

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – JULY 9, 2012

ROOM 03-TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman Brian W. Murray; Selectmen Dino B. DeBartolomeis and William D. Buckley; Town Administrator Louis J. Celozzi; and Minutes Recorder Jean M. DeTore.

1. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To sign the warrant and approve the minutes of June 18, 2012 as submitted. Two in favor, One abstention (Mr. DeBartolomeis abstains) IT IS A VOTE.

2. Citizen Participation – None.

3. Chairman Murray recused himself due to a possible conflict and relinquished the Chair to Mr. DeBartolomeis for the continuation from June 18, 2012, of The Public Hearing for Milford Package Store, Inc. d/b/a Milford Package, 270 Main Street. Attorney Gregory Demakis, was present seeking a transfer of the existing Retail Package All-Alcoholic license to the Bapanu Corporation, d/b/a Milford Package Store, Pledge of License and a Pledge of Inventory to Rockland Trust. Atty. Demakis stated that Jignesh Pachani will devote some hours to this business since he has several other businesses in other towns and the proposed manager Mayank Patel will be onsite for 25 hours a week along with several employees. He further stated that they both have vast experience and the town will be pleased with the manner in which they do business. Mr. DeBartolomeis suggested that they meet with the Police Chief to review past practices since there were no issues with the previous owners. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Chairman DeBartolomeis: To approve the above transfer, Pledge of License and Pledge of Inventory, UNANIMOUS.

4. Susan Edmonds, Library Director; Victor R. Valenti, Chairman, and George A. Clemens, Jr., Trustees, updated the Board on the Annual Library Certification. Ms. Edmonds noted that the purpose of this presentation was to inform the Board as well as the community of the MBLC Certification obligation that arises annually and which is sometimes misunderstood within the town but greatly impacts finances, customer satisfaction, and operations. She summarized the Critical Certification Requirements:

1. The current year Municipal Appropriation Requirement, MAR, operational budget, without capital appropriations, must be equal or greater than 2.5% of the average of the 3 previous fiscal year appropriations.

2. Additionally, 13% of the municipal appropriation must be for pertinent library materials: books, videos, CD's as well as items used to prepare the material for usage.

3. The Milford Town Library must be open for a minimum of 63 hours per week.

Benefits of Certification to Milford:

1. Eligibility for State Aid: Milford Town Library received \$32K in 2010 and \$30K in 2011. This aid is important and is used to assist in defraying the annual 13% Material Requirements cost.

2. Eligible for Federal Grants allocated through MBLC.

3. Participation in the total network of Massachusetts libraries makes available to Milford and other certified library patrons access to a large and more diverse selection of reading and research materials. She noted that one of the grants received was the Conversation Circle-ESL for \$20,000 in FY2011 \$10,000 per year for two years.

Ms. Edmonds also summarized the impact of losing certification and the Requirements to become Re-Certified.

A brief discussion relative to the property at 16 Main Street (formerly Dunkin Donuts) took place with Chairman Murray suggesting that the Trustees evaluate the acquisition of the property and submit an evaluation to the Town Administrator for the Board's consideration. If feasible, the Board would support a Capital Improvement request for additional parking for the Town Library.

5. John Tehan, Chairman of the Renewable Energy Committee and Atty. Brian Braillard of Prince Lobel Renewables presented a proposal consisting of the development of a 2.5 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) project in the same load zone and jurisdiction as Milford, (Northbridge) and a request to partner with the town of Milford for some or all of the solar energy produced from the proposed facility.

The proposal consists of a twenty year commitment:

- The Town pays nothing for the development and ongoing maintenance of the solar project
- The solar facility is located on private land and is owned by a Third party.
- Under Massachusetts Net Metering regulations, National Grid credits the energy produced by the systems at a retail rate equal to the parasitic load of the system (approximately \$0.139/kwh).
- The systems owner assigns the solar net metering credits to the Town, and the Town reimburses the system owner at rate of \$0.11/kwh.
- This has no effect on any of the current energy contracts that the Town may have with Third party wholesale providers because National Grid is required to credit the customer account(s) and consolidate the bills.
- The Town determines which town bill(s)/meters(s) receive the credits (schools, fire/police depts., Town Hall, water/sewer dept., etc.)
- The Town potentially could realize an estimated avoided utility cost of \$84,100 in Year 1; \$500,379 (cum.) in Year 5; \$1,225,965 (cum.) in Year 10 and \$3,553,057 (cum.) in Year 20.

