

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –FEBRUARY 26, 2018

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman William E. Kingkade Jr.; Selectmen William D. Buckley and Michael K. Walsh; Town Administrator Richard A. Villani; and Minutes Recorder Jean M. DeTore.

1. Commander Steve Petak from the VFW presented awards sponsored by the National VFW. Mark Reil, District/Constituent Service Director from Senator Fattman's Office, Representative Brian W. Murray and Chairman Kingkade presented citations to Maren Halpin in recognition of receiving the Patriots Pen Award for her essay "America's Gift to My Generation" and Erin Wheeler in recognition of receiving the Voice of Democracy award for her essay "American History: Our Hope for the Future".
2. At 7:12PM, Chairman Kingkade called for a short recess for a photo opportunity.
3. At 7:19PM, Chairman Kingkade reconvened the meeting.
4. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
5. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 12, 2018 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
6. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 12, 2018 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
7. **Invitation to Speak** - Chairman Kingkade recognized Joseph Callery and Ray Auger who were present to request the board's support in planning a 4th of July Parade. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the board to support the idea. Chairman Kingkade suggested that they complete the necessary permit applications for discussion at a future meeting.
8. Kelly Capece, Benefits Coordinator, along with Brian Boyle Jr. Health Insurance Consultant were present to review the FY19 rates. Ms. Capece stated that as noted in her letter to the Board dated February 21, 2018, the Insurance Advisory Committee received a quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA, Inc. that reflects a 5.2% rate increase for an annual renewal. She further stated that they requested a re-evaluation from Blue Cross Blue Shield's underwriting department to consider a lower quote but they were unable to lower it due to our group's current utilization, which includes an increase of \$1.7m of our Large Loss Claims total compared to the same time period last year. Also, that, along with the fact that current trend is currently just over 9%, the Committee felt that the 5.2% increase submitted by Blue Cross Blue Shield was fair. After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the renewal rates of 5.2% for the employee

health, 2.5% dental and 0% increase for life insurance plans voted upon at the January 31, and February 13, 2018 meetings of the Insurance Advisory Committee, UNANIMOUS.

9. Mike Dean, Town Engineer and Julie Wood, Director of Projects from the Charles River Watershed were present to inform the board that through the efforts of the CRWA negotiating with the owners of the local power plant Milford Power LTD, 108 National Street, Milford there is an opportunity for the Town to work in conjunction with the Charles River Watershed Association to continue efforts towards managing the town's stormwater which in turn will aid in meeting the EPA's MS4 permit. He further noted that the work will be all stormwater related. He further stated that through these negotiations there is a value of \$200,000.00 to be used towards improving stormwater, \$50,000.00 towards design work and the other \$150,000.00 towards constructing infrastructure/Best Management Practices (BMP's). The plan will help mitigate the impacts on water resources of Milford Power's increased water use resulting from the retrofit of its facility.

10. Joseph Antonellis, Attorney for Mr. Kevin Lobisser/Lobisser Building Corp. was present to discuss the bid proposal for the former Middle School East building. Attorney Antonellis stated that he has submitted a re-zoning article for approval at the Annual Town Meeting that would allow the proposed use of a 55 and older residential apartment complex for the former Middle School East property. Mr. Lobisser provided an architectural drawing for the boards review. Mr. Buckley requested that Town Administrator Villani provide the bid results for the sale of the former Middle School East. Mr. Villani stated that it was advertised in the Milford Daily news on November 9 and November 16, 2017 and the Central Register on November 1, 2017. The bid deadline was January 25, 2018. He stated that a number of firms pulled specs, however, only one bid was received from Kevin W. Lobisser, President of Lobisser Building Corp., 31 Whitewood Road, Milford, MA. After a brief discussion; Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the bid of \$115,000 from Lobisser Building Corp. consistent with the RFP, UNANANIMOUS.

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Town Counsel Search- We received eleven (11) Letters of Intent and resumes from individuals and/or Law Firms interested in the Town Counsel position. I have forwarded these to Attorneys Laura Mann and Jed Nosal. They will be reviewing the applications and scheduling interviews next week. They hope to have final candidates to be interviewed by the Selectmen on Monday, March 26th.
2. Water Company Legislative Bills – I have been informed by State Representative Murray that Governor Baker has signed the Bills to allow the transfer of assets of the Water Company and to allow the Town to bond over a forty (40) year period to purchase the Company. We thank Senator Fattman and Representative Murray for their efforts in assisting in the passage of these bills.
3. Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid Funding for FY 209- We have been informed by Governor Baker that Chapter 90 Funding will total \$200 million statewide, pending final legislative approval. Milford's Chapter 90 apportionment for FY 19 will be \$821,881.00.

12. Chairman Kingkade requested that the Town Administrator provide an update on the status of 42 Main Street. Town Administrator Villani stated that the Assessors, Fire and Police Chief, Health Inspector and Building Commissioner inspected the property and noted several violations. Each Department Head will be preparing a report which will then be forwarded to the board. Chairman Kingkade requested a full report from 2001.

13. After reviewing recurring articles for submission each year for Annual Town Meeting approval recommended by the Town Meeting Working group committee; Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To consolidate the articles into one for approval at the Annual Town meeting, UNANIMOUS.

14. After reviewing the FY19 Salary recommendations from Town Administrator Villani on Article 3 (Elected Officials); Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To support the recommendation for a 2% increase for full time and part-time elected officials, UNANIMOUS.

15. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To award the contract for the Annual July 4th Fireworks display (July 3, 2018, Rain date July 5, 2018) to Atlas PyroVision Entertainment Group, Inc., at the bid price of \$17,000.00, UNANIMOUS.

16. After reviewing the request from Jen Ward, Director/Milford Youth Center requesting to waive any and all fees for permits related to four (4) projects at the youth Center: installation of alarm and surveillance and intercom systems; installation of a slope fold curtain in the gymnasium; plumbing work for washer and dryer and electrical work for the washer and dryer; Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by the Walsh: To waive the permitting fees, UNANIMOUS.

Chairman Kingkade requested sending separate letters notifying Braza & Mancini and All Temp Systems.

17. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Milford Performing Arts Center for a One-Day Wine and Malt License for March 9 and March 10, 2018 6:30PM -11PM, UNANIMOUS.

18. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from St. Mary of The Assumption for a One-Day Wine and Malt License for March 10, 2018, 5PM-10:30PM, UNANIMOUS.

19. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Sacred Heart Parish for a One-Day Wine and Malt License for April 7, 2018, 6PM-11:00PM, UNANIMOUS.

20. Mr. Buckley stated that in light of the recent school shooting in Florida, he requested that the Police Chief provide recommendations to secure safety procedures for the five (5) school buildings.

He suggested the following:

- establish a budget to provide an officer in each building
- active shooter drills

Chairman Kingkade suggested that the Police Chief provide a comprehensive report and invite him to a future meeting.

21. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Thomas Morelli as Building Inspector, UNANIMOUS.

22. Chairman Kingkade noted that the board received correspondence from the Milford Police Association requesting to begin contract negotiations.

23. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Attorney Ernest P. Pettinari as Special Assistant to the Town Counsel, (Labor Counsel), UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Buckley suggested drafting a job description and establishing a stipend for a new Labor Counsel.

24. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

25. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:28PM, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William E. Kingkade, Jr., Chairman

William D. Buckley

Michael K. Walsh