

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –MARCH 4, 2013

ROOM 03-TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Chairman Murray welcomed Scout Leaders and seventeen Boy Scouts from Troop 2 who were in attendance as part of their Eagle required Communication Merit Badge.
2. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To sign the warrant and approve the Minutes of February 25, 2013 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. Citizen Participation – None.
4. Chairman Murray introduced and welcomed the incoming Town Administrator Richard A. Villani. Mr. Villani thanked the members and Mr. Celozzi and noted that he looks forward to working with the Board.
5. Town Counsel Gerald M. Moody, along with Atty. Cezar (“Cid”) M. Froelich and Atty. Kimberly M. Copp, partner in the Chicago-based law firm of Shefsky & Froelich presented a proposal to the Board in anticipation of a casino project proposal from David Nunes(Crossroads), and his partners Foxwoods and Warner Gaming. Atty. Froelich provided an overview noting his firm’s experience in gaming law, including counseling state and municipal officials on casino gaming projects including negotiating host community agreements. The firm is currently representing Springfield, MA and Taunton, MA and has represented both casinos and municipalities throughout the country. The overview included a list of duties which would guide the town through the review and mitigation negotiations process including feasibility impact and mitigation studies, casino location-access, parking, visibility, casino development, role of the town, commitment to the town-interaction with the MA Gaming Commission and also communicating with the developer. Atty. Froelich recommended several public hearings and complete transparency by the developer. He noted that the host agreement has to be firm and clear as, in essence, that is what the citizens will be basing their vote on. He stated that the cost for consultants would be approximately \$300,000 and an additional \$400,000 for the law firm to engage the necessary review of mitigation and other legal issues. He stated that any agreement is subject to approval of the developer as they will be bearing the full cost.  
Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To authorize the firm of Shefsky & Froelich to draft a Letter of Engagement to represent the Town of Milford subject to authorization by the developer, UNANIMOUS.

6. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Budget Update - All budgets under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen are on target, with the one exception that has previously been reported.
- Police Roof Update - We received the preliminary design submission last Thursday and the Town Engineer, the Building Commissioner and I reviewed it. We then met, today, with Jim Russo of Russo & Barr Associates. We plan on being out to bid by May 10, 2013. The Construction phase of the project is 5-6 weeks and it should be done by the end of July. I had Mr. Villani attend the meeting as he will be responsible for the project.
- Town Engineer Search – Mr. Santora and I have begun the search process. We will be interviewing 12 candidates next Tuesday and Thursday. Again, Mr. Villani is participating in the process and I will update the Board at the next meeting.
- Town Hall Window Project – Finally, I have spoken to Max Ferro and we will have the bid package for the windows at the end of this month and we will be out to bid in early April.

It was the consensus of the Board to have the Town Administrator forward a copy of the DRAFT Outline for Scope of Work by Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) on behalf of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) to David Nunes for informational purposes.

7. The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Administrator Celozzi which provided a comparison of mileage reimbursement rates from various towns including the established rate of the Commonwealth of Mass for authorized Mileage allowance and the IRS standard rate. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. DeBartolomeis: To authorize an increase in the mileage allowance from thirty-five cents (\$.35) per mile to the IRS Standard Mileage Rate of fifty-six and a half cents (\$.56.5) per mile effective July 1, 2013, UNANIMOUS.

8. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Permit to Obstruct requested by Special Community c/o Kennedy Donovan Center, 171 Main Street, for March 15 - April 6, 2013 at the locations specified under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen, UNANIMOUS.

9. The Board reviewed correspondence from Town Administrator Celozzi regarding responses from the Milford School Committee, the Finance Committee, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board relative to the proposal to implement remote participation. After a brief discussion, Mr. DeBartolomeis moved to take it under advisement, Mr. Buckley seconded for discussion. He suggested discussing the issue again in August and determining what conditions would be necessary to utilize remote participation, determine the technology needs and recommended that the Town Administrator develop a proposal, for the Board's consideration, UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request submitted by David Breen, CEO of Fun Zone Milford, LLC d/b/a Pinz to extend the hours of operation of his Common Victualler license from 11:00PM to 4AM on the following day: Saturday, March 9, 2013 to allow the serving of food for hosting a church lock-in, UNANIMOUS.

11. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Town of Hopkinton relative to their opposition to the potential casino in Milford. Town Administrator Celozzi provided a copy of Chairman Murray's response for the members.

12. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Milford Youth Commission, re: Minutes of February 4, 2013
2. MA Gaming Commission, re: New Website Information
3. Schedule of Meetings
4. Board of Assessors, re: FY2013 Tax Information

13. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:29PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Murray, Selectmen DeBartolomeis and Buckley vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Milford Town Library Collective Bargaining issues and the incoming Town Administrator's contract, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jean M. DeTore  
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Atty. Brian W. Murray, Chairman

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Dino B. DeBartolomeis

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William D. Buckley