

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

APRIL 12, 2017

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Michael Nicholson, Jeff Niro, Marc Schaen, Michael Schiavi, and Michael Soares.

Members not present: Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, John Tennaro and Vincenzo Valastro.

Also present: Chris Pilla, Town Treasurer; Will Kingcade, Selectman; Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Wendell Phillips, Assistant Town Accountant; Richard Villani, Town Administrator; Michael Walsh, Selectman; Bill Buckley; Selectman.

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Al Correia moved to approve the 3-8-17 Minutes, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor.

MWRTA: Special Ed teacher, Alexis Correia-Forgit, from Milford High School reported that the children use the bus for educational programs. Brett, a Special Education student, reported that he uses the bus to go to work three days a week every week. Alexis Correia-Forgit reported that the children can now go to the walking trail, the library and to jobs using the bus and feels it has given them independence. She reported that her class has almost 30 children and most are under 18 so only a few use the bus, but other classes have more kids using it.

Scott Crisafulli reported that the number of people riding the bus varies. The average amount is 50 people per day at present. Aldo Cecchi suggested doing another year to see how well it works. Most members agree that it should be tried for another year. The committee was in full agreement that a letter he forwarded to the Board of Selectmen requesting that the duties of the Transportation Committee be expanded to develop ridership parameters to determine what the minimum number of riders should be in order for the current busing plan to be continued given the annual cost. Further, the duties of the Transportation subcommittee should include investigating alternative approaches for providing busing service to the town. Al Correia moved to keep MWRTA on from 7/1/17 to 6/30/18, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Budgets: Chris Morin reported on the Budgets. Mike Nicholson moved to accept these budgets as shown, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, discussion followed. Mike Nicholson withdrew his motion, and Aldo Cecchi withdrew his second.

General Government Budget: The Budget is down 0.7 percent in total. Aldo Cecchi moved to approve the proposed budgets at 2 percent with the exception of the Library, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor.

Mike Schiavi moved to accept the Library budget, seconded by Mike Nicholson, discussion followed. Mike Schiavi withdrew his motion, Mike Nicholson withdrew his second.

Article 1: Board of Selectmen: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 2: Personnel Board: Position Levels-Salaried Positions: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 3: Board of Selectmen: To fix salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town: Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Marc Schaen, all in favor (10-0)

Article 5: Town Treasurer: To authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2017: Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 6: Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings: Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 7: Board of Selectmen: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend from funds received by the Town as fines for parking violations during the FY18: Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 8: Town Treasurer: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer or Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement for FY18: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 9: Board of Selectmen: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 10: Board of Selectmen: Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 11: Town Treasurer: To authorize the Treasurer to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure: Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 12: School Committee: To transfer money, consistent with funds raised from vending machines in the School district to be spent for purposes of Student Activities. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 13: Various Departments: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General-By-Laws by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town Departments: Marc Schaen moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor. (10-0)

Subcommittee reports: Marc Schaen reported that Blackstone Valley Tech's budget assessment to Milford is down 6% which is, in part, due to 12 less students attending this year.

Capital Planning subcommittee: Al Correia reported that the Fire department has problems with uniforms getting dried and may need to purchase a dryer.

8:15 p.m. Aldo Cecchi moved to adjourn the regular meeting after the Executive Session, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor.

8:16 p.m. Aldo Cecchi moved and seconded by Al Correia to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase of the Milford Water Company. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Chris Morin, Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Mike Soares, Mike Nicholson, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Mike Schiavi, Marc Schaen, Jeff Niro all voted in the affirmative to go into Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents referenced: Town Warrant