

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
41 WEST STREET, CROMWELL, CT 06416
November 8, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**

Present: Mayor A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Captain Sifodaskalakakis, Assistant Director of Public Works J. Harriman

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Spotts called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Town Council stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by J. Henehan and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to approve the Special Meeting Agenda.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

D. ORGANIZATION

1. Appoint a Secretary to the Town Council

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by A. Waters to appoint Amanda Calve as Secretary.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

2. Appoint a Deputy Mayor

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by A. Waters to appoint Steve Fortenbach as Deputy Mayor.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

3. Set meeting dates and times for 2022 Regular Meetings

Motion made by J. Henehan and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to schedule Town Council meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

E. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Spotts presented Councilman Fortenbach with the Deputy Mayor pin.
- Mayor Spotts presented Councilwoman Luna with a Town Council pin.
- Mayor Spotts stated its time we get to work, and work together for the residents of Cromwell. We all need to work together regardless of political party.

F. TOWN MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- He informed the Council that they have Ethical Statements in their packets that need to be reviewed and signed. He added that the Ethical Statements were adopted in August of 2020.
- He told the Council they also have an Addendum to the Feasibility Study in their packets. Full reports were included in Councilwoman Luna's and Mayor Spotts' packets.
- There is a business in Town that would like to lease the previous Highway Facility.
- The Red Lion is being shuttered until new owners have a plan. There are not applications pending and all taxes are paid up to date.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2021 Bullet Proof Vest Partnership (BVP) Grant (*possible action*)

Chief Lamontagne was in attendance and presented her memo to the Town Council. She explained that the grant is for bullet proof vests for police officers which are necessary to do their jobs. Town Manager recommended that the Town Council approve this appropriation.

Motion made by A. Waters and **seconded** by J. Henehan to appropriate \$8,100 within the Capital/Non-Recurring Fund for the 2021 Bulletproof Vest Grant.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Transfer Station Pass Fee Increase (*discussion and possible action*)

Acting Public Works Director Jon Harriman was in attendance to present the memo and supporting information provided to the Town Council in their packets. A brief discussion took place regarding the pass fees.

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to approve a 20-punch yearly pass fee increase to \$50, to add an 8-punch pass for \$25, and 50% off for Senior Citizens age 65+.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

I. RESIGNATIONS

1. Board of Finance

a. Allan Spotts

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to accept the resignation of Allan Spotts from the Board of Finance with regrets.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

2. Charter Revision Commission

a. Eric Zeilor

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to accept the resignation of Eric Zeilor from the Charter Revision Commission with regrets.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

3. Library Commission

a. William A. Dickerson

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by A. Waters to accept the resignation of William A. Dickerson from the Library Commission with regrets.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

4. Water Pollution Control Authority

a. Allan Spotts

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to accept the resignation of Allan Spotts from the Water Pollution Control Authority with regrets.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

5. Senior Services Commission

a. Paula Luna

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by J. Henehan to accept the resignation of Paula Luna from the Senior Services Commission with regrets.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

J. APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor's appointments of Town Council members as liaisons to the following Boards and Commissions:

Councilman Demetriades	
	Committee to Support Individuals with Disabilities
	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
	LGBTQ+ Committee
	Planning and Zoning Commission
Councilwoman Donohue	
	Fire District Board of Commissioners
	Committee to Support Individuals with Disabilities
	Conservation Commission
	Inland Wetland & Watercourses Agency
Councilman Fortenbach	
	Board of Education
	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
	Economic Development Commission
	Recreation Commission
	Redevelopment Agency
Councilman Henehan	
	Board of Education
	Board of Finance
	Recreation Commission

Councilwoman Luna	
	Library Commission
	Senior Services Commission
	Youth Services Board
Mayor Spotts	
	Zoning Board of Appeals
	Fire District Board of Commissioners
	Charter Revision Commission
Councilman Waters	
	Senior Services Commission
	Economic Development Commission
	Water Pollution Control Authority
	Historical Society
	Redevelopment Agency

2. Board of Finance

a. Matthew A. Blanchette

Motion made by A. Waters and **seconded** by J. Donohue to appoint Matthew A. Blanchette (R), as a regular member to the Board of Finance for a term expiring 11/2023.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

3. Charter Revision Commission

a. Luis Menendez

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to appoint Luis Menendez (R), as a regular member to the Charter Revision Commission.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

4. Senior Services Commission

a. Steven Falco

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by P. Luna to appoint Steven Falco (D), as a regular member to the Senior Services Commission for a term expiring 4/1/2022.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

5. Water Pollution Control Authority

a. Matthew Di Domizio

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to appoint Matthew Di Domizio (R), as a regular member to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term expiring 1/1/2022.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

6. LGBTQ Committee

a. Sarah Backe

b. Matthew Brown

c. Lana Dupont

d. Laura Stull

Motion made by J. Demetriades and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to appoint Sarah Backe, Matthew Brown, Lana Dupont, and Laura Stull to the LGBTQ Committee for terms expiring 11/2022.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

Councilman Demetriades informed the Council that Jacey Long is still on the Committee but resigned as Chair. Matt Brown and Lana Dupont are Interim Chairs. He mentioned that next year the Committee plans to have three events, one for Day of Silence in April, one for Pride Month in June, and one for National Coming Out Day in October.

7. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

a. Peter Omicioli

Motion made by S. Fortenbach and **seconded** by J. Henehan to appoint Peter Omicioli (R), as a regular member to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

Motion made by A. Waters and **seconded** by J. Donohue to enter into Executive Session and to invite Town Manager in for Item K.1.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henehan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Town of Cromwell v. Schultz, 49 River Road
Update and Strategies (*action if necessary*)

The Town Council came out of Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

Motion made by J. Demetriades and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to grant permission to the Town Manager to sign the Town of Cromwell v. Schultz settlement agreement.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by J. Henahan to enter into Executive Session and invite the Town Manager in for Item K.2.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

The Town Council entered into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

The Town Council came out of Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

No action was taken on Item K.2.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by J. Donohue and **seconded** by S. Fortenbach to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

In favor: A. Spotts, J. Donohue, J. Demetriades, S. Fortenbach, J. Henahan, P. Luna, A. Waters.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Calve
Secretary