

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –MARCH 7, 2016

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the minutes of February 22, 2016 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. INVITATION TO SPEAK –Mr. Kingkade thanked Mrs. Anderson and her fourth (4) grade students at Woodland Elementary School, for inviting him to speak on Super Tuesday. He noted that he spoke about Town Government.
4. Kelly Capece, Benefits Coordinator, Peter Filosa, Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, along with Brian Boyle and Brian Boyle Jr. Health Insurance Consultants were present to review the FY17 rates. Ms. Capece stated that as noted in her letter to the Board dated March 3, 2016, invitations to bid on health insurance were sent to Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts Health Plan and Fallon Health Plan; as well as our current carrier, Blue Cross Blue Shield. She further stated that after a review by their underwriters, Harvard Pilgrim declined to submit a quote for this year's renewal. Blue Cross Blue Shield submitted a renewal rate with an increase of 5.4%. Mr. Filosa stated that Tufts Health submitted rates which reflected an overall increase of 4.21%; and Fallon Health's rates reflected an overall increase of 8.01%. Both Tufts and Fallon's quotes were based on a total replacement, which would impact the current Medicare Supplement Plan, Medex II w/Blue Medicare Rx PDP, which was just renewed on January 1, 2016. He further stated that after taking many factors into consideration including cost, member satisfaction and provider network, the Insurance Advisory Committee voted to recommend the renewal of the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Also, the Insurance Advisory Committee has been working with Blue Cross to introduce a Wellness Program to enrolled HMO and PPO members and information will be sent out to members regarding the program within the next month. After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the renewal rates for the employee health, dental and life insurance plans voted upon at the February 3, and February 24, 2016 meetings of the Insurance Advisory Committee, UNANIMOUS.
5. The Highway Surveyor discussed the following proposed Town Meeting articles:

- a. \$150,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of Louisa Lake Dam Rehab and Maintenance.
- b. \$150,748 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the design, bidding, and construction of a storm water treatment wetland; such monies are to be applied as a match to a Section 319 grant from the State of Massachusetts for a total project cost of \$376,038.
- c. \$ 50,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of Milford's share of the engineering costs affiliated with the Fiske Mill bridge reconstruction project.
- d. \$125,000 to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of storm water mapping completion for compliance with the EPA's Storm Water Permit.

6. Police Chief O'Loughlin, Town Engineer Reis and Highway Surveyor Crisafulli were present to discuss the proposed Beach Street Heavy Vehicle Truck Exclusion Study. Chief O'Loughlin stated that several years ago, St. Gobain had asked truck drivers to voluntarily use another route, however, the GPS program takes you to the nearest location. He also noted that Federal laws are very strict regarding truck exclusion. Over the years, Traffic studies have been done by the Police Department and they have not ignored the complaints received from the residents of Beach Street working to obtain a solution to the situation. Town Engineer Reis stated that at the request of the board, she petitioned bids from three engineering firms to conduct a Heavy Vehicle Truck Exclusion Study for Beach Street. Highway Surveyor Crisafulli stated that he could look at the condition of the road to determine if there is anything to reduce vibrations. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the board to have the Town Engineer and Highway Surveyor provide a recommendation to the board after meeting with the residents on Beach Street to determine what the problem is and what, if anything, can be done to remedy it.

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. WI-FI at Town Hall – I am pleased to report we now have a stable and reliable WI-FI-Internet Access at Town Hall. We are receiving an excellent signal on the first and second floors. We have a Guest Side and Corporate Side. The Guest side only has access to the internet.
2. Finance Department Reorganization –We have now completed the reorganizing of the Municipal Finance Department as we now have separate Treasurer and Benefit Departments. The Benefits Department is now combined with the Retirement Office and has a new telephone number which is (508) 634-2301. The Benefits Department will handle all Benefit and New Hire Paperwork. The Treasurer's Office will be in charge of handling all AP, Payroll and Cash Management transactions.

3. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – MassDOT released the updated Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) list last week. The Route 16 from Water Street to the Hopedale Town Line Project is on the list to be funded in FY 2019. The Project is estimated to cost \$5.4 million. We have completed the 25 % design. We need to complete the design of the Project in the next year so that it is ready to bid once the funds are made available.

8. Town Administrator Villani reviewed the process for the position of a Junior Building Custodian for the Youth Center. He stated that it was advertised in the Milford Daily News on January 29, 2016 and posted on the Town Website with a deadline to submit applications of February 12, 2016. Thirty-three (33) applications were received and reviewed by the Town Administrator and Maintenance Supervisor Carlos Benjamin. After interviewing Five (5) qualified candidates, it was their recommendation to appoint Paolo Desouza for the position. After a discussion: Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To appoint Mr. Mark Veneziano. Two in favor, One opposed. (Mr. Murray in opposition). IT IS A VOTE.

9. Chairman Murray noted that the Town Administrator was informed by the CHNA 6 Grants Committee today that the request for \$75,000 towards the Town of Milford's proposal for a fixed loop route public bus transportation service was approved. Carl Damigella, Outreach Training for the MWRTA and Harold Rhodes, Chairman Commission on Disability were in attendance to answer any questions.

Mr. Buckley requested the following:

Feedback from Town Departments and Boards relative to:

- The opportunities that departments and boards would see by having an inter-town bus service
- potential risks
- solution that departments could use to mitigate that risk
- possibility to create links to Ashland and Franklin Train Station
- Mr. Rhodes noted that before the next meeting, the MWRTA will have a proposed Draft Agreement with the town.

Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To place an article on the Annual Town Meeting to seek funding for the MWRTA, UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. Kingkade asked Town Administrator Villani if it would be possible to repair the outside light at the Police Station that lights up the flag pole now with money from the budget and then request a transfer. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To seek money from the budget if possible to repair the outside light at the Police Station that lights up the flag pole, if not feasible, authorize him to spend up to \$2,200 from the Biomeasure TIF account as well as using "Flag Protocol" in the meantime by lowering and raising the flag daily, UNANIMOUS.

11. John Flynn, CEO/Fiesta Shows, was present along with Rachel Driscoll, Assistant to the Principal/Memorial School, et al requesting a Carnival Permit. Mr. Flynn noted that the carnival will serve as a fundraiser for Memorial School's PTO. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request for a Carnival Permit for April 7 – April 17, 2016, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from Braking Aids Ride To Obstruct a Public Way on September 23, 2016 and to use the Upper Charles River Trail and set up a rest stop at the Louisa Lake Trail Head, UNANIMOUS.

13. In regard to a recommendation on Article 3 (Elected Officials), Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To support the recommendation for a 2% increase for full time elected officials and a 1% increase for all other elected officials, UNANIMOUS.

14. After reviewing correspondence from the Finance Director, Zachary Taylor and Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli regarding their request to continue deficit spending from the Snow and Ice FY16 budget; Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve deficit spending for the remainder of FY16 for the removal of snow and ice, UNANIMOUS.

15. After reviewing an article submitted by Attorney Pettinari for a proposed zoning amendment; Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To forward the request to the Planning Board for public hearing and place it on the warrant for the May 23, 2016 annual town meeting, UNANIMOUS.

16. Chairman Murray noted that regarding the proposed amendment to the sign by law, one of the proposed changes would affect athletic facilities: "that any sign inside an athletic facility, including inward facing signs attached to the inside of a wall or fence" He suggested that if the members had any changes, they should forward them to the Planning Board.

17. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Town Engineer, re: Monthly Status Report

18. After reviewing correspondence from Harold Rhodes, Chairman/Commission on Disability, Mr. Buckley suggested placing the matter on the next agenda for discussion.

Chairman Murray stated that he would take the request under advisement.

19. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:53PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Brian W. Murray, Esq.; Selectmen William D. Buckley and William E. Kingkade Jr. all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Firefighter and Police Association Collective Bargaining, and the Finance Director and Tax Collector Contracts, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

Atty. Brian W. Murray, Chairman

William D. Buckley

William E. Kingkade, Jr.