

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –JULY 24, 2017

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Buckley: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of July 10, 2017 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
Mr. Buckley requested discussing the Executive Session Minutes for July 10, July 12 and July 19, 2017 in Executive Session.
3. INVITATION TO SPEAK – Harold Rhodes voiced his concerns after seeking an opinion from the Deputy General Counsel regarding the inspection of private buildings for compliance with building codes. Mr. Rhodes recommended that the board direct Town Administrator Villani to request that:
 - 1.) the Building Commissioner schedule inspections of public buildings
 - 2.) the Town Administrator express to the Building Commissioner that the inspections are high priority

After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckley suggested that a copy of the letter be provided to the board for their review as well as requesting input from Town Counsel.

Brian Cole expressed his opinion on the proposed Referendum question to ban retail marijuana. He also asked what the town is doing to maximize voter participation such as posting signs; possible reverse 911, etc. After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckley suggested that Town Administrator Villani request that the Town Clerk seek information on what the town can do, within the law, to promote voter participation from the Secretary of State.

William Sanborn also expressed his strong opposition to the sale of retail marijuana.

4. A Public Hearing was held at the request of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. regarding Plan #24091550 for Cedar Street Pole #87 to relocate Pole #87 54' +/- to the southerly direction to make way for new entrance to a business park. Mr. Michael Fraser representing National Grid was present. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the above Plan #24091550 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
5. A Public Hearing was held at the request of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. regarding Plan #24038766 for Franklin Street Pole #2-5 to install new pole 2-5 to relieve the stress off of pole 2. Mr. Michael Fraser representing National Grid was present. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the above Plan #24038766 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.

6. Police Chief O'Loughlin was present to discuss the recent Portuguese Picnic held on the July 15th and July 16th. He recapped the number of Police Officers present on both days as well as Fire Department EMT's. There were about 8,000 people in attendance on Saturday and 3,500 on Sunday. He noted the following:

- The parade went well on Sunday
- Representatives of the Portuguese Club were very cooperative in lowering the music on Saturday evening.
- Several arrests, small conflicts and 1 male placed in protective custody
- Issue with several false ID's

Overall, no major issues. Chief O'Loughlin stated that he has a meeting scheduled with the President of the Portuguese club to discuss ways to deal with any issues for next year's picnic.

Mr. Buckley stated that in his opinion, as a means of intervention, he would like to discuss reducing the hours of serving alcohol for the next picnic.

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- 1.) Milford Park Department – The Milford Park Department want to publicly thank the Milford Lion's Club for sponsoring the entertainment at Plains Park for the Fireworks' Show on July 3, 2017. The Lions Club paid for the services of a DJ as entertainment for the evening which was enjoyed by all who attended.
- 2.) Tax Collector – The Tax Collector wants residents to know that the Town is now using a lock box to receive tax payments. The payments will be sent to a Post Office Box in Reading, Massachusetts. The use of a lock box benefit the Town by lessening our expenses for collection.

Mr. Walsh requested that Town Administrator Villani notify the Police Chief that the flashing light across from Dunkin Donuts on Main Street is not working properly and ask if it can be repaired.

8. The board reviewed correspondence from Town Administrator Villani regarding the vacancy created by the resignation of Arthur Morin Jr. from the Blackstone Valley Tech School Committee. After a brief discussion, Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To publish a press release so that any resident interested in filling this position submit separate letters of interest to each board, and schedule a joint meeting of the Milford School Committee members and the members of the Board of Selectmen on Monday, August 7, 2017 to fill the Blackstone Valley Tech School Committee vacancy, UNANIMOUS.

9. After reviewing correspondence from Town Counsel Moody regarding the Marijuana Control Legislation pending the Governor's approval; Mr. Buckley requested input from Town Counsel as to what would be required by the town to conform and the ruling on the absentee ballots if the wording changed.

10. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept the gift in the amount of \$7,000.00 received from Celebrate Milford, Inc. to be deposited in the Parks Department gift account, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Buckley also requested clarification on specific earmarks regarding gift donations.

11. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept the gift in the amount of \$20.00 received from Josephine O'Keefe to be deposited in the Historical Committee Gift account, UNANIMOUS.

12. After reviewing correspondence from Police Chief O'Loughlin recommending that a "Hidden Driveway sign be posted on the same post that presently has a "20MPH" advisory warning sign, southerly on Central Street prior to #375 to mitigate the potential for a crash as vehicles enter and exit the driveway at this residence; Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the recommendation as requested, UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Buckley requested that Town Administrator Villani ask the Police Chief to review the S Corner on Highland Street for posting of a local speed sign under the new legislation as per the Modernization Act.

14. Mr. Buckley requested information and a time line from Highway Surveyor Crisafulli on the request for a crosswalk on Main Street and to place it on the next agenda for discussion.

15. Mr. Buckley requested an update on various security measures, infrastructure, implementation of a Help Desk from Andrew Diorio, IT Manager for the August 21, 2017 meeting.

16. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Attorney General's Office, re: OUI Last Drink Data

After reviewing correspondence from the Attorney General's office, regarding OUI Last Drink Information, the Board requested that Town Administrator Villani inform the owners of the license establishments of the Board's concern and recommendation to continue to be vigilant.

17. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:06PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Selectmen William D. Buckley and Michael K. Walsh all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss, Milford Water Company; and potential land acquisitions.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William E. Kingkade, Jr., Chairman

William D. Buckley

Michael K. Walsh