

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Community Wellness Organizational Special Meeting**  
**Unapproved Minutes**  
**February 23, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Virtual Meeting**

Chairman Slapikas called to order the Special Meeting of the Prospect Town Council @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting was a Virtual Meeting by video conference via GoToMeeting as authorized by Executive Orders 7B and 7I. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Organizer of Virtual Meeting Present:** J. Slapikas. A roll call for attendance was taken by Chairman Slapikas.

**Council Members Present via online:** J. Slapikas, R. Blanc, P. Geary, L. Fitzgerald, S. Pilat, S. Lusas-Kolodziej, T. Graveline & K. O'Leary P. Geary (7:08 p.m.)

**Council Members Absent:** none

**Guests:**

- Christina Stone-Prospect Business Association
- Brenda Martin-Individual (Possibly Rep.Board of Rec. when C. Moffo is not in attendance.
- John Wiehn- Prospect Library
- Capt. Matt Devan-PFD
- Maura Esposito-Chesprocott
- Rob Edwards-Prospect Business Association
- Shelly McNulty-Region 16 Director of Special Ed. & Social Worker in Town.

**New Business:**

**Tax Refunds:** Motion made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by R. Blanc to approve the 9 tax refunds in the amount of \$8725.48. **Unanimous.**

**Community Wellness:**

M. Patchofsky thanked everyone for joining the meeting again. The idea behind this was to figure out how the Town can get groups together that are already established and already have programs available to our residents. This is especially important during the pandemic. She mentioned the draft plan the Council put together. They are here to help support and facilitate however they can. The Committee will be the ones to start moving forward with the initiatives in the community to bring people together. This will also help small businesses thrive and survive. T. Graveline stated that the Council recognizes there are so many programs being offered by organizations/ groups that residents may not be aware of. The goal is to help put together a better platform to reach out to the community and its citizens. This is an opportunity for community connection. This will target our citizens to become more engaged and have that sense of community spirit. P. Geary stated that the Council wants to offer people an opportunity to the residents to take advantage of what is offered to them. J. Slapikas stated there are 8 groups and 1 individual involved so far. Maura from Chesprocott would be willing to step up as Chairman of the Committee but she would have to have some great partners. She needs two months to settle things down at Chesprocott due to the pandemic. Capt. Devan offered to be Chairman as well or to work with Maura. Shelly stated she is the Chair for the Prevention Committee within the district. She would be more than happy to be part of whatever the Committee needs. R. Blanc nominated C. Moffo as Chairman of the Committee. P. Geary would like to nominate the three people who offered as Co -Chairman. She feels this is a great way to work. T. Graveline agrees with P. Geary. This will be a lot for one person to take on the full scope. Christina Stone would be willing to help if it were more of a Co-Chair type of thing. M. Patchofsky mentioned having two Chairman and two Co-Chairman. She thinks that certainly sharing the responsibilities of setting up the meetings and running them is a great idea. T. Graveline and J. Slapikas both like M. Patchofsky's idea.

**Nomination for Chairman and Vice Chairman:**

**Motion** made by T. Graveline to nominate Capt. Devan (PFD) and Shelly McNulty (Reg. 16) for Co-Chairs and Maura Esposito (Chesprocott) and Christina Stone (Prospect Business Assoc.) for Co-Vice Chairs. Motion seconded by S. Lusas Kolodziej. **Unanimous.**

J. Slapikas stated he will send out contact information for everyone to get in touch with each other. P. Geary asked if the Council heard from the Senior Center. J. Slapikas stated he did not hear anything, but he will reach out one more time. M. Patchofsky mentioned to the Committee Members to not hesitate to reach out to the Council for anything they need. They can also use GoToMeetings as their platform they would just have to create their own separate from the Towns. The Council members are certainly willing to attend the next few meetings so the Committee members can pick their brains. There is no reason not to get more members even if they aren't part of a specific organization to bring a different perspective. The Council is here to support them with ideas, funds or whatever they need to move forward. T. Graveline mentioned a website that would be dedicated to this community connection or link from the town's website to all these organizations. She hopes the group will bring ideas forward as to how they would like to see this accomplished. A link on the town website would be great; that has all the info we want our citizens to have in one place. J. Slapikas thanked everyone for taking their time to put this together. The Committee can contact the Council anytime. T. Graveline stated the Council would like the Committee to keep them posted on what they are doing.

**Public Participation:** (5 Minute Time Limit) none

**Correspondence:** none

**Adjournment**

**Motion** made by S. Lusas Kolodziej, seconded by T. Graveline to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. **Unanimous.**

*Jeff Slapikas*, Chairman