
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – January 6, 2020
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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. **Invitation to Speak** – David Bliss of 22 Ferguson Street stated that Amazon is affecting the quality of life in Milford. He believes traffic has gotten worse, there is grid lock at 109 and Beaver Street and he is concerned about more accidents occurring. He is also concerned that the parking lot storing Amazon vehicles at the Toyota dealership is an eye sore.

- Patrick Cerasullo of Cedar Street said he can't get across Route 109 or access Route 495 due to traffic caused by Amazon. The Amazon trucks are delivering 24 hours and are "air braking."

- Kevin Meehan stated he owns the Toyota Dealership. He feels he has a right to park vehicles at his business. He will work with Amazon to find adequate parking. If the vehicles park behind McDonalds they will not need to be on Route 109 or 495. He made a commitment to Amazon to let them park in his property behind McDonalds.

- Ben Boone stated there are traffic issues on Bodio Circle. He suggested restricting Amazon deliveries to third shift at the warehouse.

- Laura Ryan asked if Amazon will have their own gas station and stated that lighting in the parking lots are a concern.

3. East Main Street Pizza filed an application for a new common Victualler license. George Yiantsidis was present on behalf of East Main Street Pizza. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the new license subject to the Fire Department and Board of Health issuing proper permits. UNANIMOUS.

4. Viana Bar, Inc. dba Tradicao da Roca filed an application to amend their General on Premise License to include a Live Entertainment License. Cassia Batista Viana was present on behalf of Viana Bar, Inc. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the amendment of the General on Premise License to include Live Entertainment. UNANIMOUS.

5. The Board reviewed a Memo from Carlos Benjamin, Facilities Director recommending the appointment of Christopher Jennings as Building Custodian. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh to appoint Christopher Jennings to the position of Building Custodian and that he be placed at Level 1/Step 1 under Article 2 with a starting salary of 17.79 per hour. UNANIMOUS.

6. Martin Sayles was present seeking to vacate the judgment of foreclosure on his former property at 13 Camp Street. Treasurer Chris Pilla informed the Board that the total amount due to the Town is \$82,352.02. Mr. Sayles said he didn't realize the Town could "take his home." He said he can pay the full amount due immediately. Mr. Kinkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To vacate the Judgment. UNANIMOUS.

7. Amazon representatives, Mike Giamo, Attorney, Jeff Cleland, Manager of Public Policy and Matt Fein, Sr. Operations Manager were present to discuss their transportation terminals and traffic complaints from Milford residents. Mr. Buckley stated Amazon is impacting traffic in Milford and he feels there is a need for an Impact Agreement to balance the interests of Amazon and the Town. He stated the traffic today is higher than the traffic study figures presented by Amazon in 2016. Mr. Buckley requested Amazon address the delivery traffic jam at the former Stop and Shop and Route 495 and the vans blocking intersections as they caravan through traffic lights. He also wanted contact names and emails for Amazon representatives to be provided to residents and Town Department Heads to address customer complaints. He recommended the scheduling of Community hearings for sessions with Amazon residents and Department Heads to hear and address complaints. Mr. Buckley further requested Amazon work with the Town Administrator, Town Counsel and himself to create a Community Compact Agreement to fund mitigation of the negative impacts caused by Amazon. He wants the Agreement completed by March 15th. Mr. Walsh stated that we need to get everyone in a room and begin to "figure this out." Jeff Cleland stated he will be the Amazon point of contact along with Matt Fein. He said the Amazon branded vans do pay excise tax and he will provide the number of these vans to the Town. Matt Fein said he will "look into spreading out the gas stations used by Amazon vehicles." He also stated they will work with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to determine the legal rights regarding Mr. Meehan's parking lot. Mr. Buckley requested they confirm every site as to legality and that Amazon provide an immediate "Action Plan" within 48 hours.

The Board took a recess at 8:32 PM

The Board resumed the meeting at 8:37 PM.

