through FEMA. The insurance line and employee benefit line may have funds to cover what FEMA doesn't cover.

2. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Henehan and *unanimously carried* to approve 1 - 9.

3. Discussion and action to appoint Town Auditor by Fiscal Year 2020.

Finance Director Sylvester presented the request.

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve appointing PKF O'Connor Davies, Glastonbury CT.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- Some officers are out sick with no COVID-19 symptoms.
 - They are in the process of hiring 3 officers. The Department should be up to full-strength in the near future.
 - Officer Jespersen was released from the academy a month early.
 - There was an officer involved shooting in March. The Department of Criminal Justice and the State Police are investigating.
 - Sgt. Parson was put out on Administrative Leave for his involvement in the above incident. Officer McCarter was assigned to complete an internal investigation regarding the incident. His report found that no violations occurred. Because of this Sgt. Parsons has been returned to duty.
 - Office involved shooting training was put in place earlier in the year.
- P. Ahlquist questioned why a Sgt. was assigned the Internal Investigation. He also questioned why a response to her communication wasn't sent to Det. Jones. (Councilors received a copy of an e-mail response to Det. Jones sent on March 25th.) It will be resent to the Council.
- Mayor Faienza requested better communication to the Council from the Police Department. Town Manager Salvatore stated that Chief Lamontagne was on vacation when this incident happened. When he learned of the incident, he spoke to the department regarding better communication and keeping him informed when there are such incidents.

I. PUBLIC WORK'S DIRECTOR UPDATE

Public Works Director Spina reported:

- Due to the COVID-19 virus the Town Buildings are being sanitized every day.
- The Fire Department is spraying sanitizer three times a week after 4 p.m.
- The cost estimate to move the Transfer Station was estimated at \$208,000 the actual cost will be \$152,000, which represents a good savings.
- The Community Field Parking Lot is being paved.
- The crew is making a repair on South Street.
- The stone wall is being repaired at North Cemetery.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action Senior Center Program fees. -Tabled

Left tabled

2. Discussion and action to purchase land, 617 Main Street. -Tabled

Motion made by J. Demetriades seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to remove from the table.

Town Engineer J. Harriman presented the request.

Motion made by P. Ahlquist seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to authorize purchase of sliver of land, 617 Main Street for up to \$7,000.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mattabassett Sewer Budget Report

No action necessary

L. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, March 11, 2020

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of March 11, 2020.

2. Special Meeting, April 9, 2020

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by J. Henehan and *carried* to approve the minutes of April 9, 2020.

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

Abstained: A. Waters (was unable to attend meeting)

M. APPOINTMENTS

1. Library Commission

- a. Karen Spotts, term expires February 2024

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to approve Ms. Spotts appointment.

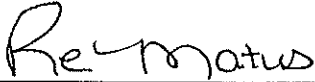
N. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

J. Demetriades-Shout out to Human Services Director A. Saada for instituting the 'gift card' program.

O. ADJOURN

Motion made by J. Donohue seconded by S. Fortenbach and *unanimously carried* to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Re Matus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Re Matus
Secretary