

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Minutes of September 9, 2019 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 9, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
4. Chairman Buckley requested a moment of silence for the passing of former State Representative and Selectwoman, Marie Parente and former Milford Superintendent and Selectman Thomas Cullen.
5. **Invitation to Speak – NONE.**
6. Attorney Russell Chin was present on behalf of Superb Cuisine, Inc. D/B/A Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse of 121 Depot Street, Milford, for a transfer of Restaurant All Alcohol and Common Victualler License from Great Dragon Corp. D/B/A Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse. Also present was Jian Lian. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the transfer of license, UNANIMOUS.
7. Kalpesh Patel and Petty Patel were present on behalf of Jay Siya Ram d/b/a La Quinta Inn of 24 Beaver Street, Milford, seeking a new Common Victualler license. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the transfer of license, UNANIMOUS.
8. Attorney John Fernandes and Michael Dundas, President of Sira Naturals, Inc. were present seeking approval of a Second Amendment to their Community host Agreement to add a third location at 5-7 Industrial Road, Milford. The Amendment also increases the amount to be paid to the Town to \$275,000.00 per year. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Second Amendment to the Community host Agreement. UNANIMOUS.
9. Town Counsel Charles Boddy, Jr. and Treasurer Chris Pilla were present to discuss the possible surplus disposition and offer to sell at a competitive public auction 0.133 acres of land on Birch Street. They provided a Broker opinion letter to the Board.

Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To declare the parcel surplus, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To offer the land for sale through a public auction with a minimum price of \$25,000.00, with the condition that if purchased by an abutter the parcels within three months of the sale be merged into a single tax parcel. UNANIMOUS.

10. Town Counsel Charles Boddy, Jr. and Treasurer Chris Pilla were present to discuss property located at 9 Westchester Drive which is currently in Tax Title Foreclosure. The right of redemption expired on September 7, 2019. The former owner of the property had asked for permission to list the property for sale with a broker. Once sold he will pay the amounts due to the Town. He now has an Offer to sell the property for \$219,000.00. The Town is owed the sum of \$24,396.34 in costs, taxes, interest and penalties. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To authorize the Treasurer to permit the property to be sold, and that, upon payment of all outstanding amounts owed to the Town that Town Counsel be authorized to vacate the Judgment, withdraw the Tax Lien and provide a clear Title to the property located at 9 Westchester Drive, Milford. UNANIMOUS.

11. The Board next discussed the list of articles submitted for consideration for the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on October 28, 2019. They discussed the need for the 5 Year Capital Plan. They also recognized the need for exceptions to the Plan such as an emergency need, matching Grant opportunities and compliance with State or Federal Law. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place the Selectmen sponsored articles on the Warrant to: fund Phase I of the ADA Plan, Replenish Compensated Absences Fund, Upgrade Town Hall Visual System, Replenish Injured on Duty, authorize sale of the former Purchase Street School, dedicate funds received from Sira Naturals, Inc. to the Stabilization Fund, transfer funds to Police Dept. Personal Services budget, install new floor at Senior Center and offset the Tax Rate. UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To place the Highway sponsored articles on the Warrant to: Purchase Snow Plow Loader, Purchase Brush Cutter Mower and repair Milford Pond Dam. UNANIMOUS. The Board discussed the article for a Feasibility Study for a new facility but did not place the article on the Warrant.

13. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place the Personnel Board sponsored articles on the Warrant to: Amend Maternity Leave, Amend Article 2 – Local PT Building Inspector Position grade level, Amend Art 2-PT Local Building Inspector Position removal from hourly, Amend Article 2 – Remove “Jr” from Building Custodian title, Amend Bylaw Sec. 5.1 – prorate PT positions and Amend Vacation Leave Policy Bylaw, UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Treasure article to transfer funds from the Sewer Stabilization Fund. UNANIMOUS.

