

TOWN OF MILFORD  
Milford, Massachusetts  
**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Board or Commission \_\_\_\_\_ Milford Select Board  
Date and Time of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ January 25, 2021 7:00PM  
Place of Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Room 03, 52 Main Street

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**A.) SIGNING OF WARRANT, APPROVAL of Minutes, January 4, 2021, January 6, 2021  
EXECUTIVE SESSION Minutes, January 4, 2021**

**B.) INVITATION TO SPEAK**

The Select Board invites public participation on an in-person basis during its January 25, 2021 meeting. Due to restrictions imposed by Governor Baker's March 2020 Declaration of a State of Emergency prohibiting gatherings of more than ten people, participation in Invitation to Speak shall be limited to two such participants entering the meeting room at a time, wearing appropriate protective equipment, and leaving immediately upon conclusion of the participation to allow others to enter the room and participate equally. Those wishing to participate shall be cued outside the building, at least six feet apart, and permitted to enter two at a time.

**Remote Public Hearing/Invitation to Speak access now requires advanced registration.**

**Please register online here: <http://tiny.cc/tdi8tz> Any member of the public may now register to access the zoom webinar as an attendee. Public attendees will be able to view the zoom LIVE and request to speak at the "Public Hearing/Invitation to Speak."**

**C.) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**D.) SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

1. Veterans Agent, re: Establish Veteran's Council

**E.) TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**F.) OLD BUSINESS**

1. Amazon, re: Update

**G.) NEW BUSINESS**

1. Town Administrator, re: Annual Town Meeting
2. Town Accountant, re: Appointment of Accounting/Administrative Specialist
3. Town Administrator, re: Appointment-Senior Center Program Coordinator
4. Milford Police Department, re: Acceptance of Gift
5. Town Administrator, re: Salary Recommendation-Facilities Director
6. Town Counsel, re: Salary Recommendation-Paralegal

**H.) CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Grafton & Upton Railroad, re: Railroad Service Notice
2. Police Chief Memo-Update, re: Personnel
3. License Establishments Activity Report- October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

**I.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Town Counsel; re: Contract

The listing of matters above are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Signature *A Q A. Velle* Dated *1/21/21*

*D-1-25-21*  
**Richard Villani**

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**From:** Mary-Elizabeth Morgan <cougarmem@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:36 AM  
**To:** Richard Villani  
**Subject:** Request for Meeting

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Mr. Villani,

This is the information that you requested per our telephone conversation this morning January 13, 2021.

A meeting was held by representatives of the following groups:

American Legion  
American legion Auxiliary  
DAV  
Italian Vets  
Medal Of Liberty  
VFW  
Vietnam the 50th

The purpose of this meeting was to establish a Veteran's Council in the Town of Milford.

This is the Mission Statement:

To continuously support all Milford Veterans through the collective efforts of Veteran's Organizations and the community; to raise awareness of Veteran's needs, their contributions and to preserve their memory and their accomplishments.

The Council would be made up of the above named Group Representatives as well as a Historian and a Community Member.

We would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen to share our mission and to seek their approval .

Please contact me with a date for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Jo-Ann DeMaria Morgan  
508-435-9602  
774-279-1141  
[joann.d.morgan@verizon.net](mailto:joann.d.morgan@verizon.net)

# Milford Veterans Advisory Council

To continuously support all Milford Veterans through the collective efforts of Veterans Organizations and the community; to raise awareness of Veteran's needs, their contributions and to preserve their memory and honor their accomplishments.

## Chairwoman:

Jo-Ann DeMaria Morgan     American Legion Auxiliary Unit #59

## Members:

Ron Arpino	American Legion Post #59
Joe Lutfy	DAV Chapter #6
Eric Ruscitti	Italian Vets Post #40
Vincent Cifizzari	Medal of Liberty
Frank Andreotti	Vietnam the 50 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Petak	VFW Post #1544
Ron Howland	Researcher MA Military Records
Paul Malnati	Community Member

**Part I** ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT**Title XVII** PUBLIC WELFARE**Chapter 115** VETERANS' BENEFITS**Section 12** MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS' SERVICES;  
ADVISORY BOARDS; DUTIES; RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 12. In each city, and in each town not included in a district established under section ten, and in each such district, there may be in the department of veterans' services an unpaid advisory board to be appointed, in cities by the mayor, in towns by the board of selectmen, and in districts by the district board. Said advisory board shall render such assistance to the director of veterans' services of the municipality or district relative to the provisions of this chapter, except as to sections one to nine, inclusive, as said director may request. The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to formulate and publish rules and regulations establishing in a general manner the types of persons, with respect to their occupations, professions and special skills, who may be appointed to such unpaid advisory boards. Every such advisory board shall consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen residents of the city, town or district, as the case may be.

