

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –NOVEMBER 5, 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. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To sign the warrant and approve the Minutes of October 15, 2012 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
2. Citizen Participation – None.
3. Chairman Murray noted that Barbara A. Auger, Town Treasurer will not be present this evening but that he had met with her to review the Insurance Advisory Committee's request for the renewal of the insurance plans offered to Medicare eligible retirees. He noted that both Fallon and Harvard Pilgrim have responded with quotes for the Town's senior offerings. Ms. Auger also submitted a summary sheet with the results for comparison purposes which noted that at a meeting of the Insurance Advisory Committee held on October 10, 2012, the board reviewed bids submitted by Bob Cannon (FCHP) and Bryan Adams (HPHC). The Fallon Senior proposal includes a 4.5% increase which includes a minor benefit change due to the addition of an annual hearing exam. Retirees enrolled in Fallon Senior will pay an additional \$3.60 per month. Harvard Pilgrim quoted a HP Medicare wrap plan, which includes no change in the medical plan and a small increase in the prescription plan, which reflects mandated Part D changes; otherwise there is no change to current benefits. Retirees enrolled in the Enhance plan will see a \$0.72 increase. The Insurance Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Fallon Senior rate of \$279.00 and the HP Enhance rate of \$321.44 effective January 1, 2013. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the above recommendation, effective January 1, 2013, UNANIMOUS.
4. A hearing was held on the application of Courtyard Management Corporation d/b/a Courtyard by Marriott, 10 Fortune Boulevard seeking a change of manager from Jennifer Gosselin to Joseph Tutela, III. Mr. Tutela noted that he was transferring from Cambridge and had 17 years of experience. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the change of Manager, UNANIMOUS.
5. Joseph Fitzpatrick, representing DG Cleanpower LLC outlined a Solar Net Metering proposal for the Town of Milford:
  - Assigns National Grid Net Metering Credits to the Town electric accounts at a rate of 13.5 cents.
  - DGCP bills the town at 9.5 cents for each kwh of Net Metering Credit.

- The 4 cent difference is worth \$200,000 or a 30% discount in the first year.
- The estimated value of the discount over twenty years is \$7mm.
- Net metering is capped at 3% of NGRID load.
- Full potential at 10mm kwh is \$400,000 in the first year and \$14mm over twenty years.

He noted that DG Cleanpower LLC has developed 12mw of solar PV in Uxbridge (operating); Douglas operational in December 2012; Rutland, Plympton and Northbridge as well as 8mw in early development in Dighton and two other communities in the Milford load zone-\$40mm in Capex. DGCP has also developed 1500 mw of gas turbine power generation in Lowell, Blackstone, Bellingham and Milford. Milford has approximately 10mm kwh of municipal consumption. The DGCP proposal is based on fifty percent of Milford consumption or 5,000,000 kwh from Northbridge and Dighton projects in June 2013. The net metering proposal provides first year savings of \$200,000 and \$7 mm over twenty years. The net metering credit will be provided directly to the town on its bills by National Grid. The credit will provide a 30% discount over Milford electric bills.

Town Administrator Celozzi stated that he met with Mr. Fitzpatrick regarding this proposal and recommended that the Board consider this proposal as it could serve as a "Pilot Program". After a discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to support and participate in a solar energy program but they did request that Mr. Celozzi meet again with Mr. Fitzpatrick to establish a reasonable time frame to sign a contract noting that Town Meeting approval is required for any contract over five years. They also requested that Mr. Celozzi seek more information from National Grid, solicit input from the towns that already invested in the project and provide this information for the next meeting.

#### 6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Monthly Financial Update – All budgets under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen are on target.
- Capital Projects - As a result of the Special Town Meeting action, I am in the process of updating the Capital Projects list. I'd like to have this set as the transition occurs. If the members have any projects in mind please let me know as soon as possible.
- Milford Youth Center – In a related matter, I've had to replace a "condensation return pump" at an unbudgeted cost of \$3,670.00 and I'm afraid that there will be some additional costly updates. I've asked ENE Systems to provide me with a breakdown of projects and costs and I'll include them in the Capital Project update. I also spoke to Milford Youth Director Sidney DeJesus and suggested that he develop a list of projects to be considered.
- I'd like to remind the members that the Tax Classification hearing will be held on November 19, 2012. If there is any information that you may want, please let me know as soon as possible.

- I'd like to recognize our Emergency Management Director Fire Chief John Touhey for his efforts this past week in dealing with Hurricane Sandy. He did his usual thorough job of preparing for the storm and we suffered minimal disruption. Also Chief O'Loughlin, Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli and many other individuals are to be thanked.
- The Department of Public Utilities has contacted us in order to request the use of Upper Town Hall for a Public Hearing relative to the Milford Water Co. They are looking at Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 7PM. We will obviously be officially notified of the hearing date but I wanted to give you a heads-up.
- On Friday, I received a retirement notification from Gualdino Bento a custodian at the Police Station, effective January 30, 2013. Unless the Board objects, I will advertise the position on November 21, 2012.

7. The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Administrator Celozzi regarding the FY12 town-wide water accounts and costs. The proposed 82% increase by the Milford Water Company would result in a yearly cost of \$1,099,290, an increase of \$495,284. In anticipation of the Public Hearing on December 12, 2012 requested by the Department of Public Utilities relative to the Milford Water Company's rate increase proposal, Mr. Murray requested that the members notify Mr. Celozzi of ideas to encourage public notice and awareness of the hearing. Some recommendations made include: Contacting the Industrial Development Commission and the Chamber of Commerce and sending a possible reverse 911 message to residents.

