

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – August 22, 2011

ROOM 03-TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Chairman DeBartolomeis called the meeting to order and on behalf of the Board expressed condolences to the family of Matthew Denice, the young man that was tragically killed in a hit and run traffic accident on Saturday evening. Mr. DeBartolomeis stated that he as well as Representative Fernandes spoke to Police Chief O'Loughlin seeking options and alternatives in creating a secure community. He further noted that this situation is sensitive and complex but Chief O'Loughlin assured the Board members that he is working very closing with District Attorney Joseph Early in bringing this person to justice.

2. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To sign the warrant and approve the Minutes of August 4, 2011 and August 8, 2011 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.

3. Citizen Participation –

Chairman DeBartolomeis recognized Marie J. Parente who asked the Board to vote unanimously to send a letter to Governor Patrick urging him to sign the bill for the Secure Communities Act.

After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to meet with Chief O'Loughlin and Town Counsel Moody before sending a letter and to also seek input from Representative Fernandes and Senator Moore as to the merits of the program.

Chairman DeBartolomeis also recognized Laurie Barr who stated that something has to be done, and that people are talking and they are angry.

4. Charles P. Hickey, Manager of Thomas A. Hickey Inc. d/b/a Hickey Liquors, 396 East Main Street, was present seeking a Transfer of Location from 196 East Main Street to 396 East Main Street. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the transfer, UNANIMOUS.

5. Robin Emerson, representing Five Olsons Milford Plains LLC, d/b/a Five Guys, 9 Medway Road #A was present seeking a Common Victualler License for 9 Medway Road, HOURS OF OPERATION: MONDAY-SUNDAY 11:AM-10:00PM. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the license, UNANIMOUS.

6. Elizabeth Johnson of CASA of Worcester County was present seeking support and volunteers from Milford for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization advocating for children who live in foster care. Ms. Johnson stated that as a Court Appointed Special Advocate

volunteer you will be trained, have a cause and speak for a child who's been neglected, abused or ignored. She also noted that applications can be filled out online, training for 15 volunteers can be scheduled and volunteers would spend 10 to 15 hours per month helping the judge seek information relative to the mental health and education needs of the child. Volunteers would work with the child until the case is closed which usually takes 9 to 15 months. Most of the children are under the age of 12 and half are under 6 years of age. She stressed the need for volunteers and indicated the ultimate goal is to find a safe and permanent home for these children. The Board expressed their support for the program.

7. Larry L. Dunkin, AICP, Town Planner, and members of the Industrial Development Commission: Barry Feingold, CEO President, Chamber of Commerce, Joseph Boczanowski, William B. Stares, and Brad Farrin were present seeking the Board's support for the proposed Veterans Memorial Drive Extension Alternate Route Project -Phase I. This phase would consist of an extension of Depot Street to Beach Street and would according to the Fay, Spofford & Thorndike Engineers study, reduce congestion on Main Street between Rt. 140 and Beach Street by approximately 5,000 trips per day. Mr. Dunkin provided a map of the proposed route and a parcel map of the properties in tax title and parcels to be taken by eminent domain. He further noted that a 2007 appraisal of the properties totaled \$870,000. After a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to obtain more information about the language in the \$2M Transportation Bond Bill from Representative Fernandes, specifically, the inclusion of tax title and construction.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- I'd like to remind all department heads that the warrant for the October 24, 2011 Special Town Meeting is now open and will remain so until September 15, 2011. Please submit your articles as soon as possible.
- In anticipation of the October Special Town Meeting, I am scheduled to meet with Max Ferro, our esteemed architect from previous projects. I assure you that we will be seeking the third installment for the Town Hall exterior paint job. The Board has also indicated that the stairs on both sides of the Town Hall should be repaired and the Commission on Disability is looking at a permanent ramp at Draper Park. I thought we could get a combined and reduced price from Max for these three projects.
- Meeting of 8/24/11 – Just a reminder that it begins at 1:00PM and in addition to the officials that I announced two weeks ago, I have since heard from Zack Crowley at MADEP and that while the Commissioner is not available, someone from the staff or the Regional Director will attend. It will probably be the Deputy Commissioner Gary Moran and Marty Suuberg. I was also informed on Thursday that a member of Senator Kerry's staff will be present.
- Representative Fernandes has informed me that funds may be available, through a "MassWorks Infrastructure Program" grant for the restoration of railroad crossings. He

has suggested that Milford & Hopedale may wish to file a joint application. Before doing so, I want to make sure that the Board supports this effort and is not opposed.

