

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, Charles Miklosovich, Mike Nicholson, Michael Soares, and John Tennaro.

Members not present: Jeff Niro, Mike Schiavi and Vincenzo Valastro

Also present: Richard Villani, Town Administrator; Thomas Brown, Town Accountant; Zackary Taylor, Finance Director; and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst.

Media: Kevin Rudden, Town Crier

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Aldo Cecchi moved to approve the 9-12-18 Minutes, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor.

Article 3 – Town Meeting Improvement Committee: Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Mike Soares. (11-0)

Article 4 – Town Meeting Improvement Committee: Jerry Hiatt moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 5 – Town Meeting Improvement Committee: Chuck Miklosovich moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 6 – Town Meeting Improvement Committee: Mike Soars moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 7 - Town Meeting Improvement Committee: Al Correia moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 22 – Town Meeting Improvement Committee: Will reopen on 9-26-18 meeting.

Article 34 – Town Meeting Improvement Committee: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5000 to be spent for general expenses. Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, 10 in favor, 1 opposed (Jerry Hiatt). (10-1)

Article 15 – Town Accountant: To see if the Town will appropriate money to supplement certain Salary and Wage budgets as voted under Article 4 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of fully funding the new Salary and Wage levels for Clerks, various Boards and Committees as recommended by the Personnel Board and

passed under Article 2 of the May 14, 2018 Annual Town Meeting for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 1 – Town Treasurer and Town Counsel: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Article 40 of the General By-Laws. Mike Soares moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 17 – Town Treasurer: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Sewer Department Retained Earnings to be used to increase the Sewer Stabilization Account. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 24 – Parks Commission: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$9000 to provide labor and materials for holiday lighting at the Draper Memorial Park. John Tennaro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, 10 in favor, 1 opposed (Jerry Hiatt). (10-1)

Article 25 – Parks Commission: To see if the Town will appropriate \$60,000 to be utilized by the Parks Commission to conduct a feasibility study of the Fino Field pool. John Tennaro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 26 – Parks Commission: To see if the Town will appropriate \$34,000 to purchase a new riding mower with a 104 inch cutting deck and associated trailer. Andy Lizotte moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 27 – Parks Commission: To see if the Town will appropriate \$43,000 to replace the current 2001 model-year truck with a new pickup truck to be used for snow and ice removal. John Tennaro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 18 – Fire Chief: Pass over by Fire Chief.

Article 32 – Library: To see if the Town will appropriate \$30,000 to be used to replace the front steps at the Milford Town Library including any necessary repairs or replacement of the railings and associated structures. Bob DeVita moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 2 – Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will appropriate \$60,000 to implement a records management program at the Town Hall. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 8 – Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will appropriate \$250,000 to be used for payment for medical bills and other expenses incurred resulting from injuries to Police Officers or Fire Fighters to be deposited to the Special Injury Leave Indemnity funds. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by John Tennaro, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 9 – Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will appropriate \$30,000 to obtain the services of a grant writer/consultant to provide grant writing services to the Town, including, but not limited to the Milford Downtown Façade Program. John Tennaro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 10 – Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will appropriate \$15,000 to obtain the services of an architect to provide general design services and assistance to the Town. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, 9 in favor, 2 opposed (Bob DeVita and Aldo Cecchi). (9-2)

Article 14 – Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will appropriate \$45,000 to fund the cost items contained with a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Milford Dispatchers' Union and the Town of Milford including, but not limited to wages and salaries. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 23 – Board of Selectmen: To see if the Town will appropriate \$20,000 to be utilized by the Milford Highway Surveyor for the acquisition and installation of flex-post median markers within Route 85/Cedar Street north of the intersection with Fortune Boulevard/Dilla Street. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, second by Mike Soares, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 33 – School Committee: To see if the Town will authorize the expenditure of the available balance in Fund 2696 Comcast Verizon PEG access account for the purpose of performing upgrades in accordance with the PEG Access Agreements with the Town. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Soares, 9 in favor, 2 abstained (Aldo Cecchi and John Tennaro). (9-2)

Article 20 – Central Gas & Market, Inc.: Bob DeVita moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0)

Article 21 – Water Street Meat Market, LLC: Andy Lizotte moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Bob DeVita, all in favor, (11-0)

John Tennaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Soares, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed:

Town Warrant

Photographs of Library Steps