

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – March 18, 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 Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. INVITATION TO SPEAK – Mike Soares spoke regarding the Citizens Petition Article to increase the number of Selectmen to five (5) members. He stated as reasons more civil elections, more diverse representation on the Board, and a more efficient Board. He informed the Board this would be a ballot question for the voters.
4. Mary Guido representing James G. Guido dba Guido and Son Italian Imports of 194 West Street, Unit 1, was present seeking an Amendment for a Change of Business Information. They are changing their corporate entity to an LLC, Guido and Son LLC. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Amendment. UNANIMOUS.
5. Kelly Capece, Benefits Coordinator, along with Brian Boyle Jr. Health Insurance Consultant were present to review the FY20 rates. Ms. Capece stated that as noted in her letter to the Board dated March 13, 2019, the Insurance Advisory Committee received a quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA, Inc. that reflects a rate reduction of 3.7% for our annual renewal. She further stated that Blue Cross also presented Blue 20/20, a voluntary vision program. Also, we were presented with a premium rate hold from both Delta Dental and Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company. After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the renewal rates as voted on by the Insurance Advisory Committee. UNANIMOUS.
6. Ronnie Pagnini and members of the Downtown Revitalization Committee were present to update the Board on the Downtown Façade Program. He said the sign Bylaws are “pushing people out of the program.” He asked for a reprieve on the requirement of the Program to correct sign Bylaw violations. He wants to investigate what other Towns are doing to draft more reasonable sign bylaws. The Board discussed whether they would have authority to suspend the Bylaws. Selectman Buckley stated we could remove the requirement and the facade applicants would receive the same level of enforcement as all other business and

property owners. The Town could then modify the Bylaws over a period of time. Any health or safety issues would still be enforced. Chairman Walsh suggested seeking an opinion from Town Counsel. Selectman Kingkade stated the language is “working against us.” Mr. Buckley moved, to remove the language in the Application that uniquely requires applicants to have to comply with the Sign Bylaws that other owners do not have to comply with, Mr. Kingkade seconded for discussion. After discussion, Mr. Kingkade seconded the motion. UNANIMOUS.

7. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT March 7, 2019

1. Snow and Ice Vote to Deficit Spend- Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, has informed me the snow and ice budget is in deficit approximately \$69,000.00. The Highway Surveyor will now need to deficit spend.
 2. Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid Funding for FY 2020- We have been informed by Governor Baker that Chapter 90 Funding will total \$200 million statewide, pending final legislative approval. Milford’s Chapter 90 apportionment for FY 20 will be \$819,994.00. This \$1,887.00 less than last year.
 3. National Grid – National Grid has several tree crews trimming trees at various locations throughout the town. As provided in MGL Ch 87 section 14 they have the right to prune back limbs that could impact the overhead distribution power lines. Tree Warden has granted permission for this work and will be inspecting and observing as work progresses. .
8. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 20, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
9. The Board reviewed the revised Harassment Prevention Policy, Confidentiality Agreement and Payroll Confidentiality Policy submitted by HR Director, Maureen Giffin. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve all three (3) Policies. UNANIMOUS.
10. The Board reviewed the Town of Hopkinton request for a waiver of the filing fee for their Notice of Intent filed with the Milford Conservation to replace the low level outlet gate at the Lake Maspenock Dam. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To support the Conservation Commission in waiving the fee should they choose to do so. UNANIMOUS.
11. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from St. Mary of the Assumption Parish for a Permit to Obstruct for the Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 19, 2019. UNANIMOUS.

12. 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 23, 2019 as a fundraiser for the 181 Family Readiness Group from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. UNANIMOUS.
13. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To proclaim Louisa Lake “off limits” for fishing for a period of 24 hours preceding the fishing derby on April 27, 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 indicating school zone 20 mph in the area of Highland Street and West Fountain Street where they border the Milford High School Campus.
15. **INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NONE.**
16. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adjourn the Selectmen’s meeting at 8:04 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

William D. Buckley

William E. Kingkade, Jr.