
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – July 27, 2020
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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

Also present: IT Director, Chris George.

1. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 13, 2020 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 13, 2020 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Invitation to Speak – NONE.
5. The Board reviewed the Town Administrator's Decisions to issue Temporary Amendment of Liquor Licenses for outdoor seating for Taqueria La Estrella and Garden Restaurant. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adopt the Town Administrator's decisions to grant a Temporary Outdoor License to Taqueria La Estrella and Garden Restaurant. UNANIMOUS.
6. Geri Eddins, Chair of the Cultural Council and Michael Visconti, a member of the Cultural Council were present to discuss the creation of a Public Arts Policy in Milford. Geri presented a Power Point with examples of Public Art Projects in area Towns. She explained there is not much Public Art in Milford. She believes the Town needs a Public Arts Policy. She asked the Board to appoint a Public Arts Task Force to create a Public Arts Policy to specify standards and guidelines for Public Arts installations. She also requested the Board create and appoint members to a Public Arts Task Force to create and deliver a Public Arts Policy to the Board of Selectmen for Approval. Geri indicated she has five Milford residents who have volunteered to serve on the Task Force. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To create a Public Arts Task Force to create a Public Arts Policy specifying the standards and guidelines for both temporary and permanent art installations in Milford as well as the procedures for commissioning and approving public art. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint Ashley Maclure, Patty Solomon, C.C. Chapman, Geri Eddins and Christine Daddario to the Public Arts Task Force. UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint Michael K. Walsh to the Public Arts Task Force. UNANIMOUS.

7. Angel C. Carchipulla Cuenca, owner of Cafeteria & Restaurante De Dona Blanquita, Inc. of 163 Main Street filed an application for a new common Victualler License. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the new common Victualler of License. UNANIMOUS.

8. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – July 27, 2020

- A. Senior Center Update – I am informed by Sue Clark, Senior Center Director, that, although the Senior Center is not open to seniors, they are providing services on several different platforms. They have partnered with Milford TV to provide two shows daily, a fitness class at 10:30 AM and Lunch with the Senior Center with guest speakers at 12:30 PM. They also continue to call seniors to check on their well-being. We have constructed a new Gazebo which allows seniors to safely gather in a controlled manner. Also, staff personnel are working on scheduling outdoor fitness classes in the parking lot.
- B. Band Concerts- Parks Director, Jim Asam, informed me Band Concerts performed by the Claflin Hill Orchestra will begin tomorrow night at Plains Park at 6:30 PM. The procedure to make reservations for upcoming concerts is posted on the Town website. The concerts will be limited to 100 people. All those interested in attending Band Concerts will be asked to pre-register at Claflinhill.com. Only the lot at the pavilion area will be open. All cars should plan on entering the parking lot heading south on Cedar street (from Dilla St.), cars can only turn right into lot. While waiting at the gate you will be asked to give your name. If you are not on the pre-registration list then, you will not be allowed to enter. A Mask will be required. Sitting area will be painted in grid form to promote social distancing.
- C. Draper Park Crowd Funding Campaign- Mass Development has awarded up to \$42,500.00 to Milford for the rejuvenation of Draper Park. Mass Development will provide \$21,250.00 now to help the Town implement the Project. If the campaign reaches its crowdfunding goal of \$42,500.00, the Project will receive the remaining \$21,250 of its matching grant from Mass Development. I want to thank Mitch Ruscitti of Tillrock Consulting for his efforts in spearheading the Project.
- D. National Grid Helicopter Patrols – National Grid has resumed its helicopter patrols of transmission lines in Milford. Helicopters will be hovering over transmission structures to enable a detailed inspection, including high resolution photography which allow engineering analysis of the transmission line structures. These patrols will continue through September. The Fire Chief and Police Chief will be notified prior to each patrol. A National Grid truck will drive in parallel with the helicopter and answer any questions from local residents.

9. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from Warren S. Heller for a Permit to Obstruct to wash and paint the exterior of the building at 61 Exchange Street from August 3 through August 17, 2020 from 7 AM to 7 PM subject to the conditions specified in a Memo from Police Chief Mike Pighetti dated July 23, 2020. UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept the resignation of Christopher B. Williams as Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer. UNANIMOUS.

11. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

12. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 7:37 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William E. Kingkade, Jr. Chairman

Michael K. Walsh

Thomas J. O'Loughlin