

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION -April 22, 2019

ROOM 03 - TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. The Board presented a Citation to Joshua Ahrens in recognition of his constructing two (2) benches for bus stops at Shaw's Supermarket and Milford High School.
2. Brenda Wheelock, leader of the 7th grade Girl Scout Troop and Tree Warden Chuck Reneau were present to proclaim and recognize April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day. Chairman Buckley read an official Arbor Day Proclamation.
3. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Open Session and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
5. INVITATION TO SPEAK- Ray Auger and Joe Soares were present to update the Board on the plans for the July 4th Parade. They are in the process of fund raising and advertising on social media. They asked for \$5,000.00 from the Town for their budget.
Bryan Cole was present and urged the Board to err on the side of caution and to not sell the properties on Rear Cedar Street and 1-495.
6. Ehab Shehata was present to request a transfer of the Common Victualler license from Pizza 85, 130 Cedar Street, Milford to Ehab Shehata. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the transfer, UNANIMOUS.
7. Michelle Crowley and Bre Crowley were present to request a transfer of a Second Hand/Antique Dealer License, 2 Central Street, Milford from Central Street Resale to Michelle Crowley. They also requested a change of hours of operation from 9AM to 6PM. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the transfer and the change of hours, UNANIMOUS.
8. The Board next discussed May Town Meeting Articles - Article 13 (Appropriation of \$285,000.00 for Legal and Consulting fees for the Water Company), Article 16 (Appropriation of \$50,000.00 for a budget for the Police Chief Selection Committee), Article 17 (Appropriation of \$6,500.00 to fund the Cemetery Union contract from July 1, 2018) and Article 22 (Appropriation of

\$156,441.00 to fund the Police Union contract). Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh to vote to approve Article 13 appropriation of \$285,000.00 for Legal and Consulting fees for the Water Company, Article 16 appropriation of \$50,000.00 for a budget for the Police Chief Selection Committee, Article 17 appropriation of \$6,500.00 to fund the Cemetery Union contract from July 1, 2018 and Article 22 appropriation of the sum of \$156,441.00 to fund the Police Union contract from July 1, 2019. UNANIMOUS.

9. Human Resources Director, Maureen Giffin, was present to discuss an alternative process for salary step increases for new employees at the time of hire. She proposed that prior to an offer being extended to a final candidate, a special meeting be scheduled with the HR Director, Department Head for the person to be hired and the Personnel Board to determine a starting salary. The selected candidate will then be made a "contingent" offer based on final approval from the Board of Selectmen. The Board felt that this would still not entirely resolve the issue. Maureen indicated she would research this matter further and report back to the Board.
10. Joe Soares, Kathleen Donovan and John Crane, members of the Celebrate Milford Committee were present to update the board on the 4th Annual Celebrate Milford Day. They will be having a Parade and numerous vendors. They are also working with the National Guard to see if the Guard would be able to have a helicopter on site.
11. Town Engineer, Mike Dean, was present to discuss a water drainage issue on Courtland Street and Diana Circle. Mike provided a Memo to the board indicating the properties affected are 10 Diana Circle and 47 Courtland Street. Land that fronts Courtland Street had trees cleared last summer or early fall. After the clearing, complaints were made drainage runoff from the cleared site. Mike suggested to the land owners that they "get together to try to address the run off issues, specifically the owners of 10 Diana Circle could request the owners of the cleared parcel to install a pipe from the owners of the cleared land parcel and connect the new pipe to the existing catch basins in the rear yard of 10 Diana Circle." Selectman Kingkade asked if we could follow up with Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli to see if the Town could do anything on Courtland Street to stop the drainage flow.
12. In response to the Town Administrator's update on the Downtown Facade Program, Chairman Buckley said the Board should consider that once the Architect provides complete renderings for a project and once cost estimates are finalized and the owner has paid his portion of the cost of the project that the Town Administrator have authority to approve the project so that work can be done timely and be completed by June 30th as required by the Grant conditions. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To authorize the Town Administrator to approve applications of owners who applied to the Downtown Facade Program once the Architect provides complete renderings for the project and once cost estimates are finalized and the owner has paid their portion of the cost of the project. UNANIMOUS.

13. Town Administrator provided a recommendation to appoint Maria Helena Pires to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Maria Helena Pires to the position of Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator and that she be placed at Level 2, Step 1 with a starting hourly rate of \$21.69 and that she be allowed to begin working on April 29, 2019. UNANIMOUS.
14. The Board met with and reviewed a Memo from Town Engineer, Mike Dean, regarding the offer received from Milford Stone Company to purchase property on Rear Cedar Street and 1-495. Mike informed the Board that the two parcels do contribute to the overall watershed of the Charles River and that less development in the watershed is more beneficial to the natural resources and drinking water supplies. The Board also reviewed a letter from Reno Deluzio who advised against selling the parcels. After discussion, Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: to reject the offer from Milford Stone Company and not sell the properties. UNANIMOUS.
15. The Board next discussed the hiring of an interim Police Chief. Chairman Buckley stated the Board should discuss a process and timeline to hire an interim Chief. Mr. Kingkade stated that time is of the essence. He then stated former Police Officer Michael Pighetti is willing to serve as interim Chief. He provided background as to Mr. Pighetti's qualifications, including the fact he has served as interim Chief for the Town. He is a retiree and is known to the Community. Mr. Walsh stated he believes Deputy Chief Jim Falvey should be appointed as interim Chief. He then read a statement indicating Michael Pighetti is not able to serve as he must enter the Police Academy training course before he would be eligible to serve. Chairman Buckley stated he would like to have a local person who is known to the Community serve as interim Chief. He requested that Mr. Walsh provide his written statement to Town Counsel and the matter be placed on the next Selectmen's Agenda. Mr. Buckley also wanted Town Counsel to provide an opinion on whether the Board could restrict an applicant for the Police Chief position from serving as interim Chief.
16. Chairman Buckley requested the Board members submit their evaluation forms for the Town Administrator to him and they will review and evaluate the Town Administrator at the next Selectmen's meeting.
17. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve a Permit To Obstruct for St Mary of the Assumption, 17 Winter Street, to block Winter Street for a festival on June 1, 2019 from 5PM to midnight; To approve a Permit To Obstruct for St Mary of the Assumption, 17 Winter Street, for a procession around the Parish on May 12, 2019 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM; To approve the request from Saint Mary of the Assumption, 17 Winter Street, for a One-Day Wine and Malt license for May 11, 2019 from a fundraiser from 6PM to 12:00 at St. Mary's Parish

Hall; To approve the request from Saint Mary of the Assumption, 17 Winter Street, for a One Day Wine and Malt license for June 1, 2019 from a fundraiser from 5PM to 12:00Midnight at St. Mary's Parish Hall; UNANIMOUS.

18. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the gift of \$2,500.00 from the Benjamin Moore Company to the Police Department. The Board must VOTE to accept the gift.
19. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Thomas J. O'Loughlin to install a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign on Water Street at South High Street. UNANIMOUS.
20. Mr. Kingkade reported to the Board that Ed Carr has received a new three (3) year contract as Administrator to the Metrowest Regional Transit Authority.
21. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request of Robert M. Andreola, Chairman of the Historical Commission to appoint Associate Commissioner, Steven E. Zaloga to fill the unexpired term of former Commissioner, Marilyn M. Lovell. UNANIMOUS.
22. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:51PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman William D. Buckley, Selectman William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Selectman Michael K. Walsh all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Fire Union Collective Bargaining.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

William E. Kingkade, Jr.

Michael K. Walsh