After a discussion, the Board concurred that in an effort to encourage a friendly environment and with the potential for the town to save money, Atty. Braillard should provide a Letter of Intent to the Board and it will be discussed at a future meeting. Town Administrator Celozzi indicated that he would contact National Grid and the towns mentioned by Atty. Braillard for more information.

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Budget Update – As we conclude FY12, I'm pleased to report that all budgets under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen are on target with obviously no deficits.
- FY13 Budget -As you are aware, Governor Patrick signed this budget this past week.
- Town Hall Painting Project –The painters began the exterior painting project today. They have started scraping the back of the building on Court Street.
- Masonry Repairs – I am meeting with S & I on Wednesday morning and I'll have a progress report at our next meeting.
- Town Hall Clock Tower – During the thunderstorm on July 1, 2012 the tower was struck by lightning. Damage was minimal, almost negligible. We will be able to repair it as part of the painting project.

7. After reviewing correspondence from Town Administrator Celozzi regarding applicants for the Woodland School Building Committee: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To appoint Eric Dahlgren, Patrick DiGregoire and Lena McCarthy to the committee, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Celozzi also indicated that at a previous meeting, Selectman DeBartolomeis was designated as the Board's appointee and that he will notify the Town Moderator of the above appointments.

8. Chairman Murray requested that Town Administrator Celozzi summarize his memo regarding the ICE-IMAGE Program. Mr. Celozzi stated that on June 19, 2012, he met with Police Chief Thomas J. O'Loughlin and Special Agent William P. Sansone to discuss the program. He further stated that the program is a partnership between the Town of Milford and the Federal Government to ensure that all employees hired by our community are in our country legally. If the Board decides to participate, the IMAGE Program will:

1. Audit our current list of employees.
2. Train us to utilize the E-Verify Program which provides access to I.C.E.'s database, which within 5-6 seconds, will verify I-9 Forms.

After a brief discussion, the Board strongly agreed that this would set a good example for the community and that the Town of Milford should be the first town in the Commonwealth to join the program.

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To support the recommendations of Mr. Celozzi and Police Chief O'Loughlin and to authorize the Town of Milford to enter into an agreement with I.C.E. to join the IMAGE Program, UNANIMOUS.

Chairman Murray requested that notification of the Board's decision to join this program be forwarded to the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Development Commission and to seek a written response as to how they are going to advise their membership of the IMAGE Program and encourage participation.

9. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the FY12 Appropriation Transfers as submitted, UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept the \$25.00 gift from Dr. Lawrence J. Levine to be deposited in the Milford Fire Department Gift Account, UNANIMOUS.

11. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve a One-Day All Alcoholic License for Powerless, Inc. d/b/a The Tradesman, 284 West Street for Saturday, July 21, 2012, 11:00AM to 1:00AM and Saturday, August 18, 2012, 11:00AM to 1:00AM including the Band from 5:00PM-11:00PM subject to input and limitations as recommended by the Police Chief, UNANIMOUS.

12. After reviewing correspondence from Police Chief O'Loughlin relative to the Annual License Establishments Activity Report-January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012, the Board continues to be satisfied with the procedure of businesses notifying the Milford Police Department as soon as possible in order to alleviate troubling incidents. After a brief discussion relative to the number of incidents at McDonalds, 139 South Main Street, the Board requested that the Police Chief meet with the Manager of the establishment to review procedures and the implementation of any preventative measures.

13. After reviewing correspondence from the Metrowest Regional Transit Authority: Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. DeBartolomeis: To send a letter to the MRTA indicating that the Town of Milford would like to continue the present shuttle service especially since Mr. Carr has stated that the cost of the service is minimal and that the fares are offsetting the costs of the service, UNANIMOUS.

14. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Milford Youth Commission, re: Minutes of May 14, 2012
2. Scott Vechiolla, re: Resignation – Milford Renewable Energy Committee
3. Council on Aging, re: Minutes of 5/8/12
4. Schedule of Meetings
5. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, re: Nite Lite Lounge, Inc.
6. Blackstone Valley Voc. Reg. School District, re: Feasibility Study
7. DEP, re: Milford Water Co. – Sanitary Survey

15. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Scott Vechiolla from the Milford Renewable Energy Committee, UNANIMOUS.

16. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 9:14PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Murray, Selectmen DeBartolomeis and Buckley vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Police Collective Bargaining Issues, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean M. De Tore
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Atty. Brian W. Murray, Chairman

Dino B. DeBartolomeis

William D. Buckley