

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – February 11, 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 Citations to Dispatcher Jason Covino, Police Officers Elias Giokas and Jonathan Branch and Fire Lieutenant William Collins and Firefighters David Covino, Jacob Gronemeyer, Douglas Lima and Daniel Martino for their heroic actions in battling a fire and rescuing residents on February 6, 2019 at 16 North Bow Street. State Senator Ryan Fattman and State Representative Brian Murray issued a Citation to each of the individuals listed above.
2. The Board awarded a Citation to the 6th Grade Milford Youth Football Team for winning the 2017 State Championship.
3. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Minutes of January 28, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
5. INVITATION TO SPEAK – NONE.
6. Paul Winshman, Manager of Richard's Food & Drink d/b/a Richard's Road House, 67 Medway Road, was present seeking an Automatic Amusement license for two pool tables, one basketball game, one pinball machine and one golden tee machine. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request for an automatic amusement license, UNANIMOUS.
7. Benefits Coordinator, Kelly Capece was present requesting the Board vote to support a Town Meeting Article in May to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 9D ½ allowing Surviving Spouses to continue on the Town of Milford's group health and dental insurance plans at the same contribution rates that were paid prior to the death of an employee or retiree. The current cost to include surviving spouses would be approximately \$32,000.00 annually. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To support a Town Meeting Article in May to adopt M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 9D ½. UNANIMOUS.

8. Town Treasurer, Chris Pilla was present to discuss an offer from Milford Stone Company, Inc. to purchase three parcels of land owned by the Town identified on Assessors Map 29-0-4, 16-0-2 and 19-0-15. In a Memo from Town Counsel, Charles D. Boddy, Jr., he advised the Board that only parcels 16-0-2 and 29-0-4 could be sold by direct disposition. The parcel 19-0-15 would have to be sold by auction. After discussion, the Board decided to request that letters be sent to abutters of the two properties advising them that the Town may be seeking to sell the properties and asking if they would be interested in purchasing one or both properties. The Board would then consider entering into negotiations with interested parties. The Board then directed this be included on the Agenda at their next meeting.
9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – February 11, 2019
 1. Nationalgrid – On Saturday, February 9th, Nationalgrid changed the transformer that provides electrical service to Town Hall. I want to thank Wiring Inspector, Mike Mancini, and Facilities Director Carlos Benjamin for their assistance in working with Nationalgrid on this project.
 2. Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Technical Assistance Program Award We have been notified by Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito that Milford was awarded a FY2019 Massachusetts Downtown Initiative Technical Assistance Award. This will provide up to \$15,000.00 worth of Consultant Services to assist the Town with a "housing focused zoning study for a defined downtown corridor targeted for redevelopment." This consultant from Department of Housing and Community Development will assist with our Downtown Revitalization activities. I want to thank Mitch Ruscitti for preparing and filing for this Grant opportunity.
 3. LED Lighting – I did confirm Industrial Road is to be included in the LED Light Project.
10. Town Administrator Rick Villani updated the Board on the Police Chief Selection Review Committee. Town Moderator Mike Noferi appointed Richard A. Heller, Dino 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 James Heron. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint Edward Bertorelli as the Town Meeting Member and David Brutsch, Christopher Fritts and Jodie A. Nosiglia as the three residents of Milford. UNANIMOUS. Selectman Kingkade stated it is likely there will be a need to appoint an interim Police Chief as he did not want the members of the committee to be rushed as they will have a great deal of work to do. He also discussed the Board members need to determine what qualities the Selectmen are looking for in the next Chief. Selectman Buckley suggested the qualities can be stated in a Job Description. The Board suggested putting this matter on for discussion at their next meeting.
11. Chairman Walsh read a letter from the Board of Selectmen updating the public on the status of the Town's efforts to purchase the Water Company. The Town's expert valued the assets of the Water Company at \$40 million and the Water Company's expert placed the value at \$158 million.

12. The Board reviewed the Budget Directive and supporting documents from Finance Director, Zach Taylor. Selectman Buckley requested that all budget requests be reviewed by the Town Administrator and Finance Director prior to Finance Committee review. He also requested that the Selectmen review and vet all proposed Warrant articles prior to the Warrant being presented to the Board for final approval.
13. The Board reviewed the Talent Bank applications for individuals seeking to be appointed to the Cultural Council. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint Thomas Reilly, Bryan T. Cole, Molly S. Auger, Geri Eddins and Michael P. Visconti, Jr. to the Cultural Council. UNANIMOUS.
14. The Board reviewed a Memo from Senior Center Director, Sue Clark reviewing the process to select a new Program Coordinator. She and Maureen Giffin, HR Director interviewed three (3) candidates. They recommended Denise Rizoli be appointed to the position. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To appoint Denise Rizoli as Program Director at the Senior Center and that she be placed at Level 2/Step 1 under Article 2 with a starting hourly rate of \$21.69 and that she be allowed to begin working as early as February 25, 2019. UNANIMOUS.
15. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Thomas J. O'Loughlin to place a fifteen (15) minute parking restriction on the two (2) parking spaces in front of Karl Bright Insurance on Congress Street just south of the crosswalk and the handicapped parking space. UNANIMOUS.
16. **INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**
17. 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 Attorney Patrick Holland the Vernon Grove Collective Bargaining Agreement and with the Town Treasurer for discussion and strategy to sell real estate located at the Rear Cedar Street.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

William D. Buckley

William E. Kingkade, Jr.