

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –NOVEMBER 17, 2014

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00pm

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

1. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Minutes of November 3, 2014 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. INVITATION TO SPEAK –None
4. Howard Wallach and Anna Wallach, Manager, Truffles Grille & Wine Bar LLC, 198 East Main Street were present for the Public Hearing seeking to transfer their Restaurant Common Vicullar All Alcohol and Common Victualler licenses to Tashiro Japanese Restaurant LLC. There is also a Pledge of License. The proposed Manager is Cece Chau Vu. Chairman DeBartolomeis suggested that Ms. Chau Vu meet with the Police Chief and Town Administrator regarding any questions she may have. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the transfer of licenses, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the change of Manager, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Pledge of License to Truffles Grille & Wine Bar, LLC, UNANIMOUS.
5. The Public Hearing for the determination regarding the allocation of the percentage of the tax levy was held. Board of Assessor Members Joseph Niro and Joseph Arcudi were present along with Assessor/Administrator Priscilla Hogan who gave the FY15 property classification presentation. Both Mr. Niro and Mr. Arcudi expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Hogan for her service to the town as she will be retiring in February. Mr. Niro introduced the new Assessor/Administrator Jennifer Sclar who began her duties today. According to Ms. Hogan, the town's budget for FY15 is \$99,261,931.81 as determined by Town Meeting and using the shift of 1.48 that was adopted last year; after deducting estimated local receipts, of \$40,522,613.75, the town must raise \$58,739,318.06 in taxes. She stated that there has been a significant change in property values. The average Single family homes increased 4.45%, the average condos increased 11.65%, two families increased 5.2%, the average three- family homes increased 5.33% and the average multi-families increased 5.00%, average commercial 2.67% and Industrial 2.46%. She also noted that if the shift remains at 1.48%, the average single family tax would increase by \$162.68 and the average commercial tax bill would increase by \$292.96.

Mr. Murray moved seconded by Mr. Buckley: To maintain the dual tax rate and set the rate at 1.48%, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To not grant an exemption up to 20% of the value on properties categorized as the principal residence of the owner, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To not grant a small commercial exemption, UNANIMOUS.

6. Vincent F. Loscerbo, Manager of Din Din Restaurants, Inc. d/b/a Pepperoncini's Pizzeria & Grill, 201 East Main Street was present requesting an Automatic Amusement License for 3 video Golf Games. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request, UNANIMOUS.

7. Paul Bliviss, IT Director provided an Organizational Chart for the Town of Milford & School IT Departments and Technology Project List. Town Administrator Villani noted that presently they are still outsourcing Worldband on a monthly basis to provide technical assistance, meetings are held and Mr. Bliviss is working on a long range plan to manage the department and streamline the current ticket process. Also present was School Superintendent Dr. Tremblay who noted that the school department is a large department and there is an increasing demand for technology due to changes to the infrastructure such as the need for new routers, fiber and WiFi. He also noted that a grant has been submitted for infrastructure improvements.

8. John Erickson, Building Commissioner updated the board on the status of the Neighborhood Task Force. He provided a brief history and its accomplishments to date. Over all he was pleased with the areas that have been cleared of the violations and in most cases there have been no re-occurring problems. They are presently investigating properties for any violations on Main and Jefferson streets and working towards East Main Street. In the winter months, they will focus on the interior of buildings of property owners. They will continue to follow the current procedure which is to notify the property owner in writing naming the specific violation. He stated that in most cases the property owners respond, if not, a criminal complaint is filed and typically it is resolved by the Clerk Magistrate. He also submitted a complaint update which noted that to date, out of the 149 complaints opened, 116 have been resolved.

#### 9. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Thanksgiving Eve- A reminder that Town Hall will be closed at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, the day before Thanksgiving. Town Hall will be open on Friday, November 28, 2014.