8. Town Counsel, Charles Boddy, Jr. was present to discuss a motor vehicle accident occurring on August 9, 2019 involving a Milford Police cruiser. It was a two vehicle accident and the damage to the cruiser was repaired at a cost of \$18,655.36. Attorney Boddy requested the Board authorize the payment to the repair company. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh to authorize the payment of \$18,655.36 to the vendor who repaired the vehicle. UNANIMOUS.

9. Finance Director Zach Taylor and Treasurer Chris Pilla were present to discuss the foreclosure backlog. Mr. Pilla provided a Memo to the Board which included a Problem Statement and corrective and preventative action to be implemented to correct the problem. They will develop a Policy for the Board to adopt which will place ownership of tax foreclosure in the Tax Possessions custodian with specific duties to fulfill along with a defined timeline.

10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – January 6, 2020

A. Special Legislation for Canvas n Cup – Representative Murray has informed the Town that the Governor has signed the local bill granting an additional liquor license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to the Canvas n Cup. I want to thank both Senator Fattman and Representative Murray for the assistance with the passing of this legislation.

B. Town Clerk Certification – Town Clerk Amy Neves has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. This designation is granted to municipal clerks who complete demanding education requirements and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state.

C. Upper Town Hall Visual Equipment – We are installing the new visual equipment at Town Hall this week. We will be using this new equipment at the Special Town Meeting on January 13th.

D. ADA Grant- I am pleased to report we have been awarded an ADA Improvement Grant in the amount of \$39,000.00 from the Massachusetts Office on Disability. These funds will be used to make accessibility renovations and improvements to the existing handicapped disability ramp at Town Hall. I want to thank Grant Writer Mitch Ruscitti and Facilities Director Carlos Benjamin for their work in securing the Grant.

E. Milford Youth Center – MYC would like to thank the Greater Milford Community Health Network for awarding the Milford Youth Center a \$8,000 grant to support the purchase of a portable boxing ring. The boxing ring will increase participation and in turn increase physical activity with the population we serve. They would also like to thank all the companies, families and individuals who made their Thanksgiving meal for the kids a huge success. They also were able to serve 100 kids and over 40 adults (special guests and volunteers) a hot meal as well as donate leftovers to the Milford Fire Department and local families in need. We would like to give a special thank you to Sira Naturals, Inc. for their \$500 donation; Pizza Chef, Oliva's Market, Catering & Gourmet Gifts, Gene's Variety, Red Heat Tavern and Casa Brasil for each donating a side dish for their meal and ERA Key Realty Services for their 12 volunteers to serve the meal.

11. Building Commissioner Matt Marcotte and Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli were present to update the Board on the property at 72 Depot Street. They stated the building has not been demolished. The owner has a stamped set of drawings as to the sections of the building to be demolished. They need to cap the water lines, turn off the utilities and get an asbestos

abatement report. Mr. Buckley indicated the building should be barricaded and appropriate notices should be posted. He stated the Town should take the building down as it is an unsafe building.

12. Mr. Walsh asked the Town Administrator to look into the issue of vehicles taking an illegal left hand turn into the old Stop and Shop parking lot.

13. The Board reviewed a request by Zach Taylor, Finance Director, to engage in a one year contract with the Town's current auditor Scanlon and Associates prior to seeking to bid a new three year auditor contract. The audit will include an Inventory Audit. He advised the Town needs Financial Statements as soon as possible as we may be purchasing the Water Company. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve a one year audit contract with Scanlon and Associates. UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request from Greater Milford Social Club, 28 Granite Street, for a One-Day All Alcohol license for January 19, 2020 for a fundraiser for the New Hope Women's Shelter from 2PM to 11 PM. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Kingkade abstained.

15. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh in accordance with MGL chapter 140, sections 151, to designate Rochelle Thomson as Animal Control Officer and Keith Haynes as the Assistant Animal Control Officer. UNANIMOUS.

16. The Board agreed to continue the Police Department Grievance Hearing to their next meeting.

17. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

18. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 9:38 PM, 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 receive a status update on the Opioid litigation.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh