

## **MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **BY TELECONFERENCE**

**OCTOBER 21, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Phil Ciaramicoli, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Brant Hornberger, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, David Levine, Chuck Miklosovich, Mike Nicholson, and Carly Kearnan.

**Members not present by remote:** Jerry Hiatt, John Tennaro and Vincent Valastro

**Also present by remote:** Zachary Taylor, Finance Director; Richard Villani, Town Administrator and Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst. **Also present by remote:** Reno Deluzio, Gerry Moody.

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

**Article 14 – Board of Assessors:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be utilized by the Board of Assessors for property appraisals, expert witness and professional consultant fees, costs and expenses associated with the Appellate Tax Board litigation. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 31 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Building Commissioner to procure and install a software system to be used by the Building Department for field work. Aldo Cecchi moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 15 – Finance Director:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be added to funds previously appropriated to fund litigation and remediation costs associated with the construction of Woodland School. \$80,000. Gerry Moody reported details. Andy Lizotte moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (11-0) Roll Call.

**Article 8 – Library Trustees:** \$13,250 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be used for the purpose of replacing the Community Room carpeting at the Town Library. Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Discussion:** Trees at the Library: Need a \$3600 Emergency Transfer to cut and remove trees. Aldo Cecchi recommended a verbal commitment if the Library cannot do this in their budget, then they can put in an Emergency Transfer Request for Town Meeting in May, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 7 - Milford Highway Surveyor:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be spent for the purpose of evaluating, designing, repairing or replacing the Central Street Bridge over the Charles River. David Levine moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 12 – Highway Surveyor - \$200,000:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the procurement of a replacement of Highway Department #7 plow and sand truck. Brant Hornberger moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 35 – Highway Surveyor - \$335,000:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the procurement and installation of a new Highway Department salt shed roof. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**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. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Aldo Cecchi, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 28 – Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee Standing vote as amended by deleting section (b). Aldo Cecchi moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 11 – Walden Woods Homeowners Association et al: \$11,000.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to design a safe pedestrian crossing of Route 85 to be located in the vicinity of the Walden Woods Planned Residential Development's northern entrance. Phil Ciaramicoli moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Joyce Lavigne, 3 in favor, 8 opposed. Roll Call. Aldo Cecchi moved for an unfavorable recommendation, seconded by Andy Lizotte, 8 in favor, 3 opposed. Roll Call.

**Article 20 – Board of Selectmen - \$265,000:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to paint the exterior of Town Hall. Brant Hornberger moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 3 – Board of Selectmen:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 3 of the June 29, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, to adjust the salary and compensation of the following full time elected officers of the Town: Town Clerk, Highway Surveyor. Total \$43,676 including Article 2, Article 3 and Article 4. Mike Nicholson moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 10 – Board of Selectmen - \$81,347:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be utilized to fund the cost items contained within a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Milford Clerical Union and the Town of Milford including wages and salaries. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 40 – Board of Health - \$242,000:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to supplement Department 431 – Waste Collection as voted under Article 4 of the June

29, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Chuck Miklosovich moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 19 – Milford Youth Commission:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the purpose of purchasing and installing additional snow guards to the Milford Youth Center gymnasium roof. Andy Lizotte moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 30 – Milford Youth Commission:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds for the purpose of procuring engineering and design work and proper installation of an HVAC system in the basement and gymnasium of the Milford Youth Center and a review of the steam boiler heating system. Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Brant Hornberger, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 33 – Personnel Board:** To amend Section 5.5 (Bereavement Provisions) of the Personnel Wage and Salary Administration Plan of the Town of Milford. Brant Hornberger moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by David Levine, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 37 – Personnel Board:** To amend Section 5.8C (Vacation Leave Requests) of the Personnel Wage and Salary Administration Plan of the Town of Milford. David Levine moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 41 – Finance Committee:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to be added to the Town's Stabilization Account. Al Correia moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 42- Board of Selectmen - \$1,000,000:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate funds to off-set operating, capital and debt expenses to fix the tax rate for Fiscal year 2021. Andy Lizotte moved for a favorable recommendation, seconded by Phil Ciaramicoli, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

**Article 38 – Personnel Board:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.10 of the Personnel By-laws. Mike Nicholson moved to refer to sponsor, seconded by Al Correia, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

Aldo Cecchi moved to adjourn, seconded by Chuck Miklosovich, all in favor. (11-0). Roll Call.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by remote by Diana Hearn.

Documents reviewed by remote: Town Warrant