
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – DECEMBER 16, 2019
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley, Selectmen William E. Kingkade, Jr., Michael K. Walsh, and Town Counsel Charles D. Boddy, Jr.

1. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Approval of minutes made by Mr. Kingkade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.
3. **Invitation to Speak** – No one appeared.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Public Hearing on the transfer of all alcoholic beverages license and change of Officers and Directors for TGI Friday's, Inc.

Albert DeNapoli represents TGIF in Milford. TGIF sold its corporate locations on the East Coast to a buyer and TGIF is now pulling them back into their corporate headquarters. That is all Massachusetts and all East Coast licensees back in house. The officers and directors are all changed also. Legal notice was published on 12/3/2019 and there is no pledge of TGIF's liquor license nor any outstanding taxes. No issues by Department Heads. No change in local manager.

Motion made to approve the transfer by Mr. Kingkade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

5. Public Hearing on the Water Street Meat Market, LLC. The Board of Selectmen began discussions for a New Retail Package All Alcoholic Beverages License for the Water Street Meat Market, LLC. Currently, the Water Street Meat Market has a beer and wine license and requested all liquor license from Town Meeting which was subsequently approved by the State. The first license will be turned back to the Town. No public participation. The legal notice was published on 12/3/2019. No issues or concerns from any Department Heads.

Motion made to approve the All Alcohol license by Mr. Kingkade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

6. Public Hearing on 99 West, LLC. D/B/A 99 Restaurant & Pub. Discussion began on the Change of Officer/Change of Beneficial Interest. Notice was published on 12/3/2019. Need an affirmation. No public participation. There is no pledge of this license.

Motion made to affirm change of license by Mr. Kingkade, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

7. Finance Director began discussions with the Board of Selectmen regarding an update on the IT Department. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that the current IT Manager has brought the Department as far as he can and is now time to turn the Department over. Mr. Taylor informed the Board that it is time to bring someone in who can look at the Department and complete a 5-year plan.

Mr. Kingkade spoke in regards to the IT Department status and making it a priority to obtain a true Department Head who can manage and lead the department in the direction the Town needs. Mr. Kingkade would like to bring someone in on a six (6) month contract.

Mr. Walsh said the same issue is on the school side, and this needs to be someone's job. Mr. Walsh said Zach's worth to the Town is much more important than doing IT.

Mr. Buckley raised his question "What happens to current positions funded and not being filled?" He said it makes sense to me so long as we get out of the business of subcontracting this work out. Mr. Buckley also said "We want to bring in a working director of IT".

Mr. Taylor, Finance Director, informed the Board that there are a few positions open and only one (1) filled. He spoke of bringing in an outside agency, keeping it status quo until we bring in an agency to help screen candidates. He would like to bring in an agency they can help determine what we can and cannot do with the outsourced work.

Mr. Kingkade commented that we are in the same position we were 4 years ago, still dependent on a third party. He asked for a consensus to hit the ground running and get something turned around quickly. Mr. Kingkade made a motion that Town Administrator and Finance Director go out and get a 3rd party to perform the tasks of the IT Director and keep the department status quo for now, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

8. Tax Title Foreclosure – 142 Purchase Street

Mr. Buckley began the discussion by asking what was our thinking for a systemic solution to the problem? The problem is excess of tax title properties we have held for more than one year.

Mr. Taylor informed the Board that Chris Pilla, Town Treasurer, sent out a list of 89 properties. Accounting made an entry to remove the parcels under Conservation Commission jurisdiction. A lot of parcels have wetlands, are located in the aquifer zone have stormwater catch basins going through them, are in the Flood Plain. A number should be transferred to Conservation Commission jurisdiction.

Mr. Buckley informed the members that he is looking for a process. He said that some of what we have to do is to clear the list but one thing we need to do is to manage the list.

Mr. Kingkade said he is not sure how we got here.

Mr. Pilla, Town Treasurer, informed the Board that he met with Larry Dunkin, Town Planner, today and gave him a list of what should go to Con. Comm. A lot of these properties are located in Milford are in the Bellingham aquifer.

Mr. Walsh questioned whether we should bring in an outside agency to help with doing the right thing on a legal matter. He would like help, and would like to bring in an outside resource. There are 3-6 outside law firms that specialize in tax title and possessions.

Mr. Pilla confirmed that he is making sure we get back taxes, we can get outside law firm to do the takings, and we can sell parcels if we have the right information.

Mr. Buckley said he wants to know what the process is. No one has responsibility for this.

Mr. Kingkade wanted to know what other properties are on the list?

Mr. Pilla informed the Board that there are tax takings and tax possessions.

142 Purchase St. -

Mr. Buckley said looking at 142 Purchase St., 1.5 acres., vote to declare surplus – vote to auction off using a public auction.

Mr. Pilla informed the Board that he has the numbers. He recommends \$55,000 owed for taxes in 2015 brings it up to \$75,000 for additional years. Brokers price opinion is 45,000-50,000, Mr. Pilla recommends \$125,000.

Mr. Kingkade motioned to vote to declare surplus, Mr. Walsh seconded, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Kingkade motioned to vote to set minimum price at \$125,000, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

9. Town Administrators Report – None

OLD BUSINESS

10. Mr. Buckley began the discussion with Amazon which included excess cueing and the procession of vans. He spoke about the vans stopping on roadways, impeding the flow of traffic and creating hazardous conditions. Next meeting, he would like to discuss excess vehicles and the negative impact on Milford. Other topics discussed: where vans park, load and deliver, a breakdown of all amazon vans and rental fleets parked overnight in Milford, and he wants to make sure excise taxes are paid. Amazon is to provide solutions to vehicles stopping and parking on public ways and creating a public safety concern. He is concerned that Milford has become a dumpsite for Amazon. Mr. Buckley would like a letter from the Board of Selectmen to the Planning Board regarding what is a transportation terminal. He suggested we place a moratorium on transportation terminals until we understand the impact on the community. We need Town Counsel to change laws in order to increase fines. We want to pay attention to the impact of Amazon on Route 109, Beaver Street/Industrial Road area. Notify Building Department about levying fines.

Mr. Kingcade spoke of the issues with huge numbers of vans in certain neighborhoods and certain streets.

Mr. Walsh believes its encouraging that we are reaching out to them. Their venders sublet to drivers. They come out the end of Prairie Street and the vans are one behind the other. There are things we can work out if we open up lines of communication with the company.

NEW BUSINESS

11. The War Memorial Renovation Committee is losing a member. Chairman of the WMRC recommends Gail Arcudi as a new member.

Mr. Kingcade made a motion to appoint Gail Arcudi, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

12. Police Chief began discussion to add a stop sign to be added at the intersection of Iadarola Ave. and Madden Ave.

Motion was made by Mr. Kingcade to add the stop sign, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

13. Jamie Luchini addressed the Board to discuss the Avis Pond Interest Fund. Mr. Luchini asked to release the funds from the Avis Pond Interest Fund for fertilizer.

Motion made by Mr. Kingcade to release said funds, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

14. Jose Acero requested a Permit to Obstruct for a religious procession.

Motion made by Mr. Kingcade to issue the permit, seconded by Mr. Walsh, UNANIMOUS.

CORRESPONDENCE

15. Resignation Letter – Mr. Paul A. Boisclair, Building Custodian, will retire. His last working day is January 10, 2020.

16. Executive Session – to discuss Library CBA, Library Grievance and discipline.

Motion made by Mr. Kingkade to go into executive session, seconded by Mr. Walsh, roll call vote, UNANIMOUS. Announcement that they will not be returning to open session.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles D. Boddy, Jr.
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh