


**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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MINUTES

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

Absent:

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Town
Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director J. Harriman, Senior/Human/Youth Services
Director A. Saada

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Faienza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to
approve the agenda.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. R. Waters, South Street -spoke regarding several of his concerns.
2. M. Islam, Cromwell Hills Drive - Introduced himself to the Council and those
present in the audience.

F. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

- He attended the Quarterly Pension Meeting and reported that the pension is
fully funded.
- He will be setting the date for the Town Manager's yearly evaluation.
- The business visits will continue; they will be visiting Alcap Ridge.
- A follow up request to meet was made to the Fire District; so far a date has not
been set.
- The Cromwell Division will meet tomorrow at Covenant Village.

- A joint meeting between the Boards of Education, Finance and the Town Council will be held on September 25th at 7:00 p.m. Location to be determined.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- The Town was asked to assist with the sidewalks for the Valor Green project.
- The Library Expansion is proceeding.
- Funds for an analysis of the Senior Center will be included in the F/Y 19/20 Capital Requests.
- They are working to resolve problems with the installation of the scoreboard. It will not be ready for the first game.
- Director of Health W. Bell announced his retirement.
- The Fall Recreation Brochure was distributed to the Councilors and kudos were given to Recreation Director Scott Kieras and his staff for enhancements made to existing programs and the new programs that were added.
- The Health Department will be hosting a Flu Clinic on October 9th from 10:00 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Gym.
- We are in the process of adding fill able forms to our webpage. Yuri from my office is working on this project.
- Grants for a Senior Bus and also Cemetery upkeep were approved.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- Officer Hennessey is doing well at the academy.
- Officers DiMauro and DiMaio announced their retirement.
- Three officers are out due to injury or illness.
- Updated the Council regarding a stolen car that was found at McDonalds.
- Updated the Council regarding an armed robbery at the Post Office.
- On August 30th a DUI checkpoint was conducted.
- The High Visibility Enforcement resulted in finding 39 violations.
- Speed boxes were placed at Evergreen and Main Street, 14,000 cars went through and the average speed was 42 mph in a 40 mph zone.

I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Town Engineer/Asst. Public Works Director J. Harriman reported:

- Pavement Management will be done on Harrison.
- Crack sealing will be resumed in the fall.
- They are doing prep work on Valor Green.
- They are working on the drainage at the Dog Park.
- The 'secret' road on River Road is temporary and is being used to haul dirt. After the project the road will be removed.
- They are working to put a skating rink in the area of Willowbrook and Evergreen.

- Rubber mulch was installed at the playscape.
- Montagno from Waterbury is the contractor selected for the Library Project.
- Five candidates will be interviewed for Clerk of the Works Library Project.
- There will be a public hearing for the North Road extension project.
- The Coles Road project is in the hands of Right-of-way.

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore presented the update in Finance Director Sylvester's absence.

- Budget Report: The budget reports included in the Town Council packet for the September 12th meeting reflect budget activity through August 2018 for the fiscal year 2018-19. As we are only a couple months into the new fiscal year, there is nothing of significance to report and I expect all budgetary activity to be in line with approved amounts.
- Fiscal Year 2017-18: We are still in the process of finalizing information with regard to prior year expenditures and revenues but anticipate an operating surplus in excess of \$1.25M as a result of conservative budgeting practices. This is due to revenues exceeding budgeted levels in Tax Collection, Departmental Revenue, and Miscellaneous Sources. [Miscellaneous Sources include: sale of property & equipment, Bank of America's credit card rebate, MIRA payment, Investment income, insurance recovery.] Expenditures came in less than budgeted for both the Town and the BOE.
- Auditors will be on site (in Town Hall and the BOE) beginning September 17th and generally stay for 3-4 weeks. The final document, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, should be done by the beginning of December.

K. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1-52.

L. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action Tax deferral program-appeal.

A. Saada presented the appeal.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve the appeal so the individual can work with their bank.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Town Engineers report on South Street Drainage east of Main Street.

J. Harriman presented the report. Discussion followed regarding the cost of adding sidewalks or a boardwalk from South Street to Frisbee Park.
No action taken.

3. Union Grievance -Police Union, NIPSEU

a. Officer Young

Union President Detective Pietraroia presented the grievance on behalf of the union.

Chief Lamontagne presented the Town's side of the grievance.
A lengthy question and answer period followed the presentations.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to deny the grievance and uphold Chief Lamontagne's recommendation.

Aye: M. Johnson, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele

Nay: A. Waters, S. Slade, J. Demetriades

Motion to deny the grievance carried.

4. Union Grievance - Police Union, NIPSEU

a. UNUM - Long Term Disability

Union President Detective Pietraroia presented the grievance on behalf of the union.

Chief Lamontagne presented the Town's side of the grievance.
A lengthy question and answer period followed the presentation.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to deny the grievance and fix the problem.

Aye: A. Waters, S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton

Nay: F. Emanuele, J. Demetriades

Abstained: M. Johnson

Motion to deny the grievance carried.

M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Special Meeting August 6, 2018.

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018.

N. APPOINTMENTS

1. Planning and Zoning

a. Mo Islam, Alternate, Term expires December 2019

2. Economic Development Commission

a. Mo Islam, Alternate, Term expires March 2020

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to approve Mr. Islam's appointments (1 & 2).

3. Committee to Support People with Disabilities

a. Joe Morin

b. Jeremy Zeedyk

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to table until the Committee meets on September 25th.

O. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

A. Waters -Senior Services Commission

S. Slade -Fire Commission

F. Emanuele -Board of Education

J. Demetriades -Support People with Disabilities & P&Z

P. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Strategy and discussion, Real Estate acquisition.

a. Action if necessary

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:31 p.m., for strategy and discussion -Real Estate acquisition.

Town Manager A. Salvatore was invited into Executive Session.

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 10:46 p.m.
No action taken.

Q. ADJOURN

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Re Matus
Secretary