

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – January 28, 2019

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. The Board awarded a Citation to William Welch, a Milford resident, who served as Senate Clerk for seventeen years. State Senator Ryan Fattman and State Representative Brian Murray issued a Proclamation to Mr. Welch.
2. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Minutes of January 14, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
4. INVITATION TO SPEAK – John Seaver was present and read a letter signed by six former Selectmen asking the Board to reconsider its decision to not renew the Police Chief's contract and to seek a compromise.
5. Thomas Scanlon, Jr. of Scanlon and Associates and Finance Director Zach Taylor were present to review the Town's FY 17 Management Letter. He informed the Board an audit of both the Schools and Town was performed and that the Town's Financial Structure is sound.
6. Finance Director, Zach Taylor was present to provide a Budget Timeline and discuss goals and objectives for FY 20. He informed the Board that as of December 31, 2018 the budget is at 45 percent and revenue is trending in a positive direction and on target to meet original projections. The stabilization account is approximately \$23 million. The FY 20 estimated Budget is \$107,344,931.00. Selectmen Buckley stated the major Parks projects should be removed from the goals and objectives list as they are not on the capital plan.
7. Town Engineer Mike Dean and Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli were present to update the Board on the Route 16 Transportation Improvement Project. The expected start date is in the fall of 2019. They provided a plan depicting the dedicated turn lanes, new curbing, new sidewalks, bicycle lanes and upgraded drainage components. The project will provide major upgrades to the Route 16 and Route 140 intersection adjacent to the Milford Regional Medical Center.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – January 28, 2019

1. Governor Baker's Budget Proposal – On Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Governor Baker released his Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2020. His budget increases Milford's Unrestricted General Government Aid by \$85,269.00 and also calls for an increase of \$1,914,086.00 in Chapter 70 Funding. As you know these numbers do not necessarily reflect a finalized, maximum ceiling as the House and Senate will be filing competing budgets.
  2. Attorney General Approval of October 15, 2018 Special Town Meeting Articles We have been notified by the Attorney General that Special Town Meeting Article 11 allowing Self Service Gas Stations and Article 12 which rezoned land located northerly of East Main Street in the area of Hamilton Street from (RB) single family residential to Neighborhood Commercial (CB). The Attorney General has extended its review period for an additional sixty (60) days for a decision on Article 1 (authorizing the treasurer to enter into Payment Agreements with persons entitled to redeem parcels in Tax Title) and Article 4 (opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance).
  3. Personnel Board Article 2 Recommendation – I received a Memo from Scott Harrison, Chairman of the Personnel Board, informing the Board that the Personnel Board at their January 9, 2019 meeting voted on a 2.5 % increase for all Article 2 employees.
  4. LED Lighting – I am pleased to report we have received the rebate check from National Grid in the amount of \$120,650.00 for the LED Light Project.
9. Town Administrator Rick Villani updated the Board on the Police Chief Selection Review Committee. Town Moderator Mike Noferi appointed Richard A. Heller, Dini DeBartolomeis and Donato Niro to the Committee. Board of Selectmen Chairman, Mike Walsh, Finance Committee Chairman Chris Morin, Personnel Board Chairman Scott Harrison and Police Chief Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Jr. all accepted appointments to the Committee as provided in the Bylaw. The Milford Police Association voted to appoint Patrick Dailey to the Committee. The Board of Selectmen decided to make their four (4) appointments to the Committee at their next meeting on February 11, 2019.
10. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To schedule the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00PM with the Warrant opening, January 28, 2019 closing at 12 Noon on Thursday, February 28, 2019. UNANIMOUS.
11. The Board reviewed a Memo from Attorney Gerry Moody requesting the Board classify the positions of School Committee Labor Counsel and ZBA 40B Coordinator as Special Municipal Employee positions pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A, section 1. The Board decided to have Town Counsel review the request and had a question of whether or not the designations would be permanent.
12. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request for a Permit to Obstruct from the Milford Special Olympics, 31 West Fountain Street, for their Annual Road Race and Walk on September 21, 2019. UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from Canvas n. Cup, 189 Main Street, for a One-Day All Wine and Malt license for March 3, 2019 as a fundraiser for Kem for Kids from 2:00PM to 5:00PM. UNANIMOUS.
14. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept the \$5,000.00 gift from Dominic and Tina Afonso to the Tree Department. UNANIMOUS.
15. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from Saint Mary of the Assumption, 17 Winter Street, for a One-Day All Wine and Malt license for February 16, 2019 from 8PM to 12:00Midnight at St. Mary's Parish Hall. UNANIMOUS.
16. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to appoint Danielly Fonseca to the Stipend position of Spanish Interpreter. UNANIMOUS.
17. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve a Permit to Obstruct for Milford Girl Scouts on Saturday February 9, 2019 and Saturday February 23, 2019 to sell cookies at the Town Hall Parking Lot from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. UANIMOUS.
18. The Board reviewed the Price Change information provided by Verizon FIOS.
19. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Maggie McIsaac from the Cultural Council. UNANIMOUS. Selectman Buckley also asked the Town Administrator to investigate whether the Council is able to continue in Milford.
20. **INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**
21. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:40 PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Michael K. Walsh; Selectmen William D. Buckley and William E. Kingkade, Jr. all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss with Town Counsel the case of Amy Shook, as parent and next friend of Jonathan Shook, a minor v. Town of Milford Worcester Superior Court Docket No. 18CV 1218-C pursuant To G.L. C. 30A, 5. 21 (a) (3) and (7) and Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 MASS 444 (2007).

Respectfully submitted:

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Richard A. Villani  
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

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William D. Buckley

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William E. Kingkade, Jr.