2. Winter Parking Ban – The Parking Ban is in effect from December 1, 2014 through March 15, 2015. Parking on the street is prohibited between midnight and 6:00 AM regardless of weather conditions. Violators will be subject to a \$25.00 fine.
3. 495/ MetroWest Partnership – We will be hosting a program presented by the 495/MetroWest Partnership along with MassDevelopment at the Upper Town Hall on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. The Program will include presentations on manufacturing, suburban economic development and regional employer survey.
4. Milford Cable TV – Milford Cable TV will be upgrading the equipment used to broadcast in Room 3. The work will be done on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Upgrades include four (4) new robotic HD Cameras mounted in the existing camera locations plus one new camera to be located next to the projector for a better angle to view physical presentations such as power point, maps etc., a new HD switcher to produce more professional programming during meetings, and a new wireless microphone system with a variety of fourteen (14) rechargeable microphones which will include table top and hand held microphones.
5. Town Hall Gutter Project – Russo Barr, our roofing consultant is finalizing the Plans and Specifications. The project will be advertised for bidding in the Central Register on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and the Construction documents will be available electronically for bidders on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting, the work will be completed by the end of the year.
6. Route 16 and 109 Roadwork – MassDOT began work on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The work includes improvements to the sidewalk ramps, crosswalks, and the edge of the sidewalk on Route 16. Work should be completed by November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Highway Department previously cut vegetation along the sidewalk and removed a sign and post. This work will fulfill the Town's obligation regarding the ADA Compliance issue at this intersection.
7. Milford Pond Restoration – Palmer Federal has begun site work on the Pond. Work was done last Thursday and Friday. I will keep the Board updated on this project.
8. Transformer East Main Street – I want to recognize and thank the Milford Police and Fire Department personnel as well as National Grid for their work in handling an incident Saturday night. A car hit a pole near the Rosenfeld Fields causing a transformer to blow out on Route 16 which resulted in a power outage in that area up to the Sacred Heart Church. The police responded to handle the traffic as Route 16 was closed and traffic diverted. The Fire Department responded to handle the burning caused by the Transformer. Police Chief O'Loughlin kept me informed throughout the night. National Grid worked to first fix the pole and then the transformer restoring power to the area. Everyone who responded did their job in a highly trained, professional and cooperative manner.

10. Mr. Buckley requested that a representative from Milford Community Media Center, Inc. be invited to a future meeting to discuss their Annual Report as required under the provisions of Milford TV's Agreement with the Town.

11. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve a permit for the sale of Christmas Trees to Jamison Mendall Tree Removal, 235 East Main Street, November 24-December 24, 2014, Monday-Sunday 9AM-9PM, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept the gift from the Milford Water Company in the amount of \$500.00 for the Upper Charles Trail, UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. DeBartolomeis updated the board on the status of the Senior Tax Relief Committee stating that he has reconvened the committee with several new members and meetings were held. He suggested that the committee members attend a future meeting to provide recommendations to the board.

14. Mr. DeBartolomeis informed the board that he will be meeting in December or January with Main Street property and business owners requesting their ideas and concerns regarding the viability and present status of the Main Street area in relation to its infrastructure, storefronts, facades, signs, cleanliness and aesthetics.

15. Town Administrator Villani provided correspondence from National Grid regarding the November 2014 Double Pole progress report noting that they are in the process of updating the shared database.

**16. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Xfinity, re: Installation Rates
2. John Erickson, Building Commissioner, re: October Monthly Building Permit Report
3. Vonnie Reis, Town Engineer, re: Monthly Status Report
4. Police Chief O'Loughlin, re: Installation of Signs-Beaver Street
5. Police Chief O'Loughlin, re: Installation of Signs-Mount Pleasant Street
6. Police Chief O'Loughlin, re: Installation of Sign-Dilla Street
7. Milford Finance Committee, re: Minutes of September 30, 2014
8. Milford Finance Committee, re: Minutes of October 8, 2014

17. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:50PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman DeBartolomeis, Selectmen Brian W. Murray, Esq. and William D. Buckley all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining, Eminent Domain and an Employment Contract, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jean M. DeTore  
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Dino B. DeBartolomeis, Chairman

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Brian W. Murray, Esq.

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William D. Buckley