

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – February 25, 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. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Minutes of February 11, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. INVITATION TO SPEAK – Steve Dibble from Plane Aid provided information to the Board regarding their nonprofit work collecting clothes and shoes to assist individuals and organizations. He invited the Board to tour their facility in Milford.  
Amie Sanborn was present to inform the Board of the Annual Beautification Day to be held on April 27, 2019.
4. Maria Williams was present to request a transfer of the Common Victualler license from Five Guys, 9 Medway Road, Milford to ERE Milford FG, LLC, dba Five Guys Burgers & Fries. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the transfer, UNANIMOUS.
5. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – February 25, 2019 1.
  1. Designation as a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Community – I am pleased to report that Milford has been designated by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) as an MVP Community. This is the initial year of this program which was established by Governor Baker to address climate change. Town Engineer Mike Dean has informed me the Town received this designation by using the Grant of \$20,000.00 previously received from EEA to complete a community resiliency planning process that will examine the Town's vulnerability and strengths which will then be used to identify priority actions to build resilience as the climate changes. This will help us better understand the impacts of various natural hazard events, such as intense precipitation and winter storm events. The MVP designation indicates Milford's commitment to preparing for climate change. As an MVP Community, the Town of Milford will be eligible to apply for MVP Action Grants as administered by the EEA and may receive increased standing in future state funding opportunities. The Town will be required to submit yearly progress reports to the EEA by June 30th.
  2. 9-1-1 Cell Phone Calls - I have been informed by Police Chief Thomas J. O'Loughlin that he has completed the process with the State 9-1-1 to have 911 calls from cell phones go directly to the

Milford Police Department. Effective, Thursday February 28, 2019 cell phone calls to 9-1-1 for Police, Fire and EMS services will no longer be routed through the Massachusetts State Police but instead will come directly to the Dispatch Center at Milford Police Headquarters. This will save crucial time and allow dispatchers to obtain the information necessary for an appropriate response by public safety personnel.

6. The Board reviewed Article 32 of the Town Bylaws regarding the Police Chief Selection Review Committee. Chairman Walsh reviewed section 3 which outlines the duties of the Committee. Selectmen Buckley stated the board members could provide suggestions in writing to Chairman Walsh as to a job Description and criteria for the position to provide to the Committee. The Board agreed to send any suggestions to the Town Administrator to be forwarded to Chairman Walsh. The Board also agreed to schedule a meeting for the Committee to begin its work.
7. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Permit To Obstruct for a Toll Road requested by the Milford Lion's Club for April 27, 2019; 9AM to 2PM with a rain date of May 4, 2019, UNANIMOUS.
8. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept the gift of \$3,532.00 from the total donations for the Holistic Health Fair 208 and that the funds be deposited into the Regional Substance Navigation Program Gift Fund Account number 2624-4830.
9. Dog Hearing Officer Villani, reviewed the Rochelle Thomson, Animal Control Officer vs. John Falcone and Janet Higgin Dog Complaint Hearing reading the following **Findings of Fact**:
  1. Rose Gonzalez and Elisa Gonzalez reside at 42 Prospect Street, Milford and are the owners of a male shihtzu dog named "Duke."
  2. Sara Fernandes and Richard Auguste reside at 44 Prospect Street, Milford and are the owners of a neutered male, American Staffordshire Terrier Lab dog, age 8 ½ years old, named "Odin."
  3. On January 22, 2019, the dog, Odin, attacked the dog Duke suddenly and without provocation and severely bit Duke in the neck area, breaking the skin and causing Duke to bleed.
  4. Duke was taken to Acorn Animal Hospital on January 22, 2019 and underwent surgery to repair lacerations.

5. Pursuant to G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 157, I find “Odin” is a dangerous dog.

Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the following recommendations of the Hearing Officer, UNANIMOUS.

1. Odin shall be confined to the premises of Sara Fernandes and Richard Auguste, either securely confined indoors or outdoors in a securely enclosed and locked pen or dog run area. The pen or dog run area shall have a secure roof and if there is no floor secured to the sides, then the sides shall be embedded into the ground for not less than two (2) feet. Within the confines of such pen or dog run, a dog house or proper shelter from the elements shall be provided to protect the dog.
2. Ms. Fernandes and Mr. Auguste shall have one hundred (120) days from the date of this order to construct the said locked pen or dog run area and it shall be constructed to the satisfaction of Animal Control Officer Rochelle Thomson.
3. Ms. Fernandes and Mr. Auguste shall have a microchip implanted in Odin within thirty (30) days from this Order. When the microchip is implanted the microchip information number shall be reported to the Animal Control Officer Rochelle Thomson.
4. Odin shall not be allowed outside either on or off of the Fernandes and Auguste property without being on a leash.
5. When Odin is removed from his premises, he shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain or other tethering device having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding three (3) feet in length.
6. Any change in ownership or address change of where Odin is kept shall be reported immediately in writing to both the Town Clerk and Animal Control Department pursuant to MGL Chapter 140, section 138.
7. If Sara Fernandes and/or Mr. Auguste are found in violation of this order, Odin shall be subject to seizure and impoundment by the Milford Police Department and/or Animal Control Department and further Sara Fernandes and Richard Auguste would be ordered to immediately surrender to the Milford Town Clerk the licenses and tags in their possession and be prohibited from licensing or owning a dog within the Commonwealth for five (5) years.

8. This finding shall be reported to the Milford Town Clerk in accordance with G.L. Ch. 140, Sec. 157(h).

9. This Order issued by the Hearing Authority shall be valid throughout the Commonwealth.

10. Town Administrator Villani provided the results of the request for proposals for the Installation of an Electronic and Tangible Records Management System as follows:

King Information Systems, Inc.	\$55,910.00
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Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept the recommendation of Town Administrator Villani to award the contract to King Information Systems, Inc., 3 Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA 02062. UNANIMOUS.

11. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Celebrate Milford for a One-Day Wine and Malt License for Saturday May 18, 2019 for 8:00AM-9:00PM, with a rain date of Sunday May 19, 2019, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from Celebrate Milford for a Permit To Obstruct for a Parade starting at 10:00AM on May 18, 2019 with a rain date of Sunday May 19, 2018, UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from Celebrate Milford for a Permit To Obstruct to hang a banner from April 29, 2019 – May 25, 2019, UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Thomas J. O'Loughlin to install a sign on the pole at the intersection of East Main Street (Rte. 16) and Medway Road (Rte. 109) that has the sign indicating that there is a yield ahead indicating "Crosswalk" with an arrow pointing down. UNANIMOUS.

15. Town Counsel Charles Boddy, Jr. was present to review three (3) Conservation Restrictions approved by the Energy and Environmental Affairs. One is located off of Whitewood Road, adjacent to Deer Street off Cedar Street and two are located adjacent to Deer Street off Cedar Street. The restrictions are to protect the wildlife habitat and natural resources of the land. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve and accept the Conservation Restrictions as provided in the documents provided by Town Counsel and authorizing the Chairman to sign the restrictions on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. UNANIMOUS.

**16. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

17. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 7:45 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 Jed Nosal a Water Company update and with Town Counsel to discuss Police Collective Bargaining.

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.