**MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2002**

PRESENT: Al Correia (Chair), Brant Hornberger, Carly Kearnan, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, Dave Levine, Chris Morin, Mike Nicholson, Mitch Ruscitti, and Vinny Valastro.

Members not present: Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Chuck Miklosovich, John Tennaro and Pete Wish.

Also present: Rick Villani, Town Administrator; Zachary Taylor, Finance Director.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Brant Hornberger moved to approve the 8-14-22 Minutes, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor.

Mike Nicholson moved to approve the 6-6-22 Minutes, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor.

Article 34 – Police Chief: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized by the Milford Police Department to replace existing Tasers as necessary. Deputy Police Chief Robbie Tuscino reported that the cost could be $2700. Vinny Valastro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor.

Article 11 – Police Chief: $120,000 - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the purpose of upgrading police radios. Dave Levine moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 8 – Police Chief: $140,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to replace the current audio/video surveillance system at the Police Headquarters. Vinny Valastro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor.

Article 7 – Police Chief: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized to establish and/or maintain the Milford Police Department Family Services Unit. Chris Morin moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

Article 1 – Select Board: $150,000 – to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized for the purpose of continuing to address the town wide ADA improvement plan. The money would be divided among the Parks Department, the School Department and General Government. Carly Kearnan moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 2 - Select Board: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized to fund the first year of a collective bargaining agreement with the Milford dispatchers retroactive to July 1, 2021. Dave Levine moved to defer to sponsor, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

Article 3- Select Board: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant to the abutter TSS Realty, Inc. an easement for passage to a parcel of land on the northwesterly side of Beaver Street. Vinny Valastro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor.

Article 4 – School Committee: $4,000,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Milford School Committee for the purpose of purchasing modular classrooms at Brookside Elementary School. The School Committee will be asked to come in for a presentation of this Article.

Article 5 – Board of Library Trustees: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be utilized to repair the HVAC coolant pipe and supporting brackets at the Library. Mitch Ruscitti moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor.

Article 6 – Milford Cultural Council: To see if the town will vote to amend Section 3.9 Signs of the Zoning-By-Laws. Dave Levine moved to a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

Article 9 – Board of Health: $50,000 –To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized by the Board of Health to repair, renovate and/or remove the buildings at 56 Lawrence Street. Mitch Ruscitti moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 10 – Select Board: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized to fund the cost items within the first year of a collective bargaining agreement with the Highway, Park and Cemetery Department employees retroactive to July 1, 2022. Carly Kearnan moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 12 – Board of Assessors: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized under the jurisdiction of the Board of Assessors for property appraisals, professional consultant fees and costs and expenses. Brant Hornberger moved to defer, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor. Sponsor to come in to discuss this article.

Article 13 –Quentin Nowland & Michael Lynch: To see if the town will vote to rescind its vote under Article 21 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting. Vinny Valastro moved to defer, seconded by Dave Levine, all in favor.

Article 14 – Quentin Nowland & Michael Lynch: To see if the town will vote to rescind its vote under Article 22 of the May 21, 2007 Annual Town Meeting. Vinny Valastro moved to defer, seconded by Dave Levine, all in favor.

Article 15 – Park Commissioners: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized by the Park Commissioners to purchase two commercial mowers. Andy Lizotte moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Dave Levine, all in favor.

Article 16 – Board of Library Trustees: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized by the Board of Library Trustees for the purpose of replacement of the Milford Library elevator controller, hydraulic and electrical systems. Vinny Valastro moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor.

Article 17 – School Committee: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money in the amount of $150,000.00 to be spent for the purpose of lighting the High School softball field. Carly Kearnan moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 18 – Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee: To see if the town will vote to amend the standing vote of Town Meeting entitled “Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee”, “Duties of the Committee” by deleting Item 7. Dave Levine moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 19 – Youth Commission: $$10,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be utilized in relation the Milford Youth Center for the purpose of electrical upgrades. Mitch Ruscitti moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 20 – Downtown Revitalization Committee: To see if the town will vote to amend Section 3.9 Signs of the Zoning By-Law. Andy Lizotte moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 21 – High Surveyor: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Highway Surveyor for replacing backhoe #1 with a new backhoe. Andy Lizotte for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

Article 22 – Select Board: To see if the town will vote to raise money to fund the cost items contained within the first year of a collective bargaining agreement with the Library employees reactive to July 1, 2022. Mike Nicholson moved to defer, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 23 – Scholl Committee: $200,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be spent for the purpose of interior painting at the Stacy Middle School. Carly Kearnan moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor.

Article 24 – Select Board: $20,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to replace the dog kennels at the Animal Control Building. Mitch Ruscitti moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Any Lizotte, all in favor.

Article 25 – Select Board: To see if the town will vote to amend Article 42 of the General BY-Laws by inserting a new (j) in Section 5. Dave Levine moved to defer, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

Article 26 – Town Treasurer: $1,825,000 – To see if the town will vote to rescind $1,825,000 of authorized and unissued bonds for the purchase of the Milford Water Company. David Levine moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 27 – Select Board: To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to fund the cost items contained with the first year of a collective bargaining agreement with the Milford Association of Clerical Employees retroactive to July1, 2022. Vinny Valastro moved to defer, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 28 – Select Board: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to fund the cost items contained within the first year of a collective bargaining agreement with the Sewer Department employees retroactive to July 1, 2023. Dave Levine moved to defer, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor.

Article 29 – Select Board: To see if the town will vote in accordance with GL Chapter 33, s. 59 (e) to accept said section relating to the effect of military service on salary, seniority and leave allowances of public employees. Chris Morin moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

Article 30 – Select Board: $12,300 - To see if the town will vote to raise funds to fully fund the Town Accountant personal services contract. Chris Morin moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 31 – Park Commissioners: $70,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise money to be utilized by the Board of Park Commissioners to purchase a new Park Department truck. Andy Lizotte moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 32 – School Committee: $1,050,000 - To see if the town will vote to raise funds for the purpose of renovating and upgrading the Milford High School turf and track. Carly Kearnan moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 33 – Highway Surveyor: To see if the town will vote to raise funds to replace the existing salt shed. Carly Kearnan moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor.

Article 35 – Fire Chief: To see if the town will vote to raise funds to purchase 64 air cylinders for self contained breathing apparatus. Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor.

Article 36 – Highway Surveyor: To see if the town will vote to raise funds for replacing Loader #1 with a new Loader for snow plowing, snow removal, loading and stock piling materials at the Highway Department. Andy Lizotte moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 37 – Highway Surveyor: $75,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise funds to be spent for the purpose of engineering and design costs for the replacement of 450 ft. of deteriorating 36” drain pipe at Prospect Heights. David Levine moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 38 – Select Board: $15,000 – To see if the town will vote to raise money to be used for the purpose of providing audio/visual needs to conduct remote meeting for the remainder of fiscal year 2023. Mitch Ruscitti moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Article 39 – Select Board: To see if the town will vote to appropriate money to upgrade the elevators at the Police Station, the Fire Station and the Milford Youth Center. Mitch Ruscitti moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor

Article 40 – Finance Director: To see if the town will vote to raise funds to be added to the Town Stabilization Account. Dave Levine moved to defer, seconded by Mitch Ruscitti, all in favor.

Article 41 – Legal Department: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to seek special legislation from the General Court validating the actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting. Chris Morin moved to defer, seconded by Andy Lizotte, all in favor.

Andy Lizotte moved to adjourn, seconded by Vinny Valastro, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearns

Document reviewed: Town Warrant eqrH

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