
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – March 30, 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.

Also present: Fire Chief William Touhey, Police Chief Michael Pighetti, Director of Public Health Jackie Murphy, Town Counsel Charles Boddy and IT Director, Chris George.

Pursuant to Governor' Baker's March 12, 2020 order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A sec 18, this meeting is being conducted via remote participation.

1. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 23, 2020 as submitted. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 23, 2020 as submitted. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.
4. **Invitation to Speak – NONE.**
5. Manning Food, LLC dba Sky Buffet was scheduled to present an application for the transfer of their All-Alcohol Beverages License. Chairman Buckley opened the Hearing and continued the Hearing to a future scheduled Selectmen meeting upon request of the applicant.
6. Central Street Resale of 2 Central Street filed an application to transfer their second hand license to Heidi Burrill. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the transfer subject to the payment of \$64.24 in outstanding personal property taxes. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.
7. Police Chief Mike Pighetti, Fire Chief Touhey and Director of Public Health Jackie Murphy were present to update the Board on the COVID19 virus. Chief Touhey informed the board there is a blood shortage. He further stated that the PPE is holding up for now. He said Milford Regional Medical Center has 10 positive coronavirus cases at 9 separate locations. He is developing a plan to house firefighters in hotels and rest homes if necessary.

Chief Pighetti informed the Board he is working with the Board of Health to ensure compliance from residents regarding the closing of facilities and other orders that need to be enforced. He has closed the Lobby at the Police Station and installing an intercom system. Director of Public Health Murphy informed the Board the number of positive cases has increased with increased testing. A peak in cases is expected between April 7th and April 17th. She reminded the public that gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited and encouraged everyone to practice social distancing. The Board of Health is working with Health Care providers to continue to investigate coronavirus cases. She stressed food safety. She stated there are fines and possible imprisonment for violation of the Governor's orders. She is eliciting donations for PPE supplies. Chairman Buckley stressed the need to reach out to neighbors, especially the elderly, to help them with such tasks as food shopping. Selectman Kingcade thanked all who are working to deal with the coronavirus crisis and stressed the need to keep communicating with the public. Selectman Walsh also thanked the Police, Fire, Board of Health and everyone at Town Hall for their efforts. Chairman Buckley stated the Task Force is working hard not to close the Bike Trail to the Public.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – March 30, 2020

A. Emergency Deficit Spending – Finance Director, Zach Taylor, requested the Town be able to deficit spend pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, sec 31 in response to COVID-19. We received a letter granting permission to the Town to deficit spend up to \$355,000.00 from the Division of Local Services (DLS).

B. COVID-19 Update – All Town Buildings will be closed until further notice. I remind residents to use the Drop Box on the North Bow Street to deliver any documents for any Department located at Town Hall.

9. The Board next discussed the rescheduling of the local election. At a meeting of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Chiefs, Director of Public Health, Town Clerk, Board of Registrars, Town Counsel and Town Administrator it was unanimously voted to reschedule the election to a date in June. Town Counsel stated 35 out of 36 municipalities have voted to reschedule their spring elections. It would be best to reschedule to June 16, 2020 to provide enough time to vote and then tally the votes. Mr. Kingcade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: In light of the state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and after consultation with the Milford Town Clerk, Milford Board of Registrars, Milford Board of Health, Milford Town Manager, Milford Police and Fire Chiefs as to the logistics, I move, pursuant to the authority granted to the Board of Selectmen by the General Court, that the current Milford Town Election scheduled for **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**, be rescheduled to **Tuesday, June 16, 2020**, on which date the election shall take place in accordance with all otherwise applicable election laws, and under all conditions required by the General Court. UNANIMOUS.

Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS. Town Counsel next read the Order to Reschedule the election. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to issue the Order. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To authorize Chairman Buckley to sign the Order to Reschedule the Local elections. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

10. Town Counsel Boddy updated the Board on the negotiation between the Towns of Milford and Hopkinton regarding the Wastewater Treatment Agreement signed twenty years ago which is due to expire. He prepared a Bridge Agreement which extends the original Agreement for four (4) months to provide time to negotiate and sign a new Agreement. The members of the Board of Sewer Commissioners and the Town of Hopkinton agreed to the Bridge Agreement.

11. The Town Administrator reviewed the bids submitted for the purchase of the Purchase Street School. The high bidder was Little Stars Daycare & Pre-School, LLC with a bid of \$150,500.00. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To award the contract to Little Stars Daycare & Pre-School, LLC. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the renewal of the following seasonal club licenses: Maspenock Road & Gun Club, Inc., 1 McGill Lane and Sons of Italy Dramatic & Sportsmen Club, Inc., 55 Depot Street, UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the renewal of the following seasonal club license: Greater Milford Social Club, LLC, 28 Granite Street. Mr. Kingkade abstained. IT IS A VOTE. (2 to 0). Roll Call Vote. (2 to 0). Mr. Kingkade abstained.

14. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: 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 26, 2020. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

15. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept a gift in the amount of \$50.00 from the Lt. Robert C. Frascotti Post No. 1544 V.F.W. to the Police Department to be used for the Milford Police Explorers. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

16. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept a gift in the amount of \$619.00 from the National Grid Employee Giving Campaign. UNANIMOUS. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

17. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

18. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:05 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 the Police Chief Contract and to discuss a MACE claim with Town Counsel. UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh