

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – November 19, 2018

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman Michael K. Walsh; Selectmen William D. Buckley and William E. Kingkade, Jr; and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Minutes of October 22, 2018 and November 5, 2018 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. INVITATION TO SPEAK

Chairman Walsh informed those in attendance of Guidelines to be followed for the Invitation to Speak segment of the meeting.

Bob Delmore referred to a post he made on social media regarding Selectman Kingkade. He stated at no time did he disparage Selectman Kingkade's son. He said the post was up for three minutes before he took it down. He said his wife was called into a meeting with the Principal and Superintendent of Schools and accused of disseminating confidential information. He said the Superintendent is continuing an Investigation of the matter.

Michael Rooney asked the Board to reopen negotiations with the Police chief. He stated the matter has put the Town in a "bad light" and "cost the Town money."

Bernie Earl stated he was "outraged" at the decision of the Board to not renew the Police Chief contract and asked the Board to reconsider its decision.

Karen Villani stated some people on social media use the platform to bully people and asked "why do we have to be so divided."

David Lavine stated we should "take a break from all this."

Attorney Michael Kaplan stated the Police Chief is one of the most accessible Town officials and he is at the forefront of the opioid issue. He said the Chief "tries to do the right thing." He asked the Board to reconsider its position.

Sasha Meyer said the lower level of her business at 207 Main Street was flooded on Tuesday. She said she spent a great deal of money rehabbing the property. She has lost business. She said she has not received a satisfactory response from the Sewer Department. The Selectman indicated the need to understand what caused the flooding and to request a response from the Board of Sewer Commissioners. Ms. Meyer said she would attend the Sewer Commission meeting scheduled for November 20, 2018.

Siobhan Bohannon said she is the Sr. Vice President at Milford Federal Bank. The Bank was also flooded. She said she called Town Departments and was “bounced around” to different Departments.

4. Town Counsel, Charles Boddy, Jr., was present to discuss the land takings, easements and temporary construction easements required for the Main Street (Route 16) Transportation Improvement Project. The Town has hired an appraiser to appraise and value each property and also hired a second appraiser to do a peer review. Town Counsel will also be meeting with the representatives from the Milford Regional Medical Center to discuss land takings affecting their facility. Michael Kaplan had questions regarding commercial property he owns on Main Street. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingcade to approve the Order of Taking prepared by Town Counsel for the Main Street (Route 16) TIP Project. UNANIMOUS.

5. Steve Trettel, Peter Scandone and Parks Chairman Paul Pellegrini were present to discuss a project to revitalize the War Memorial at Draper Park and Calzone Park. They discussed preparing an RFP to hire a Landscape Architect to prepare a plan and cost estimate, seek funding at Town Meeting, prepare Bid Documents and go out to bid, do the construction and establish a maintenance plan. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingcade to establish a fifteen (15) member Milford War Memorial Revitalization Committee and to appoint the following individuals as members of the Committee: Representative Brian Murray, Selectman Michael Walsh, Peter Scandone, Claudia Scandone, Donn Niro, Parks Commissioner Paul Pellegrini, Paul Malnati, Steve Trettel, Rosemary Trettel and Nancy Wojcik. UNANIMOUS.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT November 19, 2018

1. Purchase Street School Roof- The new roof on the Purchase Street School was installed last week. I want to thank Facilities Director, Carlos Benjamin, for overseeing this project and completing it in a timely manner.
2. Route 85/Cedar Street Median Markers – We will be installing the flex-post median markers within the Route 85/Cedar Street roadway immediately north of the intersection with Fortune Boulevard/Dilla Street within the next two (2) weeks. Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli will be overseeing this project.

3. Thanksgiving Eve- A reminder that Town Hall will be closed at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, the day before Thanksgiving. Town Hall will be open normal hours on Friday, November 23, 2018.
4. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reimbursement – Fire Chief William Touhey has informed the Finance Director and me that the Town will receive a reimbursement from FEMA for the cleanup costs submitted by the Fire Department, Police Department, Highway Department and Tree Department for the 2013 blizzard. The amount of the reimbursement is \$130,808.01 which represents seventy five (75) percent of the total cleanup expenses incurred by the Town.
7. Anita Houle representing Cedar Street Dunkin Donuts, 111 Cedar Street, was present seeking a new Common Victualler license. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request for a Common Victualler license subject to Approval of all permits or requirements, if any, from the Board of Health, Sewer Commission, Milford Water Company and Commission on Disability. UNANIMOUS.
8. The Board reviewed an email from Police Chief O'Loughlin and the request made for the installation of a "Slow Autistic Child at Play" sign on Sidney Road. Mr. Buckley moved seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the recommendation of the Police Chief to place a "Slow Autistic Child at Play" sign on Sidney Road. UNANIMOUS.
9. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from the Milford High School Class of 2021 for a Permit to Obstruct for a 5K race on May 11, 2019. The race will begin and end at the Milford High School. The Police Chief has reviewed and approved of the route. UNANIMOUS.
10. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept the gift of \$1,000.00 from the Milford National Charitable Foundation to the Milford Youth Center to assist low to moderate income individuals. UNANIMOUS.
11. The Board discussed filling the vacancy on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint Domingos Roda to fill the vacancy. UNANIMOUS.
12. The Board decided to reschedule the filling of the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals to their next meeting.
13. The Board discussed filling the vacancy on the Geriatric Authority. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint George V. Holland to fill the vacancy. UNANIMOUS.

14. The Board reviewed the Task Force Report for October 18, 2018. Chairman Walsh asked if report could include more details on the reason for each complaint. Selectman Buckley requested the Human Resources Director try to determine why we are having a difficult time filling positions in the Inspections Department.

15. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

16. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:55 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

William D. Buckley

William E. Kingkade, Jr.