

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – February 14, 2011

ROOM 03-TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley; Selectmen Dino B. DeBartolomeis and Brian W. Murray; Town Administrator Louis J. Celozzi; and Minutes Recorder Jean M. DeTore.

1. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Chairman Buckley: To approve the minutes of February 7, 2011 as submitted. Two in favor, One abstention,(Mr. DeBartolomeis abstains). IT IS A VOTE.
3. Citizen Participation – None.
4. A Public Hearing on the application of Fun Zone Milford, LLC, 110 South Main Street seeking a Restaurant, All Alcoholic license was opened for discussion. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To continue the public hearing until March 7, 2011 at 7:10PM, at the request of the applicant, UNANIMOUS.
5. Barbara A. Auger, Town Treasurer and Bryan Adams, Harvard Pilgrim representative were present to review the FY12 Rate Proposal. Brian Boyle, Health Insurance Consultant to the Town of Milford was absent. Ms. Auger stated that the process began in October of 2010 by sending invitations to quote to Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Fallon Community Health Plan, Delta Dental, and Boston Mutual Life. She further stated that although increases are significant, mandated changes imposed by the Federal and State governments resulted in 2.6% of increased costs before claim experience was considered coupled with the claims the Town members incurred during the last twelve months. Since 2009, the Towns' claims have increased from \$8.8 million to \$11.6 million. The increase is largely due to 24 members that have incurred \$2.2 million or 20% of the claims. Also, after a thorough discussion of each plan, on a unanimous vote of the Committee, they recommend that the Town continue to offer the Harvard Pilgrim HMO and PPO for employee health options. The new rates for Employee health, dental, and life insurance benefits are effective May 1, 2011; resulting in a budget increase of about \$647,000 or 9.25%; not counting any increase in enrollment.

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the recommendations of the Insurance Advisory Committee as outlined, UNANIMOUS.

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>2010 Rate</u>	<u>2011 Rate</u>	<u>Increase</u>
HP HMO	Individual	602.72	661.49	9.75%
	Family	1,580.94	1,735.08	9.75%

Insurance Rates cont.

HP PPO	Individual	929.52	1,020.15	9.75%
	Family	2,438.13	2,675.85	9.75%
Delta Dental	Individual	41.10	43.98	7.0%
	Family	106.70	114.17	7.0%
Life Ins.	Active	13.35	13.35	0.0%
	Retiree	6.45	6.45	0.0%

6. Hilal Ait Ouakka, owner of the Gourmet Pizza & Grill, 196 East Main Street seeks to transfer his Common Victualler License to Lisa Wassarman who was present this evening. A brief discussion ensued regarding the business plan and hours of operation. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the transfer and hours of operation 7:00AM-1:00AM daily and until 2:00AM for deliveries only, UNANIMOUS.

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Rt. 16 Project Update – As you know, the Public Hearing was held this past Wednesday and it went very well. Also, on the same evening, we appeared before the Finance Committee seeking a \$29,000.00 Reserve Fund Transfer which will be used for appraisal fees. This request was approved and a Special Town Meeting will be unnecessary. Also, while there are approximately 88 parcels to be appraised, Town Engineer Santora has sent a letter to all seeking a contribution and to date, we are pleased to report that 13 property owners have already donated or considered donating the easement.

I'd like to remind the Board that we have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow, February 15, 2011, at 7:00PM here in Room 03 with the Planning Board. This session was scheduled to discuss the proposal of apartments in designated areas of Main Street.

Rt. 16 Project We received correspondence today that the proposal has received Departmental approval as a Federal Aid Project. On behalf of the Board, I named Town Engineer Santora as the liaison to the Community Compliance section of the Right of Way Bureau.

8. Chairman Buckley requested that a Citation be presented to Officer Robert Tusino and the Dispatcher that provided excellent emergency response in the incident of the fourteen month old child that was choking on an apple.

9. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To schedule the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7:30PM with the Warrant opening Monday, February 14, 2011 and closing at 12 Noon on Thursday, March 24, 2011, UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To award the contract for the Annual Fireworks display (July 3, 2011, Rain date July 5, 2011) to Mathew Shea, Atlas Advanced Pyrotechnics, at the low bid price of \$14,500.00, UNANIMOUS.

11. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve two(2) One-Day All-Alcoholic Licenses for the Maspenock Rod and Gun Club, 1 McGill Lane: March 19, and March 26, 2011-11AM-1:00AM, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the recommendation of Town Engineer Santora to install a "Yield Ahead" sign approximately 75 feet west of the existing signage at the Medway Road, East Main Street and Prairie Street Intersection, UNANIMOUS.

13. After reviewing correspondence from Mr. DeBartolomeis regarding Finance Committee appointments and membership, it was the consensus of the Board to support an article at the Annual Town Meeting to reduce the membership of the Finance Committee to eleven (11) prospectively and in the future, all appointments regarding a vacancies will be made by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. DeBartolomeis had met with a Finance Committee Sub-Committee composed of Philip Ciaramicoli and Marc Schaen to develop these recommendations.

14. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Town Accountant, re: January FY11 "Financial Facts"
2. Town Counsel, re: Proposed Gaming Legislation-House Docket No. 02138
3. Assessor/Administrator, re: FY11 Tax Bill Information
4. Schedule of Meetings
5. Finance Committee, re: Minutes of January 19, 2011

Invitations

1. Greater Milford Healthy Families Coalition, re: "Community Baby Shower" – 5/19/11

15. After reviewing an article of a Medway company's expansion to Milford, Mr. DeBartolomeis requested that a letter of welcome be sent to the President and CEO of Milara, Inc. and noted that the various department heads stand ready to assist them at any time.

16. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 7:53PM, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean M. De Tore
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William D. Buckley, Chairman

Dino B. DeBartolomeis

Brian W. Murray, Esq.