- As part of our Task Force action of August 11, 2011, John Erickson, our new Building Commissioner, has identified these properties as problematic with building and zoning violations:

10 Cherry Street
277 Main Street
38-44 Franklin Street
64 South Bow Street
34 Bancroft Street
4-6 Clark Street
29 Jefferson Street
24 Prospect Heights
80 Prospect Heights
12 Bacon Slip

Our next meeting is Thursday and we will be completing a final plan.

9. Town Administrator Celozzi reported that Representative Fernandes has informed him that funds may be available through a "MassWorks Infrastructure Program" grant for the restoration of railroad crossings and that Milford and Hopedale may wish to file a joint application. Before proceeding, he was seeking the Board's approval. After assuring the Board that we would have to restore the crossings regardless, the Board agreed: Mr. Murray moved seconded by Mr. Buckley: To file a joint application with the Town of Hopedale, UNANIMOUS.

10. Town Administrator Celozzi noted that the Milford Youth Commission had inadvertently appointed two members to their committee at their April 11, 2011 meeting. The appointing authority is the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To appoint Lori Ann Braza Butts for a term to expire June 30, 2014 and Susan Salamone for a term to expire June 30, 2013, UNANIMOUS.

11. After reviewing correspondence from Police Chief O'Loughlin requesting a Handicap Parking space on Congress Street: Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Traffic Aids request recommended by Police Chief O'Loughlin, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request from Pepperoncini's Pizzeria & Grill, 201 East Main Street for a One-Day All Alcoholic License for September 18, 2011 with a rain date of September 25, 2011 12Noon-6:00PM in parking lot under a tent in a mobile trailer (Cystic Fibrosis Motorcycle ride), UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request from Scioli's Pizza Bar, 146 South Main Street, for a One-Day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Sunday, September 4, 2011, Hours: 11:00AM to 10:00PM in front of the building in a fenced in area with a tent. The event is for the "My One Wish" bike run, UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept the \$25.00 gift from Francis and Catherine Ahern to be deposited in the Milford Fire Department Gift Account, UNANIMOUS.

15. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request of Crivello's Crossing, 45 Depot Street for an extension of hours from 11:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Sundays only to serve alcoholic beverages, UNANIMOUS.

16. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request from the Milford Youth Commission to dedicate the Gymnasium at the James "Jay" DiAntonio Milford Youth Center to Mr. Paul F. Seaver, UNANIMOUS.

17. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Parking Clerk's request to place a message on the November tax bills to read as follows: Winter Parking Ban is in effect December 1, 2011 through March 15, 2012. Parking on the street is prohibited between 12AM-6AM. Signs announcing Milford's parking ban are posted on major roads leading into Milford including Routes 16, 85, 109 and 140. Individuals in violation of the Winter Parking Ban are subject to a \$25.00 fine, UNANIMOUS.

18. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Police Chief, re: Speed – South Free Street
2. Police Chief, re: Grant-Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR)
3. Asst. Town Accountant, re: June FY2011-"Financial Facts"
4. Town Engineer, re: Initiative Petition-Stormwater Utilities
5. Dept. of Inspections, re: July 2011 Monthly Report
6. Milford Water Co., re: Response to Correspondence of 8/9/11.
7. Chief Technology Officer, re: FY11 Review
8. Schedule of Meetings

19. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Milford Water Company relative to their response to the Board's inquiry of reimbursing or issuing a rebate to individuals in need of a filtration system due to various health concerns. It was the consensus of the Board to have Town Administrator Celozzi and Town Counsel Moody work with the Milford Water Company to establish criteria for such a program.

20. The Board reviewed correspondence from Robert Bonnell, Chief Technology Officer recapping Fiscal Year 2011. Mr. Buckley requested a plan for FY12 including addressing issues at Town Hall such as streaming Board of Selectmen meetings live and the sunshine laws.

21. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:36PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman DeBartolomeis, Selectmen Murray and Buckley all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Police Department Collective Bargaining Issues, a proposal from MASSDEP/EPA relative to Bike Trail Contamination and an Insurance Claim.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dino B. DeBartolomeis, Chairman

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