

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –June 1, 2015

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To approve the Minutes of May 11, 2015 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. Chairman Murray welcomed Joshua Ahrens and Amanuel Zimmerman Boy Scouts from Troop 4 who were in attendance as part of the Eagle required Communication and Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.
4. INVITATION TO SPEAK – None
5. A Public Hearing was held at the request of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. regarding Plan #19267865 for Main Street #2. Mr. Michael Parent representing National Grid was present. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To approve the above Plan #19267865 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
6. A Public Hearing was held at the request of Sau Hei Chan (Yam), Manager Milford Mandarin Restaurant, Inc., 196 East Main Street, seeking an amendment to her Common Victualler All Alcoholic license for an alteration of premises. Atty. Douglas W. Resnick, representing Ms. Chan (Yam), stated that the proposed amendment seeks to alter the premises by way of adding an additional 1600 square feet (resulting from vacancy next door) and rearrange dining rooms, lounge, sushi bar). Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To approve the request, UNANIMOUS.
7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
  1. Godfrey Brook – Environmental Bond Bill – We received word on May 20, 2015 that Senator Fattman and Representative Fernandes secured \$250,000.00 from the Environmental Bond Bill for the Godfrey Brook Project. Their effort and hard work in securing these fund is most appreciated.
  2. Boiler Room Project – The renovations and upgrades to the Boiler Room have been completed. The Boiler is now functioning properly and will now result in a healthier workspace for Town

Employees and the public. The improved efficiency of the unit will also result in energy cost savings for the Town.

3. Milford Pond Update – The contractor, Palmer Federal, began working on the Milford Pond Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project. They have constructed the perimeter of the replication area and the islands with the coir (“coyer”) logs first. These logs are designed for stabilization and erosion control. Dredging began in April. They are monitoring the water quality as they go.
4. Personnel Board Compensation Plan – The Personnel Board is requesting the Board of Selectmen designate a delegate to attend selected Personnel Board meetings to discuss refinement of their Compensation Plan.
5. IT Director Resignation – Paul Blivess resigned as the IT Director on May 27, 2015. At this time, our consultant Worldband is directing our IT personnel through our ticket system for all Town buildings.

Chairman Murray requested:

- sending a letter of thanks to Senator Fatman and Representative Fernandes for their efforts in securing \$250,000.00 from the Environmental Bond Bill for the Godfrey Brook Project and also formally notifying the Finance Committee.

- In response to the Personnel Boards’ request that the Selectmen provide a delegate to attend selected Personnel Board meetings to discuss refinement of their Compensation Plan, he suggested waiting until Mr. Buckley returns giving him the opportunity as the senior member to accept and if he declines, then designate Mr. Kingkade.

- Accepting Mr. Blivess’ resignation with regret and that the board take an opportunity to revisit the model that was used so that work for the School Department can be attached to the School Department. He suggested we look at technology with a “Broad Brush.” He would like to see if we can come up with a better model. He further stated that he would like a written report from the School Superintendent as to the status of their present and future IT needs.

Mr. Kingkade suggested requesting from the School Department a complete audit of current employees; User Names, data closets; on call schedule, card access, keys, etc.

Chairman Murray noted that as soon as an inventory of where the school department is at this time and where they are going is received, he would like to discuss the situation at a future meeting.

8. Town Administrator Villani summarized correspondence on the Neighborhood Task Force noting that it was formed in 2011 to deal with problem properties consisting of members of Fire, Police, Health, Assessor and Inspections Department. He also reviewed the process for resolving violations noting that most cases were resolved by agreement without need to file criminal complaint application. He further stated that going forward the task force will walk neighborhood streets and requesting residents notify the office of potential violations. We will be establishing a page on the website dedicated to the task force in addition to dedicating a phone line to "call in" any potential violations. The priority of the task force is:

1. Life Safety
2. Illegal dwellings
3. illegal use
4. other violations prioritized by degree of violations

The task force will provide monthly reports to the board indicating the nature of the complaint, as well as whether it is open or closed.

9. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To award the contract for the Congress Terrace/Main Street Culvert Replacements Project (Godfrey Brook) to J.A. Polito & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$2,272,099.56, UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. Kingkade requested that the Highway Department assess the situation of three sink holes in the area of Hospital Brook near 101-107 Prospect Heights

11. Mr. Kingkade voiced several concerns regarding Truck Noise/Traffic on Depot and Beach Streets. Chairman Murray noted that this is an ongoing issue and that the Board has received several memos from Town Engineer and the Police Chief with requests made to the bottle company to arrange for ways to mitigate the noise of the jake brake and alternate routes for the delivery trucks.

12. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To approve the Community School Use Program's request to hold the Special Olympic Program-5K Road Race/Walk on September 19, 2015, UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To approve the request from Milford High School to hold a 5K Run on October, 2015, UNANIMOUS.

14. Chairman Murray reviewed the Lopes vs Ferreira Dog Complaint Hearing reading the following Findings of Fact provided by Dog Hearing Officer Murray:

1. Antonio and Christine Ferreira reside at 7 Carven Road, Milford, and are the owners of a Husky neutered male dog, age 13, named "kodi."

2. Alice Melo Lopes resides at 26 Vine Street, Milford, which property abuts the Ferreira property by the backyards of each.

3. Kodi, while outside and on certain occasions, including the nighttime, barks excessively such that it is an annoyance and disturbance to Ms. Lopes.

4. Pursuant to G.L. ch. 140§ 157, I find that the Ferreiras' dog, Kodi, is a nuisance dog.

Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Mr. Chairman Murray: To approve the following recommendation of the Hearing Officer, UNANIMOUS.

1. Kodi shall not be allowed outside from the hours of 10:00PM to 6:00AM.
2. If Kodi does need to be outside during the aforementioned time period, then he shall be accompanied by a member of the Ferreira family and on a leash. Should Kodi bark during this time, he shall be immediately brought inside.
3. Should Kodi bark excessively for an unreasonable length of time while outside during the daytime hours allowed, then he shall be immediately brought inside.
4. If the Ferreiras are found in violation of this order, Kodi shall be subject to seizure and impoundment by the Milford Police Department and further the Ferreiras would be ordered to immediately surrender to the Milford Town Clerk the license and tags in their possession and prohibited from licensing a dog with the Commonwealth for five (5) years.
5. This finding shall be reported to the Milford Town Clerk in accordance with G.L. ch. 140 § 157(h).

15. After reviewing correspondence from Lyn Lovell, Secretary of the Vernon Grove Trustees, Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To approve the expenditure of funds up to \$2,000.00 from the Avis Pond Bequest Interest Fund to cover Ground Expenses for FY2015, UNANIMOUS.

16. Town Administrator Villani reviewed correspondence regarding the recommendation to fill the position of Departmental Clerk in the Department of Inspections; Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To appoint Jennifer L. Cenedella to the position effective July 1, 2015 and that she be placed at Grade 3/Step 3 with a starting hourly rate of \$22.62, UNANIMOUS.

17. After a brief discussion relative to the number of individuals playing volleyball and gathering at the field at Prospect Heights, Mr. Kingkade voiced concerns relative to the amount of trash left on the site after the games. He requested that Town Administrator Villani obtain information as to who owns the park, porta john and a list of any rules and regulations from the Board of Health and Parks department.

18. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Louis J. Celozzi from the Middle School East Reuse Committee, UNANIMOUS.

19. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To appoint David R. Consigli to the Middle School East Reuse Committee, UNANIMOUS.

20. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Thomas Andruskevich from the Commission on Disability, UNANIMOUS.

21. Chairman Murray reviewed the Double Pole progress report for May 2015. In his opinion he was pleased that the number of poles removed had decreased and that the utility companies were taking the double pole removals seriously.

22. After reviewing the Storm Water Pamphlet provided by GZA Geo-Environmental Inc. and requested by Town Engineer Reis; Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To include a Storm Water Pamphlet with the tax bills that will be mailed on July 1, 2015 as part of the Public Outreach requirement of the MS4 Permit, UNANIMOUS.

23. Chairman Murray reviewed correspondence from Police Chief O'Loughlin relative to the board's request to meet with the owner of Dunkin Donuts, 31 Main Street to discuss the quarterly licensing report and more particularly the incidents involving drug activity at this location. He stated several safety measures were discussed and they are willing to work closely with the Police Department in being proactive to help prevent these types of incidents. If the need arises they would agree to place a plainclothes officer at the premises and would be open to discussing payment of the officer's time as a private police detail.

**24. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Town Engineer, re: Monthly Status Report

25. Mr. Kingkade moved, seconded by Chairman Murray: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 7:59PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Brian W. Murray, Esq.; and William E. Kingkade Jr. all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation, 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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William D. Buckley

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William E. Kingkade, Jr.