

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –AUGUST 7, 2017

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Minutes of July 24, 2017 as submitted. Two in favor, One abstention. (Mr. Kingkade abstains) IT IS A VOTE.
Mr. Buckley requested discussing the Executive Session Minutes for July 10, July 12 and July 19, 2017 in Executive Session.
3. Invitation to Speak - Chairman Kingkade recognized Steven Manguso, a resident of Milford, who expressed his disappointment in the board's decision not to re-appoint him to the Milford Youth Commission.
4. Joseph Morais, Chairman of the Milford School Committee and members Jennifer Parson; Joseph E. Callery; John Erickson and James Ligor were present to fill, with the Board of Selectmen, the existing vacancy of Arthur E. Morin, Jr./Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School Committee. Chairman Kingkade explained the Roll Call Vote procedure and called for nominations. Mr. Buckley moved to nominate Anthony Chinappi, Chairman Kingkade seconded for discussion. Mr. Morais noted that in his opinion it was his fault that Mr. Paul Braza missed the deadline for submitting his letter of interest. Ms. Parson stated that in her opinion, the letter of interest did not contain enough information on the applicant and suggested requesting that each applicant submit a resume. Mr. Erickson concurred with Ms. Parson. Chairman Kingkade called for a Roll Call Vote on the nomination to appoint Anthony Chinappi: Mr. Morais; Mr. Ligor; Ms. Parson; Joseph Callery vote in opposition to appoint Anthony Chinappi to the position of Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School Committee representative. Mr. Erickson abstains. Four in opposition, One abstention. Mr. Buckley; and Chairman Kingkade vote in the affirmative; Mr. Walsh votes in opposition. Two in favor, one opposed. (Mr. Walsh in opposition). After further discussion; Mr. Erickson moved, seconded by Ms. Parson: To postpone the appointment process until the August 21, 2017 Selectmen's meeting and request that the current pool of candidates submit a detailed resume, all eight (8) vote, UNANIMOUS.
5. Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Sue Clark, Senior Center Director, Donna Horrigan; Thomas Russ and Maria Romagnoli, Members of the Senior Citizen Tax Relief Committee were present to discuss the proposed amendments to the Town of Milford Senior Volunteer Tax Relief Program. Ms. Clark stated that recommendations were voted on by the Tax Relief Members at their July 6, 2017 meeting. After a brief discussion: Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: to approve the recommendations as follows:
 1. Increase the number of individuals eligible for the program from 25 to 40

2. Increase the dollar credit amount to \$1,000.00
3. Should the minimum wage amount increase during the year, the higher amount is to be used for the Tax Relief Credit, UNANIMOUS.

6. Christopher Pilla, Town Treasurer was present to discuss the tax title foreclosure procedure as well as the status of Parcel 35-16-52, 23 Princeton Drive and Parcel 27-00-11, 49 Della Street. He provided correspondence and information on Chapter 5: Tax Titles and Foreclosures. Mr. Buckley suggested having the Building Commissioner inspect the property at 49 Dilla Street to see if it is vacant, identify the state of the residence and then begin the auction process. Mr. Walsh requested information on the number of properties identified in foreclosure. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To inspect the property at 49 Dilla Street, determine if it is vacant, and then proceed with the auction process, UNANIMOUS.

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Update – National Grid Program – I have begun to work with National Grid to begin to convert to LED streetlights as part of an energy efficiency program. As discussed earlier, National Grid would convert all the streetlights to LED streetlights at no cost to the Town. They will continue to maintain, repair and replace the new Led lights. The projected annual savings to the Town is between \$19,000.00 and \$28,000.00 per year. In addition, the Town would receive an energy efficiency incentive projected to be between \$90,000.00 and \$104,000.00. I have met with the Highway Surveyor, Police Chief, Building Commissioner and Facilities Director to discuss what type of light will be best for use by the Town as well as whether we would want to add currently inactive streetlights to become active. I will keep the Board updated as we proceed.
2. Town Administrator Evaluation – It is time to begin the procedure for the Town Administrator Evaluation for FY 2018. The Board along with the Town Administrator needs to jointly develop a list of Tasks and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. These objectives are to be measureable and attainable. I will provide the Board a copy of last year's evaluation as well as the Evaluation Form to be used for this year.

