

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

MINUTES

Present: Mayor E. Faienza, Deputy Mayor R. Newton, S. Slade, F. Emanuele,
J. Demetriades, A. Waters, M. Johnson
Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. LaMontagne, Assistant
Director of Public Works/Town Engineer J. Harriman, Director of Finance M. Sylvester,
Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

F. Emanuele led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Faienza recommended the following amendments; Table Financial #3,
New Business 1 & 2, hear both together, vote on them separately. Move New
Business #4 and Correspondence #1 to Executive Session. New Business #5.

Discussion and possible action to amend the entire ordinance

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

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. Economic Development Coordinator's Report

Director of Planning and Development/EDC Coordinator S. Popper submitted a
written report.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. M. Weidler, Main Street -Shadow Lane - collapsed dam & culvert.
2. R. Waters, South Street -Salt was used on roads the last storm and also
discussed Cromwell Creek
3. R. Jahn, Woodside Road -Spoke regarding items New Business 4 & 5.

F. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

- Today is Police Appreciation Day; thanked the Cromwell Police Department.
- Had the opportunity to tour Scannell; it is an amazing project.
- He will reach out to the Fire District to resume talks on combining services.

- The Business visitations will continue in January.
- Café Luna had a soft opening.
- Joe's Filling Station is now open.
- The Chamber Division will be held at Autumn Lake.
- Acknowledged Ann Grasso from the Creative District.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- Toured Scannell; the building is huge and has the availability for expansion.
- Had a Staff Meeting regarding the upcoming Budget Process.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- The newest officer, Ramon Lima, was sworn in on December 28th.
- The two officers in the academy are doing well.
- Officer Hennessey is in the 3rd week of FTO and is doing well.
- On December 18th there was a break in at the Sunoco Station. Officer John Carlson and K-9 Bane responded and apprehended the perpetrators who were attempting to steal the ATM machine. Chief Lamontagne stated that Officer Carlson and K-9 Bane did a phenomenal job.

I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Assistant Director of Public Works J. Harriman provided the following updates:

- The Budget Process had begun.
- Christmas Tree Pickup.
- Work at the Transfer Station.
- Pothole patching.
- MS-4 report is due at the end of the month.
- Update on the Library Project.

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

1. Set Dates and Times for 2019-2020 budget Workshops

Mayor Faienza recommended the Capital Improvement Program Public Hearing on March 4th at 6:00 p.m. and the Budget Workshop at 6:10 p.m. The second Budget Workshop March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to set the above dates for the 2019/2020 budget workshops.

2. Authorize Mayor to set Date/ Time for public hearing on the Capital Improvement Program

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to authorize Mayor to set date/time for Public Hearing on the CIP. (March 4th at 6:00 p.m.)

3. Discussion and action to appoint audit firm for June 30, 2019 audit.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to table.

4. To consider and act upon a resolution recommending an appropriation, to be funded from borrowings to the extent not funded from available General Fund fund balance, as determined by the Board of Finance, or Sewer Usage Fund fund balance, as determined by the Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority, for costs related to the design, site development, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a new Public Works Department Facility to be located on Town-owned land at 100 ~~Counrty~~ County Line Drive, Cromwell and, if approved, referring such recommendation to the Board of Finance for its consideration.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *carried* to approve an appropriation, to be funded from borrowings to the extent not funded from available General Fund fund balance, as determined by the Board of Finance, or Sewer Usage Fund fund balance, as determined by the Cromwell Water Pollution Control Authority, for costs related to the design, site development, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a new Public Works Department Facility to be located on Town-owned land at 100 ~~Counrty~~ County Line Drive, Cromwell and, if approved referring such recommendation to the Board of Finance for its consideration.

a. Authorize Mayor to set Date/Time for Special Town Meeting.

Aye: F. Emanuele, R. Newton, E. Faienza, S. Slade

Abstained: J. Demetriades, M. Johnson, A. Waters

Motion carries

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *carried* to authorize Mayor to set date/time for Special meeting.

Aye: S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton, F. Emanuele

Nay: M. Johnson, A. Waters, J. Demetriades

Motion carried

5. 2018-2019 Budget Report

Finance Director Sylvester presented the budget reports.

K. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

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

L. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on Cromwell Creek drainage issues.-TABLED

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to remove from the table.

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

Nay: S. Slade

Motion carried

Assistant Public Works Director/Town Engineer J. Harriman was available to answer questions
Discussion followed regarding the cost of several remedies that could be tried to resolve the issue.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *carried* that Public Works, through the Town Manager, continue maintenance to clean debris that is obstructing the water flow.

Aye: J. Demetriades, R. Newton, E. Faienza, S. Slade

Nay: F. Emanuele, A. Waters, M. Johnson

Motion carried

Mayor Faienza called for a five minutes recess at 8:30 p.m.

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Grievance, RI-121 12/13/18

a. Step 3 -Lori Ouellette

The union was given the opportunity to present their side of the grievance. Union President L. Ouellette and union representative Vincenzo DiMinio presented the union's side of the grievance.

