

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

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

Absent: F. Emanuele

Also Present: Town Manager A. Salvatore, Chief of Police D. Lamontagne, Public
Works Director L. Spina, Director of Finance M. Sylvester, Health Coordinator S. Nesci,
Director of Planning and Development/EDC Coordinator S. Popper, Public and Press

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mertie Terry led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Faienza requested the following amendments to the agenda:

M. New Business 5. Discussion and possible action on legislative proposals from the
State Legislature.

O. Appointments Senior Services Commission 1.b, Anne Jordan, term expires 4/20

O. Appointments Committee to Support People w/disabilities 5. (all terms expire
6/2020) a. John Flanders, b. Meagan Ribera, c. Jeannine Marron, d. Heidi Neumann-
Venetianer, e. Linda Demetriades, f. Lucille Wrzos, g. Laurie Cantwell.

Appointments #2. Removed from agenda, Town Manager's appointments.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to amend
the agenda.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by R. Newton and *unanimous carried* to
approve the agenda as amended.

D. COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORTS/LIASON REPORT/STAFF REPORTS

None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. A. Grasso, Strand Circle -Spoke regarding Acting Superintendent Fran DiFore-
letter attached to minutes.

2. M. Terry-Spoke regarding the room-use policy.

3. M. Weidler -Spoke regarding the Shadow Lane ponds.

Mayor Faienza held a moment of silence in memory of Tom Serra

F. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Mayor Faienza reported:

- He and Town Manager Salvatore received a visit from Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz; the meeting was very productive. They expressed concerns with all of talk coming out of Hartford.
- The Fire District meeting was canceled. It will be rescheduled in the near future.
- The Cromwell Division Chamber meeting will be held tomorrow at the Courtyard.

G. TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Town Manager Salvatore reported:

- This week he and Finance Director Sylvester began budget meetings with Department Heads.
- A meeting was held with the Architect regarding Cromwell Landing; they received notice that all of the endangered species concerns are now clear.
- He is working with Stuart Popper to make welcoming improvements to Golf Club Road such as adding banners and additional flags.
- He is working with Heather Polke on painting the bathroom at Frisbee Landing.
- The manager's office received several calls praising the Highway Department's excellent job keeping the roads clear during snow storms.

H. CHIEF OF POLICE'S UPDATE

Chief Lamontagne reported:

- The Monthly Incident Report was distributed for January.
- Officer Lima is doing well at the academy. He will graduate in June.
- Officers Dean and Chater are also doing well at the academy and will graduate in March.
- Officer Hennessey is in the third stage of the FTO program.
- New Dispatcher was hired in January.
- Has been busy working on the budget.
- Worked with the State on sting for stores selling tobacco to those who are underage. One clerk was cited and given a \$200.00 fine.
- Other than a few larcenies; it has been pretty quite.

I. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Public Director Spina reported:

- The Dog Park is closed due to wet conditions. He will continue to monitor it.
- They conducted a brush pick up due to the weekend storm in January.
- They are working on a right-of-way issue on Coles Road.
- Update was given on the North Road Extension Culvert.
- Update was given on the Geer/Main Street Sidewalk Project.

J. FINANCE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

1. Budget Reports
 - Budget Reports cover thru the end of January.
 - Expenditures are on target.
 - Revenues are coming in strong.
 - Tax Collections are at 91%.

K. FINANCIAL

1. Tax Refunds

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimous carried* to approve tax refunds 1 - 18.
2. Discussion and action to appropriate \$18,185 within the CNR Fund for upgrades to the Finance Server.

Finance Director Sylvester presented the request.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimous carried* to appropriate \$18,185 within the CNR Fund for upgrades to the Finance Server.

L. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action to appoint audit firm for June 30, 2019 audit. -tabled
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to remove from table.
Finance Director Sylvester presented the request.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to appoint audit firm RSM for June 30, 2019 audit.
2. Discussion and possible action on 313 Main Street/1 Community Field Road (possible Executive Session).
Moved to Executive Session.

M. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action to amend Chapter 137 Food Establishments.
 - a. Authorize Mayor to set time and date of Public Hearing.
Health Coordinator Nesci presented the request. 137-1, reference State Statue and amend fees for class 2 & 3.
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *carried* to approve amending Chapter 137.
Aye: M. Johnson, A. Waters, S. Slade, E. Faienza, R. Newton
Nay: J. Demetriades
Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimous carried* to authorize the Mayor to set time and date of Public Hearing.
2. Discussion and action to approve amending 82-4 License tag and registration required; exceptions.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by S. Slade and *unanimous carried* to approve amending 82-4.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve revising and updating the Economic Development Incentive Guidelines.

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimous carried* to approve revising and updating the Economic Development Incentive Guidelines.

Amended Motion made by S. Slade seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimously carried* to amend so Exhibit B matches State Statue.

4. Discussion and possible action to amend the Application for use of Town Facilities.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimous carried* to approve the amended Application for use of Town Facilities as submitted adding that a maximum of 8 people may attend the ceremony and that no insurance certificate is needed.

5. Discussion and possible action on legislative proposals from the State Legislator.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to authorize Mayor Faienza to draft a letter on the Council's behalf, to the State Legislature opposing any municipal tax dollars be redistributed.

N. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting, January 9, 2019

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to approve the minutes of January 9, 2019.

2. Special Meeting, January 28, 2019

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by J. Demetriades and *unanimous carried* to approve the minutes of January 28, 2019.

O. APPOINTMENTS

1. Senior Services Commission

- a. Shirley Banic, Term expires April 2020
- b. Anne Jordan, Term expires April 2020

2. Redevelopment Agency

- ~~a. Jennifer Donohue, Term Expires December 2022~~
- ~~b. Richard Nobile, Term Expires December 2022~~
- ~~c. Kevin Nolan, Term expires December 2020~~
- ~~d. Paul Warenda, Term expires December 2020~~

3. Mattabassett District

- a. Bonnie Anderson, Term expires September 2021

4. Recreation Commission
 - a. Jim Vinchetti, Term expires December 2019
5. Committee to Support People with Disabilities (all terms expire 6/2020)
 - a. John Flanders
 - b. Meagan Ribera
 - c. Jeannine Marron
 - d. Heidi Neumann-Venetianer
 - e. Linda Demetriades
 - f. Lucuille Wrzo
 - g. Laurie Cantwell.

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimous carried* to approve items 1,3,4,5.

P. RESIGNATIONS

1. Recreation Commission
 - a. Richard Nobile

Motion made by A. Waters seconded by S. Slade and *unanimous carried* to accept Mr. Nobile's resignation with regret.

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Strategy and Negotiations regarding pending claims & litigation.
 - a. CHRO complaint, Office Young v Cromwell Police Department.
2. Real Estate sale or acquisition.
 - a. 313 Main Street/1 Community Field Road. (Will possibly be moved from L.2)

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:19 p.m.

Town Manager Salvatore was invited into Executive Session for both items.

Motion made by J. Demetriades seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to come out of Executive Session at 9:56 p.m.

1. Strategy and Negotiations regarding pending claims & litigation.
 - a. CHRO complaint, Office Young v Cromwell Police Department.

No action taken

2. Estate sale or acquisition.
 - a. 313 Main Street/1 Community Field Road.

Motion made by R. Newton seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to sell the triangular parcel directly behind 313 Main Street.

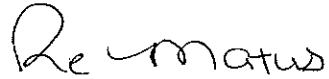
R. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

None

S. ADJOURN

Motion made by S. Slade seconded by A. Waters and *unanimous carried* to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:58 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



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February 13, 2019

To: Town Council and Town Manager
RE: Fran DiFiore, Principal at Cromwell High School

Good evening,

Covenant Village pairs eight freshman students with eight resident hosts at luncheons held 10 times throughout the school year. The program is called TaTT (Taste and Talk Together.) We invite various school staff to join our admin table.

Today, we had the privilege of lunching with Fran DiFiore, Principal at Cromwell High, and her admin assistant, Melissa. A small portion of our discussion centered on the overwhelming response of support for Ms. DiFiore during the past weeks while she was acting superintendent. "People are so good," Fran offered, giving examples of staff, students and teachers dropping by offering to help in any way they could.

The community should be aware that Cromwell Schools are in competent hands and that all are working together for the benefit of the students.

Sincerely,

Ann E. Grasso
Resident town liaison for Covenant Village