Mr. Buckley requested that Town Administrator Villani provide an updated list of projects as well as prioritize to what extent they need to be done and what can be de-prioritized. Mr. Villani provided a copy of his evaluation from the period of 7/1/16 – 2/28/17.

8. Scott Crisafulli, Highway Surveyor was present to update the board on the status of the Main Street crosswalk project. He stated that the project is still in the design phase and that the plans are being surveyed to make sure they are ADA compliant. He expects that one parking space will be eliminated at the completion of the project in September. Mr. Crisafulli also stated that the work being done on the bridge will be completed by September 1, 2017.

9. After reviewing correspondence from Police Chief O'Loughlin suggesting the installation of speed limit signs on Central Street: Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To install speed limits signs as follows:

1. Central Street SB at East Street 25 mph.
 2. Central Street SB replace the yellow 20 mph speed warning signs with 25 mph signs.
 3. Central Street NB at 404 Central Street 25 mph
 4. Central Street NB replace the yellow 20 mph speed warning signs with 25 mph signs,
- UNANIMOUS.

10. At the request of the board, Police Chief O'Loughlin observed the traffic for speed control on the "S" turn on Highland Street. He noted that as a result of his observations, he would recommend that the speed limit signs be placed at 99 Highland Street and 25 North Vine Street for 25mph as authorized by Section 193 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the recommendation of the Police Chief as submitted, UNANIMOUS.

11. After reviewing correspondence dated July 31, 2017 from Police Chief O'Loughlin regarding the number of registered calls for noise complaints, etc. at 101 Purchase Street; Mr. Buckley requested that the Task Force (Building Department, Health Department) provide a summary on a collaborate effort to respond to such complaints on quality of life issues. Mr. Villani noted that the Police Chief is establishing a process and will be providing a copy for the boards review.

12. After reviewing the new language within Section 3 of Chapter 94G which controls in terms of the working of the ballot question for the September 19, 2017 referendum question: Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To submit the following to the Town Clerk as the Ballot Question as follows: Should the Town of Milford adopt the Amendments to the Zoning By-Laws as set forth below which Amendments would prohibit the operation of all types of recreational Marijuana Establishments as defined in G.L. c. 94G, § 1, including Marijuana Cultivation, Marijuana Testing Facilities, Marijuana Product Manufacturing, Marijuana Retailers or other types of licenses marijuana-related business within the Town of Milford, the text of which, and a summary of which, appears below? UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Walsh noted that he would like to publicly thank Arthur Morin Jr. for his many years of service on the Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational School District Committee and his commitment to the Town of Milford.

14. Mr. Walsh made a motion to re-consider and appoint Mr. Steven Manguso as an eighth member of the Milford Youth Commission. THERE WAS NO SECOND.

15. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Valencia Council #80, Knights of Columbus for their Annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" Toll Road from October 7, 2017 with a rain date of October 14, 2017, UNANIMOUS.

16. The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Administrator Villani regarding the notice from Rory D'Alessandro, Chairman of the Milford Library Board of Trustees requesting to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lisa Bacchiocchi. It was the consensus of the board to publish a press release so that any resident interested in filling this position submit separate letters of interest and detailed resumes to each board, and schedule a joint meeting of the Milford Library Trustees and the members of the Board of Selectmen, August 21, 2017.

17. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Traf Corporation d/b/a Banners, 146 South Main Street, to amend their Entertainment License from a three piece band to a five piece band, UNANIMOUS.

18. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request from Milford Performing Arts Center, Inc., 150 Main Street for a One-Day Wine and Malt License for September 15, 2017 from 6:00PM-11:00PM, UNANIMOUS.

19. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the date of October 30, 2017 for a Special Town Meeting, UNANIMOUS.

20. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from John Erickson as Building Commissioner, UNANIMOUS.

Mr. Buckley suggested authorizing Mr. Villani to formulate a job description for a Building Commissioner as well as posting within a five week period, if possible.

21. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE None

22. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:43PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman William E. Kingkade, Jr.; Selectmen William D. Buckley and Michael K. Walsh all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Milford Water Company negotiations and potential acquisition.

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Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William E. Kingkade, Jr., Chairman

William D. Buckley

Michael K. Walsh