Chief Lamontagne presented the town's side of the grievance.

The Council was given the opportunity to comment and ask questions of both sides.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried to deny the grievance.*

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

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

Motion to deny grievance carried

2. Grievance, RI-121 -1/3/19

a. Step 3 -Lori Ouellette

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried to deny the grievance.*

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

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

Motion to deny grievance carried

3. Grievance, NIPSEU

a. Step2 - Union

The union was given the opportunity to present their side of the grievance.
Detective Peter Pietraroia presented the union's side of the grievance.

Chief Lamontagne presented the town's side of the grievance.

The Council was given the opportunity to comment and ask questions of both sides.

Motion made by J. Demetriades seconded by A. Waters to approve the grievance.

Aye: J. Demetriades, A. Waters

Nay: F. Emanuele, R. Newton, E. Faienza, S. Slade

Abstained: M. Johnson

Motion failed

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by F. Emanuele and *carried* to deny the grievance.

Aye: F. Emanuele, R. Newton, E. Faienza, S. Slade

Nay: J. Demetriades, A. Waters

Abstained: M. Johnson

Motion carried

4. Possible sale of property at 1 Community Field Road

a. Discussion and possible action

Moved to Executive Session

5. Possible change to Town Ordinance 82

a. Discussion and possible action ~~on Section 82-4B~~ to amend Ordinance 82.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to approve.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to authorize Mayor to set the time and date of a Public Hearing.

6. Presentation of Town Manager's 2019 Goals and Objectives

S. Slade

- Work to have grievances dealt with at the lowest level as much as possible.
- Continue to have a Business Friendly environment and bring businesses to town.

A. Waters

- Continue working with EDC Development; Stuart Popper is doing a wonderful job.

M. Johnson

- Be more aggressive in planning and be transparent with what's going on. Have something that the people can look at and put their own ideas in and be more involved.
- Make the town more attractive when the golf tournament comes to town.
- Stop the revolving door; we should keep businesses in town and plan what type of businesses we want in a particular area in town. We should create our own community and avoid builders who just build and don't care what or where they are building.
- Be more specific when the next POCD is done.
- Other towns have more services for the people.

R. Newton

- Develop a fiscally sound budget. Pleased with new format of budget.
- Would like to see Department Heads be held accountable for their goals.
- Would like another Scannell brought to town.
- Have a building facilities need study for Town Hall regarding use of space. Feels that Human Resources should have a space of their own.

F. Emanuele

- H/R position is important; would like to see position increased to full-time.
- Attract more young people to town.
- Develop downtown and riverfront facility.
- Improve communications in town

James Demetriades

- Continue EDC efforts.
- Integrate Eco-friendly initiatives.
- Keep working to make the town more attractive and involve young people and new residents to become involved in the Community.
- Keep attracting young folks to Town.

E. Faienza

- Thanked Manager for working hard to complete last year's goals.
- Continue Economic Development and business visitations tours to learn of existing businesses needs.
- Keep budget as fiscally responsibly as possible while still meeting needs of the town.
- Look at budgeting funds for a feasibility study for the town hall and senior center.
- Would like to see some electronic message boards around town to keep residents informed of meetings and current events.

N. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting December 12, 2018

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve the December 12, 2018. (Noting that under adjourn J. Demetriades seconded the motion)

O. APPOINTMENTS

1. LGBTQ Committee

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to appoint Lindsey Smolka, Maria Pavlick, Thomas Floran, Katelyn Puorro, Michael Roberts, Jacey Long, Andraya Yearwood, Kym Banton, Joyce Walter.

P. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

None

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion and possible action, Sale of Town Property.

a. 1 Community Field Road

2. Discussion and possible action, first right of refusal to purchase property.

a. 313 Main Street

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:40 p.m.

Town Manager Salvatore was invited into Executive Session.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to come out of Executive Session at 11:05 p.m.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to move to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate the sale of a portion of property at 1 Community Field Road adjacent to 313 Main Street and negotiate a right of first refusal for the future sale of 313 Main Street.

R. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Memo from Economic Development Coordinator to the Town Manager regarding to 313 Main Street

Moved to Executive Session

S. ADJOURN

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary

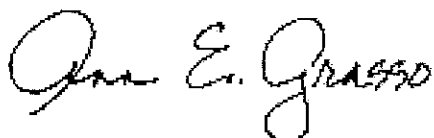
January 8, 2019

Mayor Enzo Faienza
Cromwell Town Hall
41 West Street
Cromwell CT 06416

Dear Mayor Faienza,

On behalf of the Creative District Committee and Cromwell Arts Alliance, please accept our appreciation for the Town Council's unanimous support in creating a Creative District. We look forward to working with the town to gain all necessary approvals and permits before commencing with any projects. Further, we welcome any ideas the Council, Town Manager and Planning and Development may have in implementing this concept.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann E. Grasso". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ann E. Grasso

cc. Marjorie Lemmon, James Demetriades