

## MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

APRIL 10, 2013

PRESENT: Marc Schaen (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli (7:35), Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Will Kingkade, Joyce Lavigne, Chuck Miklosovich, Dave Morganelli, Chris Morin, and John Tennaro.

Members not present: John Kelley, Mike Schiavi and Vincenzo Valastro

Also present: Zachary Taylor, Town Accountant, Richard Villani, Town Administrator, Barbara Auger, Town Treasurer, Brian Murray, Selectman, Gerry Moody, Town Counsel, and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst.

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

John Tennaro moved to approve the 3-13-13 Minutes, seconded by Dave Morganelli, 8 approve, 2 abstain (Aldo Cecchi and Will Kingkade).

John Tennaro moved to approve the 3-20-13 Budget Subcommittee/Executive Committee Minutes, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor.

Sub-committee Reports: Al Correia reported that the Capital Planning Subcommittee is meeting with the Youth Center tonight and will continue to update the FinCom.

Marc Schaen reported that the Blackstone Valley Regional HS's packet is showing expenses down \$47,330 from last year and an enrollment of 154 students from Milford for 2014.

Articles: Housekeeping:

Article 5: Treasurer – Allow the Town Treasurer to borrow money.

Article 6: Selectmen – Allow the Selectmen to take charge of all legal proceedings against the Town.

Article 7: Selectmen – Allow Selectmen to expend from funds received from fines for parking violations to be used to pay costs/expenses of collecting such fines.

Article 8: Treasurer – To authorize the Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements.

Article 9: Selectmen – To authorize any and all departments to utilize any amounts received from insurance companies or other third parties as payment to any town owned property.

Article 10: Selectmen – To authorize all persons, boards or agencies of the town to contract for or on behalf of the town for up to five years except contracts dealing with real estate.

Article 11: Selectmen - To approve an additional exemption of up to 100 % of the currently allowed exemption for all eligible real estate tax exemptions.

Article 12: Treasurer – To authorize the Treasurer to accept deeds in lieu of foreclosure.

Article 14 : Various Departments – To authorize revolving funds for certain Town departments which departments have been previously authorized. Town Accountant, Zachary Taylor asked that the revenue amount for the Milford Youth Center be raised to \$150,000. The Committee agreed to discuss this Article at this time. Mr. Taylor asked that the present amount of \$110,000 be raised to \$150,000. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation to approve \$150,000 as proposed by Town Accountant Zachary Taylor, seconded by Dave Morganelli, all in favor. (10-0)

Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation on Articles 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 as amended, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 2: Personnel Board - Wage and Salary Schedule – Dave Morganelli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi. 7 in favor, 3 abstained (Will Kingkade, Jerry Hiatt and Bob DeVita).

Article 23: Personnel Board - Longevity pay additions – Will Kingkade moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chris Morin, all in favor. (10-0)

Article 17: Veterans Department – \$75,000 – To be added to the Veterans Department fiscal year 2013 budget. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 42: Commission on Disability – To amend General By-Laws by striking therefrom the current Article 22 and replacing said Article with a new Article 22. Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 15: Legal Department - To appropriate funds to continue the review of the Milford Water Company rate increase case. Will Kingkade moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 40: Police Chief - \$5000 – To purchase new uniforms and accessories for the Police Department Honor Guard. Tabled until the Police Chief arrives.

Article 24: JBI Realty, LLC – Bob DeVita moved to refer to the Planning Board's recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 26: The Gutierrez Company – Chuck Miklosovich moved to refer to the Planning Board's recommendation, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 18: Brian Murray – To appropriate money to hire an architect and/or engineer for design plans and specifications for renovations of the Milford Youth Center in the former

Armory on Pearl Street. Will Kingkade moved for a favorable recommendation in the amount of \$300,000, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, 10 in favor 1 opposed. (Dave Morganelli)

Article 40: Police Chief - \$5000 – To purchase new uniforms and accessories for the Police Department Honor Guard. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 39: Police Chief/Board of Selectmen - Sex Offender Restrictions. Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich. Discussion followed. Aldo Cecchi withdrew his motion to refer to sponsor, Chuck Miklowovich withdrew his second, all in favor. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 34: Town Treasurer – To transfer additional funds to the Sewer Stabilization Fund. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 37: Town Treasurer - To transfer a sum of money from the Debt Reserve to be added to the Stabilization Fund. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 41: Highway Surveyor - \$87,000 – To raise or transfer funds to replace a truck and related equipment recently burned in the course of snow plowing operations. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 3: Selectmen – To fix salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 19: Selectmen - To amend the General By-Laws of the Town. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Dave Morganelli, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 20: Selectmen - To accept for and as a public way a portion of Iadarola Avenue. Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 21: Selectmen - To accept for and as a public way a private way known as Rock Hill Farm Road. Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 22: Selectmen - To amend Article 15A of the General By-Laws entitled "Dog Control Law". Jerry Hiatt moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Dave Morganelli, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 25: Selectmen** – To transfer \$129,383.42 from Town Hall Exterior Painting Account and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 to replace the Town Hall Roof. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 27: Selectmen** – To appropriate or transfer the sum of \$25,000 to be used for consultant services to produce engineering drawings, plans and specifications for the CDBG Grant Applications. John Tennaro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 29: Selectmen** – To accept as a public way a private way known as Madden Avenue. Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 35: Selectmen** – To accept as a public way a portion of Broad Street. Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 36: Selectmen** – To accept as a public way a private way known as Diego Drive. Jerry Hiatt moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 38: Selectmen** – To amend the Zoning Bylaws relating to Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 43: Selectmen** – To authorize the Board of Selectmen to amend their agreement with Northbridge Solar LLC. Dave Morganelli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 44: Town Accountant** – To transfer funds between certain line items voted under Article 4 of the May 21, 2012 Annual Town Meeting. Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation in the amount of \$22,669, the difference of deleting the \$5000 (Highway line item) from the Reserve Fund account and deleting \$393 from the CIC line items, seconded by Dave Morganelli, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 45: Town Accountant** – To close out certain Special Article Accounts. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation as presented, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 4: Selectmen** – To raise and appropriate sum or sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses for the financial year. Al Correia moved to table this Article until the May meeting, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 28: Finance Committee** - To vote to establish a Long Term Debt Stabilization Account and to appropriate or transfer a sum of money to said new Stabilization Account. Jerry Hiatt moved to table this Article, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (11-0)

**Article 30: Finance Committee**: To appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Account. Aldo Cecchi moved to table this Article, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

9:25 P.M. Aldo Cecchi moved and seconded by John Tennaro: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Article 31: Legal Department. ROLL CALL VOTE: Marc Schaen, Aldo Cecchi, Bob DeVita, Chuck Miklosovich, Joyce Lavigne, Will Kingkade, John Tennaro, Dave Morganelli, Jerry Hiatt, Al Correia, Chris Morin and Phil Ciaramicoli all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session. Aldo Cecchi indicated that the Committee would adjourn after the discussion.

9:40 P.M. Aldo Cecchi moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor.

John Tennaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Dave Morganelli, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Document referenced: Town Warrant