

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –September 19, 2016

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley; Selectmen Brian W. Murray, Esq.; William E. Kingkade Jr.; Town Administrator Richard A. Villani; and Minutes Recorder Jean M. DeTore.

1. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Minutes of September 12, 2016 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. INVITATION TO SPEAK – Mr. Jamie Wheelock provided his opinion on:
 - the posting of the schedule of board meeting calendar on line
 - Renewable Energy Committee
 - posting of committee agendas and minutes on line
4. Joseph M. Antonellis, counsel to Geriatric Authority of Milford and David R. Consigli, Chairman were present seeking authorization to enter into a Solar Lease and Power Purchase Agreement by and between the Geriatric Authority of Milford: “Host” Milford Industrial Solar, LLC: “Provider”. Atty. Antonellis provided a summary of the initial terms for twenty (20) years which are renewable, but not mandatory.

Chairman Buckley suggested that the Town Engineer provide input on the feasibility of installing solar panels on all town buildings. It was the consensus of the board to send a letter of appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Geriatric Authority for their time spent in researching and negotiating the contract for the installation of solar panels.

Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To authorize the request to enter into a Solar Lease and Power Purchase Agreement as presented, UNANIMOUS.

5. Finance Director Zachary Taylor was present to provide a financial update as well as review a draft proposal of funding of articles for the October 24, 2016 Special Town Meeting. Mr. Taylor stated that FY16 was a tremendous year as expenditures and revenues were very favorable with a high level of un-expended funds, the reserve fund was untouched and FY17 began without a snow and ice deficit. As a result, he expects a very healthy free cash balance. Chairman Buckley requested that Mr. Taylor highlight the use of free cash vs. stabilization funds. Some of the major financial goals on the warrant are articles to: establish and fund an Injured On-Duty Special Revenue Fund for \$250,000; contribute \$250,000 to the Town’s Liability Claims Trust to return the fund to an appropriate level; contribute \$500,000 to the Town Stabilization Fund, an additional

\$1 million toward the unfunded pension liability and the expected final appropriation of the Woodland School Project and an article to paydown callable debt. Mr. Taylor finally highlighted that after a \$2 million free cash appropriation to offset the tax rate the Town would likely have excess levy capacity of 2.5 million or better.

At 7:43PM Christopher Morin, Chairman/Finance Committee joined the meeting. He also stated that the town is in an exceptional position and that the Finance Committee is very comfortable with Mr. Taylor's proposal.

6. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the warrant for the October 24, 2016 Special Town Meeting as presented, UNANIMOUS.

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Milford Pond Dedication Ceremony – A ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Milford Pond Restoration Project will be held this Saturday at 10 AM at Milford Town Hall. Congressman Richard E. Neal, who assisted the Town on this project, will be the key note speaker. Light refreshments will be served.
2. Police Public Service Announcement – I have been informed by Police Chief Thomas O'Loughlin that the department developed a PSA link with Milford TV with advice for individuals if they are stopped by the Police. To find the link you need to search Milford Police on Youtube. It is the Chief's hope this advice will mitigate the potential for misunderstandings and adverse reactions between police and the public.
3. Draper Memorial Park Field of Flags – Citizens of Milford, the Salvation Army along with Veteran's Agent John Pilla and Parks Director Mike Bresciani have partnered to organize a tribute to our Veterans and Active Military Personnel with a display of flags to be placed in Draper Memorial Park on the five Patriotic Holidays each year commencing with Veteran's Day. They are inviting interested citizens to sponsor a 3' by 5' American flag to be placed in Draper Park. For more information please refer to the Citizen's for Milford website.
4. Nationalgrid Tree Pruning – I have been informed that Nationalgrid will be carrying out selective foliage and Fall Cut Tree Stump Treatment on rights of way which pass through Town between October 3rd and December 31, 2016.
5. Transportation Advisory Committee – The Transportation Advisory Committee has had two meetings to date. They are conducting public outreach which has included appearing on the Town Crier, posting the Bus Route on the Cable TV community board, the Community Message Board, Town Bulletin Board and Milford Mass Uncensored Chat. Carl Damegella has set up additional meetings at the Milford High School and Senior Center to hand out Charlie Cards. The next scheduled meeting for the Committee is this Wednesday,

Chairman Buckley thanked Chief O'Loughlin for his contribution to the PSA that was recently developed by the Milford Police and Milford TV with advice for people if they are stopped by the police.

8. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request submitted by the Italian American Veterans Post #40, 4 Hayward Field for a One-Day All Alcohol License for Sunday, September 25, 2016 for the Plains Reunion, UNANIMOUS.

9. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request submitted by the MHS Boosters Club for a One-Day Wine & Malt License for Saturday, October 15, 2016, UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request submitted by St. Mary's Parish for a One-Day Wine & Malt License for Saturday, October 15, 2016, UNANIMOUS.

11. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request for a Permit To Obstruct from the Milford Lions Club for a Toll Road on October 15, 2016 with a rain date of October 22, 2016 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint the following:
LIMITED DUTY CONSTABLES
(For Traffic Control only)

Paul Davidson- Term expires 6/30/17 UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept with the regret the resignation of Peter Scandone from the Industrial Development Commission, UNANIMOUS.

14. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Department of Inspections, re: Monthly Report for 8/1/16 to 8/31/16
2. Department of Veterans' Services, re: Korean/Vietnam monument

15. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:15PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman William Buckley; Selectmen Brian W. Murray, Esq.; William E. Kingkade Jr. all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition – 108 East Main Street, Water Company update and Police Chief's contract, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

Brian W. Murray, Esq.

William E. Kingkade, Jr.