8. The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Administrator Celozzi, Town Treasurer Auger, Town Counsel Moody and Town Accountant Taylor regarding the Finance Committee's "White Paper". Chairman Murray noted that the "Financial Team's" review was excellent and their recommendations of "general guidelines" for the Town's financial planning relative to Free Cash, Self-insurance Fund, Stabilization Fund, Debt Limit, Health Insurance, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment and Retirement Benefits, Real Estate Tax Growth and Distribution should be incorporated into the Finance Committee's revised report. He noted that if the committee is unable to do so, the Board of Selectmen will then schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee to discuss the issue further.

9. Chairman Murray requested that Town Administrator Celozzi update the Board relative to the status of the recruitment process for the Town Administrator. Mr. Celozzi stated that an ad was placed in the October 26, 2012 edition of the Town Crier, the November edition of The Beacon and in the Milford Daily News and Boston Globe on November 1, 2012. The job description has also been posted on the Town's website and the MMA website until December 7, 2012. Also, all changes recommended by the Board were incorporated.

10. Chairman Murray indicated that he has had reservations concerning the Handicap Ramp installation at Draper Park and that he has received calls from the Historical Commission with members concerned with the design. Mr. Murray reviewed correspondence from Max Ferro, the town's architect for the project. Both Mr. DeBartolomeis and Mr. Buckley agreed that issues

remain and expressed support for the proposal to purchase a temporary ramp. After a brief discussion: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To terminate the contract with S.I. Services, Inc. for the granite ramp, pay any fees owed for materials ordered, and use the balance of the funds to purchase a portable ramp that can be stored and assembled as needed, UNANIMOUS.

11. Mr. Buckley requested that Town Administrator Celozzi forward a copy of his memo regarding FY12 Water Costs to the Finance Committee as a reference for the FY14 budget cycle.

12. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request for the annual Veterans Day Parade, Monday, November 12, 2012, UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request from The Milford High School Boosters Club, Inc. for the annual 5K Turkey Day Road Race, Thursday, November 22, 2012, beginning at 7:30AM, UNANIMOUS.

14. The Board tabled the correspondence from David D. Nolta et al regarding traffic concerns on Bancroft Avenue until input and recommendations are received from Police Chief O'Loughlin, Fire Chief Touhey, Town Engineer Santora, and Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli.

15. The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Engineer Santora, which included input from Police Chief O'Loughlin, relative to accident data and on-site inspections (a list/table that summarizes all the accidents by date and type was also attached) of the South Main Street/Fruit Street Intersection to determine the number and type of accidents that have occurred over the last 10 years. Of the 38 accidents in the 10 year period, 31 were TYPE A accidents, or 81.5%. To reduce the number of these type of accidents they recommended the following:

1. Paint stop bars on the pavement at both stop signs at Fruit Street & Fruit Street Extension.
2. Paint the word "STOP" in six (6) foot letters on the pavement in front of the Stop bars.
3. Install a "DANGEROUS INTERSECTION" sign on South Main Street on the southbound side approximately 350 feet north of the intersection with Fruit Street. (A similar sign already exists for northbound traffic).

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the above recommendations, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. DeBartolomeis also requested that Chief O'Loughlin review the light beacon at this intersection to determine if it needs to be increased in size and intensity.

16. The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Administrator Celozzi relative to Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009, the "New Ethics Law" specifically the release of Executive Session Minutes and Notification of Intent to release the specified minutes according to the Record Management

Policy. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Notification of Intent as outlined, UNANIMOUS.

17. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request from Alianca Cultural Portuguesa, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 15 Winter Street, for a One-Day Wine and Malt License for Saturday, November 10, 2012, 5:00pm TO 12Midnight, UNANIMOUS.

18. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Patricia Luchini from the Commission on Disability, UNANIMOUS.

19. In response to William E. Kingkade Jr., Finance Committee Member, who had requested a determination under MGL Ch. 268A §19 as outlined in his submissions of November 2, 2012: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: That it has been determined that his wife's and sister's service in the Milford Public Schools is not likely to affect his service as a Finance Committee member so long as he refrain from direct participation in discussions of, or votes upon, specific areas of the School Department budget which might be decreased, or increased. He may continue to attend meetings where such discussions otherwise take place, and he may vote upon the final or "bottom line" school budget recommendation. The same rules and guidelines would be in place relative to his brother's service on the Milford Police Department and his mother's service as a member of the Board of Registrars, UNANIMOUS.

20. Mr. Murray requested that Mr. Celozzi send a memo to the Capital Improvement Committee requesting that they meet the terms of the current by law as it is written, specifically not just meeting prior to the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meetings. They should meet regularly and consistently and follow the Duties of the Committee as outlined in the bylaw including the issuance of the proper reports.

## 21. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Town Administrator, re: FY12 Water Costs
2. Milford Youth Center, re: Minutes of 8/13/12 and 9/10/12
3. Milford Area Chamber of Commerce, re: IMAGE Program
4. David C. Mullen, re: DPR LLC (Double Poles)
5. Ipsen-Biomeasure, Inc., re: Expansion Project
6. Schedule of Meetings
7. Waldenwoods Condominium Association, re: "Thank You."

### Invitations

1. Prospect Hts. Mayors Association, re: Ceremony – November 12, 2012

22. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:33PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Murray, Selectmen DeBartolomeis and

Buckley vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss salary negotiations,  
UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jean M. DeTore  
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Atty. Brian W. Murray, Chairman

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Dino B. DeBartolomeis

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William D. Buckley