15. The Board decided to discuss the Police Chief article to purchase a telephone system at a future meeting.

16. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Finance Committee article to transfer funds to the Stabilization account. UNANIMOUS.
17. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Library sponsored articles for Storage Historical Collection Room and replace carpeting in the Children's Room. UNANIMOUS.
18. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Town Engineer sponsored articles to: provide for the MS4 EPA Storm Water Permit and Evaluate and design and repair Godfrey Brook. UNANIMOUS.
19. The Board stated the articles submitted by Michaelangelo Bon Temp to: Amend Personal Bylaw regarding Residency and Amend Article 32 Police Chief Selection Review Committee Bylaw are on the Warrant as the required signatures were submitted to the Town Clerk.
20. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the School Committee sponsored article to upgrade HVAC Equipment. UNANIMOUS. The Board discussed the article to upgrade the Science Labs but did not place the article on the Warrant.
21. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Sira Naturals, Inc. sponsored article to Amend section 4.1 of the Zoning Bylaw. UNANIMOUS.
22. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Fire Chief's sponsored articles for Breathing Apparatus Bottles and purchase a new Engine 5. UNANIMOUS.
23. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Youth Commission sponsored article to install an HVAC System. UNANIMOUS.
24. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Pine Grove Cemetery sponsored article to Amend Zoning Bylaw regarding Crematory Uses. UNANIMOUS.
25. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Conservation Commission sponsored article to Transfer Town Owned Parcels to their jurisdiction. UNANIMOUS.
26. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Town Meeting Improvement Committee sponsored article to authorize a trial use of electronic voting equipment. UNANIMOUS.
27. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Legal Department sponsored article to Amend Article 9, Section 1 – General Bylaw Bond Amount. UNANIMOUS.

28. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Taqueira La Estrella sponsored article to petition the Legislature for an additional All Alcohol License. UNANIMOUS.

29. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Tree Warden sponsored article for Tree removal. UNANIMOUS. The Board discussed the article sponsored to purchase trees but did not place the article on the Warrant.

30. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Joseph Shay, Trustee sponsored article to rezone 426 and 434 East Main Street. UNANIMOUS.

30. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the IT sponsored article to rewire Town Hall. UNANIMOUS.

31. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To: place on the Warrant the Vernon Grove Trustees sponsored article to repave Vernon Grove Cemetery. UNANIMOUS.

32. The Board discussed the article sponsored by the Park Commission to seek funds for Draper and Calzone Parks but did not place the article on the Warrant.

33. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – September 23, 2019

A. Special Legislation for Milford Town Meeting Candidates for Reelection– Representative Murray has informed the Town that the local bill for Milford to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for special legislation to provide for current town meeting members to become candidates for re-election by giving written notice instead of by filing nomination papers has been passed and engrossed (in final form) by the House of Representatives. Once signed by the Governor, any current or existing Town Meeting Member may become a candidate for re-election by giving written notice to the Town Clerk at least thirty days before the election. The collection of voter signatures and the filing of nomination papers shall be not required for an incumbent Milford Town Meeting Member to be a candidate for re-election in the same precinct or for re-election as a member-at-large.” I want to thank both Senator Fattman and Representative Murray for the assistance with the passing of this legislation.

B. Update Assistant Zoning Officer Position- Building Commissioner, Matt Marcotte, HR Director Maureen Giffin and I have narrowed the search for this position to three (3) finalists. We expect to make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. The search has been complicated due to the diverse Resumes and backgrounds of the finalist. Maureen will be checking references and we will meet one more time to finalize the recommendation to the Board.

34. The Town Administrator updated the Board on the clean up of the former Gibbs Gas Station and the search for a new Assistant Zoning Officer.

35. The Board discussed the repair of the Central Street bridge and the need for funding. They requested the town Administrator contact Senator Ryan Fattman and Representative Murray to seek funding to help defray the cost. They also suggested having the Highway Surveyor meet with the Finance Committee Capital Subcommittee to place the Repair of the bridge on the Capital Plan as a separate Capital Fund.

36. Senior Center Director, Sue Clark, provided a recommendation to appoint Kimberli Considine to the position of Client Service Coordinator to the Milford Senior Center. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Kimberli Considine to the position of Client Service Coordinator to the Milford Senior Center and that she be placed at Level 2/Step 1 with a starting salary of \$22.23 per hour. UNANIMOUS.

37. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh to accept, with regret, the resignation of Rachel Haser from the Milford Commission on Disability. UNANIMOUS.

38. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh to appoint Justin Dulak to the Milford Commission on Disability. UNANIMOUS.

39. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from the Milford Permanent Firefighters Association Local 2140 for a Permit to Obstruct in partnership with Tri-Valley Front Runners for a 2 mile road race on December 3, 2019, UNANIMOUS.

40. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from the Milford Permanent Firefighters Association Local 2140 for the Annual Santa Parade, Sunday, December 1, 2019, UNANIMOUS.

41. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh To approve the request from Saint Mary of the Assumption, 17 Winter Street, for a One-Day Wine and Malt license for September 28, 2019 for a fundraiser from 5PM to 12:00 at St. Mary's Parish Hall. UNANIMOUS.

42. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

43. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:45PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman William D. Buckley and Selectmen William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Michael K. Walsh all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to meet with Town Counsel to discuss Fire/Collective Bargaining and to meet with Special Counsel Patrick Holland to discuss MACE Union/Collective Bargaining and Library/Collective Bargaining.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh