

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –MARCH 10, 2014

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the minutes of February 24, 2014 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None
4. Police Chief Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Town Engineer Vonnie Reis and Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli were present to discuss the traffic improvements in town previously presented to the board but specifically the results from the seven day period of monitoring the speed of 65,538 vehicles through a section of East Main Street from Fortune Boulevard/Beaver Street to the Town of Holliston line. Ms. Reis noted that given that there is a belief among residents of the neighborhoods in this area that vehicles are travelling too fast, they are requesting that the Board of Selectmen authorize them to petition Mass DOT to conduct an assessment to determine if a speed limit less than 40 mph is appropriate.
Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To authorize Police Chief O'Loughlin to petition MassDOT to conduct an assessment to determine if a speed limit less than 40 mph is appropriate, UNANIMOUS.
5. After reviewing correspondence from Police Chief O'Loughlin regarding the survey of businesses for the removal of parking spaces on Main Street at the 7-11 convenience store: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Chairman Buckley: To eliminate the (2) two parking spaces directly in front of the 7-11 convenience store. Two in favor, One opposed. (Mr. Murray in opposition). IT IS A VOTE.
6. Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli was present to request the establishment of a Downtown Decorating Committee. The committee would consist of volunteers to research the cost of appropriate decorations for the holiday season. Town Administrator Villani noted that there are funds available from gift account articles: \$5,832-Town Hall Rededication/Y2K and \$60,622 from the Biomeasure TIF account. Mr. Peter Scandone stated that they would also like to organize a tree lighting ceremony together with the High School Chorus. After a brief discussion, the consensus of the board was to request that the committee

submit a written proposal detailing the number and cost of the decorations needed and to determine if there were budget funds available.

7. Police Chief O'Loughlin introduced newly appointed Police Officer Jonathan Lavigne. He stated Officer Lavigne was raised in the Town of Hopedale, graduated from Hopedale High School in 2003, attended Ashford University and entered the United States Air Force as a Military Police Officer serving in the armed forces until May of 2012. During his tenure with the Air Force he was deployed with the 379 Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar and was also the recipient of numerous medals and honors during his military serve. He is bilingual with the ability to speak English and Portuguese.

8. Police Chief O'Loughlin also submitted correspondence to the board regarding the deployment of narcan to Police Officers. He stated he is working with Dr. Eric Goedecke a physician at the Milford Regional Medical Center Emergency Department to deploy nasal naloxone in the first-aid kits in all Milford Police Department vehicles and fire apparatus. He further noted that he has also worked out a relationship with Community Ambulance Service where they will replace any Narcan that is utilized by officers to reverse an overdose and it is his understanding that the Milford Police Department will be the fifth police department in Massachusetts to equip its officers with the means and training to medically reverse opiate overdoses.

9. After reviewing correspondence presented by Police Chief O'Loughlin regarding an incident at the Royal Buddha, Inc, 121 Depot Street which occurred after the licensed hours for closing time, it was the consensus of the Board to schedule a public hearing to address this concern.

10. The Board reviewed correspondence presented by Larry L. Dunkin, AICP Planner, and Reno DeLuzio, Chairman Upper Charles Trail Committee requesting that the Board of Selectmen sponsor an article to fund the consultant services associated with a Needs Assessment and Plan for the Town-wide Geographic Information System Project. Scott Crisafulli, Highway Surveyor along with Town Engineer Vonnie Reis stated that the need for a full Town-wide GIS is now even more of a necessity especially given the upcoming Stormwater mapping requirements. After a lengthy discussion: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To support an article in the amount of \$15,000 for consultant services associated with a Needs Assessment and Plan for the Town-wide Geographic Information System Project, UNANIMOUS.

11. Larry L. Dunkin, AICP Planner and Reno DeLuzio, Chairman Upper Charles Trail Committee presented information regarding the Planning Board's vote to accept the Tripartite Agreement as surety for completion of Phase 3 of the Upper Charles Trail to be constructed by Eastland Partners. Mr. Dunkin stated that Eastland Partners received Planning Board approval to amend their Special Permit for the "Waldenwoods" PRD, allowing for the retention of the density bonus with the construction of Phase 3 of the Trail in lieu of the provision of "Over 55" units

within the development. He further noted that a condition of that approval provided that if the Trail was not completed by the time the developer sought the 110th building permit, a bond would be required for the balance of the work. The Town Engineer has established the value of the bond as provided for in the Special Permit decision.

12. After reviewing the following Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments:

1. Update Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule by adding references to Life Sciences Research and Development, and Scientific Research and Development uses in the Business Park and Industrial Districts.
2. Update Section 3.2.3 Swimming Pools by deleting the language relating to Swimming Pool fences.
3. Update Section 1.15 relating to the Site Plan application process.
4. Update Section 2.3 Use Regulation Schedule by prohibiting Gasoline Stations in the downtown CA Central Commercial District.

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To remand the above proposed amendments to the Planning Board for public hearing, UNANIMOUS

13. William J. Touhey Jr., Deputy Fire Chief was present, pending contract negotiations and his official appointment as Chief, at the board's request provided his view on the future of the Fire Department. He stated that the department is in a transitional stage due to the retirement of several firefighters and with the large influx of new hires with less than two years experience they are in the process of training, four which will be attending the fire academy. He also noted that although Lt. Nelson is doing an exceptional job, Inspectional Services is another department that he was hoping to strengthen by adding another inspector to lighten the demand of residential inspections and continue to build on what is already in place. He further noted that he is not as familiar with the emergency management position as the current chief but would like to keep it within the department. Also, he would like to see more outreach with the senior center and schools if possible.

14. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Budgets – All Budgets under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen are on target.
2. Annual Town Meeting – I want to remind everyone the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting closes on this Thursday, March 13, 2014.
3. Windows – GVW has confirmed the equipment and paint to be used in the renovation of the windows. They have ordered the balances, weather stripping, glazing, and paint. One large test window was removed from the second floor and has been reinstalled and is functioning very well. The two ocular windows do not need to be replaced and will be renovated and reinstalled on March 21st. Nine of the large windows will be removed tomorrow and taken by GVW to their shop to be renovated. They will be returned and reinstalled in 2 weeks. The Upper Town Hall windows should be completed in about 6

weeks. After that the first floor windows will take about 6 weeks to renovate and then the basement windows should take 2 more weeks. The final task is the repairs to the front doors which should be complete in early May. Substantial completion of the project is scheduled for the first week in July.

4. Telephone System – The new telephone system at Town Hall is scheduled to be installed and activated on Thursday March 20th. We are working closely with Total Communications, Inc representatives and Worldband to prepare to make sure we will be ready to install on that date.

15. Town Administrator Villani updated the Board on the status of the appointment for the Town Treasurer position. He stated that the position of Town Treasurer was advertised in the Beacon on February 4, 2014, in the Milford Daily News on January 24, 2014 and February 4, 2014 and in the Town Crier on January 24, 2014. Notice as also posted on the Beacon website as well as the Town website. There were fourteen individuals who submitted applications for the position. He further noted that he and Town Counsel Gerald Moody interviewed the following candidates: Kelly Capece, Michael D. Connolly, Irene Larivee, Richard J. Luchini, Christopher Pilla and Neil A. Vaidya. Although each of the candidates are well qualified and experienced, the following candidates are recommended for interview by the Board of Selectmen:

- Kelly Capece
- Irene Larivee
- Neil A. Vaidya

After a brief discussion, interviews will be scheduled for March 17, 2014.

The board requested the following: Verification of education

References

Inform each candidate that they will be provided an opportunity to make a statement before answering questions from the Board.

16. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the request from the Milford Lions Club for a Permit To Obstruct –“Toll Road” at the intersection of East Main Street (Route 16) and Route 109 on Saturday May 10, 2014 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM, UNANIMOUS.

17. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the Seasonal Club License renewals for 2014: Maspencok Road & Gun Club, Inc. and Sons of Italy Dramatic & Sportsmen Club, Inc., UNANIMOUS.

18. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the Traffic Aids request to post two “Wrong Way” signs at either end of Plain Street in addition to the existing “One Way” signs as recommended by Town Engineer Vonnie Reis, UNANIMOUS.

19. In regard to a recommendation on Article 3 (Elected Officials), Mr. DeBartolomeis recommended a 2% increase for all elected officials except for members of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Chairman. Buckley: To recommend a 2% increase for all elected officials including the members of the Board of Selectmen. Two in favor, One opposed. (Mr. DeBartolomeis in opposition). IT IS A VOTE.

20. Mr. DeBartolomeis requested that Building Inspector John Erickson investigate:
1. The property at 6 Fruit Street and provide any recommendations to correct possible zoning violations
 2. The purpose of cars and trucks parked on the vacant property (former Gibbs Gas Station) on the corner of Cedar and East Main Streets. He also requested to have the Building Commissioner speak with the owners regarding cleaning-up the area.

21. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. National Grid, re: Double Pole Report
2. 99 Restaurant, re: "Five"-day shut down for maintenance and improvements

22. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:55PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Buckley, Selectmen DeBartolomeis and Murray vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining issues for Laborers' International Union and Police Dispatchers, Water Company acquisition and Employment Contract Proposal for "new" Fire Chief, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

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