
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – February 10, 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. Commander Steve Petak from the VFW presented awards sponsored by the National VFW. Jason King from Senator Fattman's Office, Representative Brian W. Murray and Chairman Buckley presented citations to Molly Stoker in recognition of her being a Post Level Winner and a top 10 finisher of the Massachusetts finals, Natalie DaCunha in recognition of her being a Post Level Winner, and Emily Yocum in recognition of her being a Post Level Winner in the Patriots Pen Award Essay contest.

2. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.

3. Mr. Buckley requested the Board amend the January 27, 2020 Regular Session Minutes to add the words "food service added" to Paragraph 7. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 27, 2020 as amended. UNANIMOUS.

4. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 27, 2020 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.

5. **Invitation to Speak** – NONE.

6. Mariva, Inc. d/b/a D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches of 195 East Main Street filed an application for a new common victualler License. Katherine Tirrell informed the Board that D'Angelos is now reopening. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the application subject to the Fire Department inspection and approval. UNANIMOUS.

7. Mr. Walsh recused himself from the meeting and left the room at 7:24 PM.

8. The Board next discussed the traffic and site issues regarding Amazon locations in Milford. The Town Administrator provided a recap of the correspondence and meetings with Amazon from January 6, 2020 to February 10, 2020. He informed the Board that Amazon has not responded to the Town's request for their representatives to meet with Town Counsel and the Building Commissioner to discuss the legality of their terminal sites. They have not provided a

detailed Action Plan or reached out to schedule Public Hearings as requested. Nor have they provided a list of their vehicles and the excise tax being paid to the Town. Chairman Buckley stated Amazon representatives were invited to attend the meeting, but were not able to attend. Chairman Buckley further the Town's requests have not been met and that there are quality of life and safety issues. Mr. Kingcade stated we "must continue to fight and defend our neighbors on that side of Town." He further suggested the Police Chief build his budget to include additional details to deal with traffic. Chairman Buckley read a Planning Board Memo into the record which stated the Planning Board "adamantly disagrees" with the Zoning Opinion Letter sent to the Town by the landowner of 310 Fortune Boulevard which opined that "Site Plan Approval is not necessary." Chairman Buckley stated that Amazon is "flaunting our Planning Process, motivated by profits and ignoring their impact on Milford residents." He requested letters be sent to our State Senator and Representative to seek legislation to require Amazon to enter into a Host Community Agreement. Mr. Buckley then moved to have the Town seek Special Legislation to have Amazon enter into a Host Community Agreement with the Town, Mr. Kingcade seconded. It is a Vote. (2 to 0). Mr. Buckley then requested the Building Commissioner, Town Counsel and Police Chief use all efforts to "get these situations stopped, using all available avenues." The Board also requested we schedule Amazon to meet with the Board at the next meeting.

9. Mr. Walsh reentered the meeting at 7:43 PM.

10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – February 10, 2020

A. No Parking Signs Hayward and Mt. Pleasant Street – We received a Memo from Police Chief Michael Pighetti requesting No Parking Signs be installed on Hayward Street approaching Mt. Pleasant Street. He has determined this location to be a hazard to public safety, to include motorists and bicyclists traversing this portion of Hayward Street.

B. Complete Streets Program- I have been informed by Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, that Milford has registered for the Complete Streets Program which permits the Town to create a long-range plan for roadways that are safer and flow better. The Town received a grant of \$37,709 from the State and hired Green International Affiliates to create the Plan and assist in filing the initial application. Communities can submit specific projects on the State list for reimbursement up to \$400,000.00.

11. Mr. Kingcade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the installation of "No Parking" signs on Hayward Street at Mt. Pleasant Street as recommended by the Police Chief.
UNANIMOUS.

12. The Town Administrator provided an update to the Board on the activity of the Police Chief Selection Review Committee. The Committee recommended three (3) final candidates to the Selectmen to interview. They are James H. Rhoden, Jr., Major/Commander, Baltimore Police Department, Leon M. Krolikowski, Jr., Chief of Police, New Caanan, Connecticut and Brian L. Reid, Captain, Falmouth Police Department, Massachusetts.

In a letter to the Board from Chairman Dino DeBartolomeis, he thanked the Committee members for their diligence and hard work. He also thanked Town Counsel Charles Boddy, Finance Director, Zach Taylor and Town Administrator Richard Villani for their assistance and a special thanks to HR Director Maureen Giffin for her work with the Committee throughout the entire process. He also stated the Committee members recommend review and amendment of the Police Chief Selection Committee Bylaw. Mr. Kingkade stated he felt there are three very impressive candidates to interview. He further stated none of the candidates are Milford officers and that there is a lack of a succession plan. Mr. Walsh thanked the Committee and stated they never lost focus. The Board decided to interview one candidate on February 25th and two on February 27th.

13. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve a Permit to Obstruct for Milford Girl Scouts on Saturday February 15, 2020 from noon to 4 PM, Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM and Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM to sell cookies at the Town Hall Parking Lot. UNANIMOUS.

14. This is an Add On. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Saint Mary of the Assumption, 17 Winter Street, for a One-Day All Alcohol license for February 22, 2020 from 8PM to 12:00 PM at St. Mary's Parish Hall. UNANIMOUS.

15. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request from Greater Milford Social Club, 28 Granite Street, for One-Day All Alcohol licenses for February 16, 2020 from 11:00AM to 11:00PM, February 29, 2020 from 4:00 PM to 12:00 PM, March 14, 2020 from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM and March 28, 2020 from 4:00 PM to 12:00 PM. It is a Vote. (2 to 0). Mr. Kingkade abstained.

16. Mr. Buckley read a letter from Fire Chief William J. Touhey, Jr. announcing his retirement effective May 16, 2020. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept, and congratulate the Chief on his retirement as Fire Chief. UNANIMOUS.

17. The Board then discussed a successor appointment for the Fire Chief. Mr. Kingkade stated that Deputy Chief Mark Nelson has been serving as Deputy Chief since 2014. He stated he would recommend appointing him as Fire Chief. Mr. Walsh stated he felt Deputy Chief Nelson is ready to be Fire Chief. Mr. Buckley agreed. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh to appoint Mark Nelson as Fire Chief upon the retirement of Chief Touhey and to enter into contract negotiations with him. UNANIMOUS.

18. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept with regret the resignation of Marcia Macri from the Cultural Council. UNANIMOUS.

19. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

20. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:18 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 Administrator to discuss a new contract for the Finance Director.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh