

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –October 3, 2016

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Chairman Buckley called for a moment of silence in memory of Samuel J. Bonasoro who served as Town Assessor for many years as well as a Commissioner on the Milford Housing Authority. On behalf of the board, he extended condolences to his family and friends.
2. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingcade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingcade: To approve the minutes of September 19, 2016 as submitted,
4. INVITATION TO SPEAK –Mr. Jamie Wheelock, a resident of Milford, expressed his opinion on the following issues:
 - Milford Geriatric Authority/Solar Energy project
 - Proposed article for Special Injury Leave Indemnity fund for Police and Fire
 - Possibility of Hiring civilians instead of Police Officers as Flagmen
 - Proposed Town Meeting reform-Establish the placement of the Town Moderator to stand on the side of the stage instead of in the center.
5. Ms. Ty V. Tran, Manager of Lucky 9, 119 East Main Street, was present seeking a Live Entertainment License for Monday – Saturday 12Noon-1:00AM. Ms. Tran stated they would like to have a DJ and Live Bands. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingcade: To approve the request for an Entertainment License, UNANIMOUS.
6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
 1. Fixed Bus Route Update – I have been informed by Carl Damegella of the MWRTA that he has met with the managers of the Rolling Green and Groves Housing complexes and they will be promoting use of the bus route by their residents. Carl will be setting up an outreach program at both facilities. He also will be having another outreach at the Senior Center to distribute Senior and Disabled Charlie Cards.
 2. Accessible Trail Update – The engineering plan for the work to be done on the Upper Charles Trail to provide accessible enhancements for persons with low vision has been completed. The Highway Surveyor will now be scheduling the work which will include an audio guided tour on a smartphone, English/Braille sign with a stand to be placed in the

Gazebo at the turn around point, as well as an accessible bench. Safety signs will also be placed along the trail. Special thanks to the Friends of the Milford Upper Charles Trail and the Milford Commission on Disability for helping to fund this important project.

3. Milford Youth Center – Jen Ward, Youth Center Director wants to thank the following for their help on projects at the Center:

- ANP Bellingham, Consigli Construction and Nydam Landscaping for donating labor and materials to landscape the front entrance. Work to be done includes planting of a new tree, pruning existing trees, placement of Memorial pavers, loam, plants and granite benches.
- Sunovion Pharmaceutical employees for painting all the main basement walls with paint donated by Benjamin Moore for their Day of Caring Project.
- Vineyard Church in Hopkinton members for putting up walls in the movie room.
- Paul Johnson for installing rugs in the movie room and weight room as well as refurbishing all mezzanine floors.

Also, thanks to Waters Corporation for inviting eight (8) kids and two (2) staff members to the Patriots game yesterday. They enjoyed lunch, pictures with former players, Cheerleaders and Pat the Patriot.

Finally, Jen also informed me that rentals of the facility have begun last month both during the week and on weekends. Three (3) new full time employees and five (5) part time employees have been hired as there has been an increase in After School Membership as well as rentals.

Chairman Buckley requested a letter of thanks be extended to the companies and individuals.

Mr. Murray commended the Transportation Committee for their efforts in getting the word out on the Bus Route as well as Jen Ward and her efforts to expand the useable area of the Youth Center.

7. After reviewing the articles for the October 24, 2016 Special Town Meeting: Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To support the proposed articles submitted by the Finance Committee, Fire Department, Police Department and Finance Director, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Murray requested an update on the guidelines for the proposed article to fund the regional substance abuse program. Mr. Buckley provided a recap of the discussions to date with Amy Leone, and Frank Saba and stated that he would distribute an outline at the next meeting.

Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To support a favorable recommendation for the proposed articles submitted by the Treasurer, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Murray informed the board that the Armory Renovation Committee requested to pass over Article 23 and that the Finance Committee provided a favorable review on Article 5 for the Milford Youth Center to Repair the Heating system.

8. Town Administrator Villani provided an update as well as a letter from Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito announcing the opening of the FY17 Best Practices Program/Community Compact along with a listing of the Best Practice Areas and FAQ sheet. Beginning September 15, 2016, applications can be submitted by municipalities who did not apply in FY16. He also noted that additional Best Practice Areas are also available such as a Public Accessibility Best Practice. It was the consensus of the board to accept Town Administrator Villani's recommendation to submit applications for the Information Technology best Practice as well as the Public Accessibility.
9. After reviewing correspondence from Police Chief O'Loughlin regarding a request to designate the two parking spaces immediately in front of 129 Central Street as "PARKING LIMIT 2 HOURS": Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request, UNANIMOUS.
10. Mr. Murray reviewed correspondence on parking issues from a resident on Court Street. He requested that the Police Chief and Town Engineer evaluate any parking restrictions that could be implemented as well the need for a handicap parking space in front of a residence on that street. He further requested that the Building Inspector and Health Inspector determine the number of vehicles as well as the number of people living in the apartment in question on Court Street.
11. The board reviewed correspondence from Robert W. Russell Manager, Community & Customer Management/National Grid which provided a July and August 2016 progress report of double poles. Presently there are 56 double poles in Milford, 2 were removed and 2 new poles set due to reliability upgrades including the dates the poles were set according to their records. Mr. Buckley requested a priority list relative to site line and safety issues from the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Highway Surveyor. He also requested that National Grid provide a plan as to how they determine the priority for the removal of double poles as there are poles that are six years old.
12. The board reviewed correspondence from John Erickson, Building Commissioner outlining the newly revised Article 3.9 of the Zoning By-Law adopted at the May 23, 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Erickson also provided a short regulation summary regarding signs on residential properties as well as regulations for temporary signs on commercial properties. He also noted that he has developed an action plan for enforcement which will begin this week focusing on temporary signs on commercial properties. If a violation is found, he will inform them of the regulations, provide a written copy of the bylaw as well as a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Mr. Buckley suggested that a copy of this summary be provided by the Town Clerk when a candidate for election is registering.
13. After reviewing correspondence from Town Counsel Moody as well as a letter from Attorney Barry Astukewicz representing the owners of land at 43 Asylum Street in relation to a small 1,380 square foot sliver of land located behind their property and separately shown as Assessors Sheet

39-0-54A: Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To authorize Town Counsel Moody to auction the property and appoint the Town Treasurer as Tax Title Custodian setting the minimum price at \$1,000, UNANIMOUS.

14. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Town Engineer, re: Monthly Report

15. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 7:49PM, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

Brian W. Murray, Esq.

William E. Kingkade Jr.