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The regular work session meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Newton was held on the above date immediately following the regular meeting. Present were Mr. Elvidge, Mr. Diglio, Mr. Ricciardo, Mr. Storm, Mayor Unhoch and Town Manager, Eileen Kithcart.

Mayor Unhoch the following declaration that “in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this work session meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on December 29, 2007”.

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Ms. Kithcart indicated that she has prepared some estimated cost figures for garbage collection in the Town of Newton. The cost estimate is approximately \$481,000 which equates to six (6) tax points. After a brief discussion, the Governing Body directed Ms. Kithcart to look into this further for next year.

### **SUSSEX COUNTY FAIR**

Ms. Kithcart reviewed correspondence received from the Sussex County Administrator’s Office indicating the dates of the New Jersey State Fair and requesting Municipal participation. Ms. Kithcart asked Council if there was any interest hosting a “Town of Newton” table at this year’s fair. Mayor Unhoch indicated she contacted Carola Hartley, Executive Director, Main Street Program, and discussed a “Main Street Newton” theme. Council was in agreement with the theme and Mayor Unhoch advised she will follow up with Mrs. Hartley and Mr. Ernest Kosa from the County.

### **OLD MINE ROAD CELEBRATION**

Mayor Unhoch advised Council of the “Old Mine Road Folk Festival” that is being planned by the County, the Town of Newton, and Chamber of Commerce and outlined the events scheduled for this celebration. Mayor Unhoch reported the next meeting is scheduled for June 4, 2008 and will report back to the Governing

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body with updates.

### **MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**

Ms. Kithcart introduced Mr. Larry Pryduluk from Lawrence Video indicating that, even at this late date, Mr. Pryduluk has volunteered to coordinate the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Pryduluk requested permission from the Council to have Spring Street closed along the Parade Route and permission to use Memory Park. Mr. Pryduluk also indicated that he will coordinate the parade start time and ceremonies with the Newton Veteran of Foreign War Post 5360 and keep the Council informed.

The Governing Body thanked Mr. Pryduluk for his volunteerism with organizing the Memorial Day Parade and Council granted permission for the street closing as well as the use of Memory Park.

### **WATERLINE UPDATE**

Ms. Kithcart updated the Governing Body regarding the progress of the Mill Street waterline project.

### **REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

Ms. Kithcart indicated that the next Stakeholders meeting for the Railroad District is scheduled for May 7, 2008 and the general meeting for the public is scheduled for May 10, 2008 at the Newton Theatre.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. Kithcart updated the Governing Body regarding the Springboard Design Incubator concept.

Ms. Kithcart advised Council that the Newton Chamber of Commerce is requesting the Town of Newton purchase cigarette-butt containers and flower planters for Spring Street. After a lengthy discussion, Council requested to view the planters prior to purchase and inquired who would be responsible for maintaining planters on Spring Street.

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Mr. Elvidge addressed his concerns regarding Blue Cross health benefits “talk” of terminating services at Newton Memorial Hospital. After a lengthy discussion, the Governing Body requested Ms. Kithcart to prepare a letter to our Legislators requesting support to our community.

Mayor Unhoch requested consideration for our Newton Seniors to use the Newton Pool one day per week at no charge. After a brief discussion, the Governing Body directed Ms. Kithcart to contact Mr. Trudgeon to coordinate this event and approved a “no charge” fee to Newton seniors.

Upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mayor Unhoch and carried, the Town Council went into executive session at 9:11 p.m.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Newton (hereinafter referred to as the “Town Council”), convened a meeting in full compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows a public body to enter executive session during a public meeting to discuss certain matters, and

**WHEREAS**, it has become clear to the Town Council that there is a need to enter executive session to discuss one or more of the exceptions to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, and

**WHEREAS**, this work session meeting of the Town Council will not reconvene;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Newton that it will enter executive session to discuss issues related to litigation and personnel;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the discussion conducted in executive session by the Newton Town Council shall be disclosed to the public as follows:

### **LITIGATION**

Ms. Kithcart updated Council on pending litigation issues.

### **PERSONNEL**

Ms. Kithcart updated Council on personnel issues.

Upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded Mr. Storm and carried, the Town Council left executive session at 9:20 p.m.

Mayor Unhoch declared the meeting opened to the public.

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There being no one from the public to be heard, upon motion of Mr. Ricciardo, seconded by Mr. Storm and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine A. Read, RMC  
Municipal Clerk