


**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2018
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. Demetriades, M. Johnson, S. Slade, A. Waters

Absent: None

Also present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Public Works Director L. Spina,
Chief D. Lamontagne, Finance Director M. Sylvester,
Town Engineer/Assistant Public Works Director J. Harriman

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Frank Emanuele led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager A. Salvatore requested Item M-1 be removed from Agenda.
Item has been resolved. Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by
J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to amend the agenda and move Item
M-1 and to approve the agenda as amended.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIAISON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. T. Butler, 45 South Street spoke regarding Cromwell Creek.
2. S. Jaceszki, 33 Shadow Lane spoke regarding proposed Town Garage.
3. R. Waters, 84 South Street spoke regarding Cromwell Creek.
4. A. Kelly, 47 Willowbrook Road gave praise for the project
on Willowbrook Road for a job well done.

F. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

First meeting with Fire District was recently held; looking into the future to have an independent audit study to come together on various items.

Pension committee recently met; the Town's pension is over 90% funded and has \$22 million (plus) in the fund.

Thank you to Jay Polke and Town employees regarding the tree lighting ceremony and block party for a wonderful event and a job well done by all.

Goals for objectives for Town Manager A. Salvatore for 2019 were requested.

Chamber breakfast tomorrow at Mattabasset District; Mayor is unable to attend due to prior commitment.

Wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season were extended to all.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

Consensus for independent audit review for Town to present to the Fire District and bring findings back to Council for review regarding various items.

The ship on display in Town Hall was donated about a year ago by Ed Wysocki. A table recently handcrafted by Michael Nadeau was also acknowledged. Plaques will be placed on both in the near future.

Town Manager A. Salvatore was re-elected to COST Board of Director's as well as Vice President of Council of Governments during their recent re-elections.

One Community Field Road parking lot has now been acquired by the Town.

W. Bell, Health Director and S. DeVoe, Assistant Finance Director were praised for all of their efforts on the HeartSafe project.

S. Popper, Town Planner received information today regarding the Sidewalk Grant around the schools and Main Street. The Grant has been awarded to the Town and will receive official notice next week.

Fencing is still up at Valor Green due to a delay in completion which should be accomplished this spring.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

Officer Hennessey will graduate the Police Academy next week and will receive field training with Officer Perlini.

Officer Chater is doing well in the Police Academy.

Dispatcher hiring is in process due to the recent resignation of Dispatcher Lawton.

Sergeant's exam has been reposted with two interested candidates.

Tree lighting ceremony was well attended.

Fill-A-Cruiser was a great success; more food was received than in past years. Chief praised Lori Ouellette for her 15 years of coordinating this event and for all of her efforts regarding Fill-A-Cruiser.

Shop with a Cop event held last night was a huge success.

The amount of calls (2,000) received for service this year has surpassed last year's amount. This has been accomplished with a reduced staff.

Holiday patrols will be added during this holiday season. Cars are being stolen and vandalized; residents should be vigilant with their vehicles and personal items.

Thank you to Covenant Village for use of their property to conduct live training exercises.

I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Public Director Spina reported:

Crews are approximately 95% finished with leaf pickup and should be completed by tomorrow.

Winter preparation to pre-treat roadways will begin next week with the purchase of two new mason dump trucks.

There is a vacancy within the Sewer Division due to Curtis Rooth's retirement at year's end. Interviews will be held tomorrow for the Sewer Foreman's position.

Catch basins (799 in total) were cleaned out following up with sweeper after leaf collection.

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

1. Budget Reports

Budget report until the end of November is in this packet. November looks good because of increase in the amount of building permits that were issued.

Audit report almost ready to be distributed next week; should be available next Friday.

The Budget cycle for next year looks good and has been budgeted very conservatively. Budget looks good but too early to project at this point in time.

FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve tax refunds 1-18.

2. Financial

a. Discussion regarding 2019 JAG Grant

Chief Lamontagne explained that 100% will be reimbursed acquired by funds from government in 2016-2017. The \$10,000 amount will be used in simulations training.

Motion made by F. Emanuele seconded by Sam Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve applying for the 2019 JAG Grant.

b. Discussion and action to appropriate \$10,000 from capital Non-Recurring fund of which 100% will be reimbursed back to the Town.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to appropriate funds which will be reimbursed to the Town.

L. OLD BUSINESS

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

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to remove Cromwell Creek as a tabled item and open for discussion.

Jon Harriman made a presentation regarding Cromwell Creek and lengthy discussion ensued regarding this issue. Item was put to a vote as to whether or not to spend money on the Cromwell Creek issue.

Motion was made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters to return Cromwell Creek issue to the table.

Motion carried and *unanimously carried* to return Cromwell Creek item to the table.

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Union Grievance, Local 222

a. Issue regarding Craig Radican is resolved.

2. Cromwell Creative Art District was discussed for a future goal for Cromwell. Cromwell Art Alliance members spoke in favor of this of this idea which they felt was well worth the effort.

Valor Memorial Green to the Frisbie Landing area to the river would be the proposed location for the Cromwell Creative Art District.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to approve the formation of proposed Cromwell Creative Art district.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Community Events Committee followed regarding this Committee.

The committee should be overseen by the Town and work in conjunction with Organizations in order to avoid any conflicts regarding events planned in the future.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by F. Emanuele and *unanimously carried* to approve the formation of a Community Events Committee.

4. The Homeland Security Grant Program was discussed and approved.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by R. Newton and *unanimously carried* to apply for the Homeland Security Grant.

Mayor Faienza called for a recess at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Faienza called the meeting back to order at 9:39 p.m.

N. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting November 7, 2018

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Regular Meeting.

O. APPOINTMENTS

1. Committee to Support People with Disabilities. Item taken off the table.
No action taken.

Motion made by D. Newton seconded by J. Demetriades to remove item and not be placed on next agenda.

2. Cromwell Youth Service Advisory Board Members 18/19 per list attached.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade to approve Cromwell Youth Services Advisory board for 18/19 per list attached to Agenda.

P. RESIGNATIONS

1. Senior Services Commission

a. Michael Parent - November 29, 2018 - Resignation accepted resident moving out of State.

Q. COUNCIL LIASON REPORTS

Council Members gave liaison updates

R. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to adjourn to executive session at 9:43 p.m. for the purpose of highway /sewer facility, negotiation strategies, and land acquisition.

Town Manager A. Salvatore was invited into all sessions.

1. Discussion and possible action on Highway/Sewer Facility
L. Spina, J. Harriman, M. Sylvester, A. Kelly, R. Peck were invited into executive session.

2. Negotiation strategies
Chief was invited into Executive Session.

3. Land acquisition
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade to come out of executive session at 11:23 p.m. to accept D'Amato's proposal and authorize.

ACTION

1. Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade to accept D'Amato's proposal for the proposed Highway/Sewer facility.

Votes: E. Faienza, R. Newton, S. Slade, F. Emanuele *ayes* - *nays* - 0.
J. Demetriades and M. Johnson abstained for voting on the proposed Highway/Sewer Facility.

2. Negotiation Strategies

No action taken regarding Negotiation strategies.

3. Land Acquisition
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimously carried* to accept the land at 15R Christian Hill Road.

S. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Department of Public Health (No Action)

T. ADJOURN

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by S. Slade and *unanimously carried* to adjourn the Special Meeting at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marion Bironi", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Marion Bironi
Acting Secretary