

## **MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **BY TELECONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 14, 2020**

PRESENT by remote: Chris Morin (Chair) Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Jerry Hiatt, Brant Hornberger, Joyce Lavigne, David Levine, Charles Miklosovich, Mike Nicholson, and Carly Kearnan.

Members not present by remote: Aldo Cecchi, Bob DeVita, Andy Lizotte, John Tennaro and Vinny Valastro.

Also present by remote: Richard Villani, Town Administrator, Zachary Taylor, Finance Director and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Chuck Miklosovich moved to approve the 9-9-20 Minutes, seconded by Mike Nicholson, 8 in favor, 1 abstained (Jerry Hiatt). Roll Call.

Jerry Hiatt reported that there is a \$30,000 Emergency Transfer Request from the Town Clerk's office to cover State requirements placed on her office for early voting. Jerry Hiatt moved to accept the Emergency Transfer Request of \$30,000 from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0) Roll Call.

**Article 1 – Town Moderator:** To see if the Town will vote to continue conducting the November 9-10, 2020 Special Town Meeting remotely. David Levine moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Carly Kearnan, 8 in favor, 1 opposed (Jerry Hiatt). Roll Call.

Zachary Taylor reported that the State Aid revised by the Governor's budget is higher than the original budget. The certified amount is \$4.5 million. He reported that capital items can now be done. The revised aid is \$100,000 or a little less and \$3.1 million higher than last year.

**Article 2 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote under Article 2 of the June 29, 2020 Annual Town Meeting by increasing rates of compensation for certain Salaried and Hourly Rated positions with more than one step applicable. Zack reported that he does not have an exact figure. The Personnel Board held back 2 ½ % increases, \$25,000 or \$30,000, from salary and hourly employees. He will have a chart for the next meeting to show the correct figures. Deferred to next meeting.

**Article 5 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of achieving Phase 1 of the Town's Plan for Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. \$2.5 million to repair the town buildings. Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0) Roll Call.

**Article 6 – School Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money, consistent with the funds raised from vending machines in the Milford School District, to be spent for the purpose of Student Activities not funded in the School Department budget. \$7222. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (9-0) Roll Call.

**Article 10 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost items contained within a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Milford Clerical Union and the Town including wages and salaries. Zack Taylor will present a chart at the next meeting. Tabled.

**Article 13 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost items contained within a Personal Service Agreement between the Town Accountant and the Town for wages and salary. \$6100. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (9-0) Roll Call.

**Article 17 - Board of selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be added to those sums previously appropriated to be utilized for the legal, engineering, or other expert consulting services necessary to effectuate the final acquisition of the Milford Water Co. Rick Villani reported that they are waiting for an answer from the DPU to cover the cost of the appeal process pending to purchase the Water Co. in the amount of \$100,000-\$150,000. Jerry Hiatt moved for a favorable recommendation to set aside \$150,000 for the appeal process, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (9-0) Roll Call.

**Article 20 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to be spent to paint the exterior of Town Hall. Moved to next meeting.

**Article 24 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to take action in order to change the title of Board of Selectmen to Select Board. Al Correia moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9—0). Roll Call.

**Article 32 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise funds from the Enterprise Fund to fund the cost items contained within a Collective Bargaining Agreement between AFSCME Council 93, Local 1709, WWTP and the Town. \$11,000. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 39 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to undertake decertification of the property and facilities at 31 Maple Street. Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Dave Levine, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 14 – Board of Assessors:** \$25,000. To see if the Town will vote to raise funds to be utilized by the Board of Assessors for property appraisals, expert witness and professional consultant fees. Deferred to next meeting.

**Article 16 – Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to amend its action under Article 38 of the October 18, 2019 Special Town Meeting which

authorized the one-time trial use of electronic voting equipment. Mike Nicholson moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 28 – Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee:** Changing membership or Town Meeting. Mike Nicholson moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Dave Levine, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 21 and Article 22 – Conservation Commission:** Transfer of Town parcels. Mike Nicholson moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 11 – Walden Woods Homeowner's Association, et al. -** Deferred to next meeting.

**Articles 33, 37 and 38 – Personnel Board:** Deferred to next meeting.

**Article 25 – School Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the available balance in Fund 2696, Comcast VerizonPEG access, to be spent for the purpose of performing upgrades. Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, 8 in favor, 1 abstained (Jerry Hiatt missing). Roll Call

**Article 26 – Planning Board:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.9 Sign Regulations of the Zoning Bylaw relating to inflatable signs. Mike Nicholson moved to refer to sponsor, second by Carly Kearnan, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 27 – Planning Board:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV Definitions of the Zoning Bylaw relating to Massage Parlor uses. Chuck Miklosovich moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 23 – Lauren Wilton/Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for the enactment of special legislation in relation to changing the title of Board of Selectmen to Select Board. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 36 – Parks Department:** To see if the Town will vote to raise funds for the purpose of providing matching funds for a Mass Development crowd funding grant. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

**Article 8 – Library Trustees:** To see if the Town will vote to raise funds to be used for replacing the Community Room carpeting at the Library. Deferred to next week.

**Article 19 – Milford Youth Commission:** To see if the Town will vote to raise funds to be spent for the purchasing and installing additional snow guards to the Youth Center gymnasium roof. Tabled

**Article 30 – Milford Youth Commission:** To see if the Town will vote to raise funds to be spent for the purpose of procuring engineering and design work and installation of an HCAC system in the basement and gymnasium of the Youth Center. Tabled.

**Article 15 – Finance Director:** To see if the Town will vote to raise funds to be added to funds previously appropriated to fund litigation and remediation costs associated with the construction of Woodland School. \$80,000. Needs to go to Executive Session and have Gerry Moody in to discuss. Tabled.

**Article 40 – Board of Health:** To see if the Town will vote to raise funds to supplement Department 431- Waste Collection. Deferred to next meeting.

Subcommittee reports are held off until next meeting.

Al Correia moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (9-0). Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Minutes recorded by remote by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed by remote: Town Warrant