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

1. Monday, January 25, 2021      Selectmen set date for Annual Town Meeting and open Warrant, which closes at 12 noon Thursday, March 4, 2021
2. Monday, March 8      Town Counsel begins preparation of official Warrant
3. Monday, March 22\*      Selectmen approve final Warrant
4. Tuesday, March 23\*      Warrant to printer for reproduction.
5. March 9-May 24      Finance Committee, Personnel Board and Selectmen schedule meetings to review articles, as necessary
6. Monday, May 3\*      Town Clerk posts copies of Warrant in all precincts (a minimum of) 14 days prior to Special and 7 days prior to Annual Town Meeting, per MGL.
7. Monday, May 10\*      Town Clerk posts copies of Warrant in ten (10) public places and mails Warrant to Town Meeting membership (at least) 7 days prior to Special or Annual Town Meeting, per Article 37 of June 13, 1989 ATM
8. Tuesday, May 18th      Pre Town Meeting Forum at 7:00 PM
9. Monday, May 24, 2021      TOWN MEETING CONVENES AT 7:00PM @MILFORD TOWN HALL, 52 MAIN STREET OR REMOTELY.
10. Wednesday, May 24, 2021      Adjourned Town Meeting, if required.

\*Denotes action must be taken on or before specified date.

CC: Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Counsel, Town Clerk, Moderator, Finance Director, Town Accountant, Personnel Board, Finance Committee, Maintenance

### REFERENCES:

MASS.GEN.LAWS: Warrant shall be posted in all precincts at least 14 days prior to Special Town Meeting and at least 7 days prior to Annual Town Meeting.  
Annual Town Meeting of June 13, 1989. Article 37: (Amends standing vote of 9/16/35 TM)  
Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given at least 7 days before such meeting by posting attested copies of the Warrant therefore in ten or more public places located in the Town of Milford, and by publishing a summary of the Warrant in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town of Milford. A copy of the Warrant shall be received by first class mail to all Town Meeting members at least 7 days before such meetings. UNAN. VOICE VOTE.  
Special Town Meeting of October 25, 2000. Article 2: Amends standing vote of 6/13/89  
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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

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1-25-21  
**Richard Villani**

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**From:** William E. Kingkade  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:16 AM  
**To:** Richard Villani  
**Subject:** FW: GU notice of new train movements starting first week in February  
**Attachments:** Service Start Photo.pdf; Campaign\_Fact\_Sheet.pdf; ENS-BANNER.jpg; AAR-Sustainability-Fact-Sheet.pdf; Campaign\_Posters\_English (003).pdf; Campaign\_Posters\_Spanish (003).pdf; Short\_Line\_Railroad\_Industry\_101.pdf

Please add to our packets. I'll read it at the meeting.

----- Original message -----

**From:** Michael Milanoski <mmilanoski@graftonuptonrr.com>  
**Date:** 1/18/21 9:35 PM (GMT-05:00)  
**To:** "William E. Kingkade" <wkingkade@townofmilford.com>  
**Subject:** GU notice of new train movements starting first week in February

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Mr. Chairman:

For your next meeting would you kindly share the following. On February 1, 2021 The Grafton and Upton Railroad (GU) will assume the responsibility of rail service on the former CSX Milford Line for freight service. Jon Delli Priscoli the owner of GU started this process just over a decade ago when he purchased the railroad to bring more economic development options to Central Massachusetts in order to create jobs and retail local businesses. This means GU will continue freight service on our own property extending from Grafton to Milford and then to Franklin via the former CSX trackage. Typically, the train will travel these tracks during day light hours. It is important to note that GU is not limited to a specific operating times but we generally operate as a daytime railroad.

We anticipate for the foreseeable future, 2-3 round trips per week to move freight railcars to existing customers along the rail line that are primarily focused on plastic pellets and lumber related products. Although Amazon Prime has not reached out to GU, GU would be willing to deliver a supplemental means of providing freight service to Amazon in an effort to reduce some of the tractor trailers they anticipate bringing products into their new building over local roads in a more environmentally friendly manner. For example a typical CSX freight train is approximately four times more fuel-efficient than highway freight transportation and can carry the cargo load of 280 trucks and enables customers to reduce transport-related greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 60% to 80% when switching from truck to rail transport of goods (see attached document from AAR and short line 101 for more information).

Train movement will occur over the following crossings in Milford:

1. Route 140 (Cape Road) **New traffic crossing signals to be installed in summer 2021.**
2. South Main Street – **Proposed future traffic crossing signals with federal funds TBD**
3. Depot Street (At Pins) – **Proposed future traffic crossing signals with federal funds TBD**
4. Vernon Street
5. South Cedar Street
6. Depot Street (At Depot Tavern) – **Proposed future traffic crossing signals with federal funds TBD**
7. Howard Street (From RT 140)
8. Howard Street (From Mellen Street)
9. Mellen Street

Attached you will find some safety material for the town's social media platform. Kindly, let the public know - to please be mindful around railroad tracks; where you see tracks, think TRAIN. Never stop on the tracks or under crossing arms. Trains can run at any time and in either direction so please be aware when approaching highway railroad grade crossings. Expect the presence of railroad personnel and equipment working on or about the tracks at railroad crossings. If you have questions, please call (508) 481-6095 Ext 403. When reporting problems at railroad crossings, please use the number posted on the BLUE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SIGN and provide the operator with the crossing identification number (See attached). Trespassing on railroad tracks and railroad crossing laws is illegal and will be enforced by state law and most importantly it is unsafe to be on railroad tracks.

Should you or anyone from the Town of Milford have any questions feel free to reach out to me directly or John DeWaele – our contract information is included below.

Regards,  
Michael Milanoski

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Railroad Service Beginning February 1, 2020





## ***See Tracks? Think Train!***

### **Fact Sheet**



Operation Lifesaver, Inc., a non-profit organization founded in 1972 and dedicated to rail safety public education, has partnered with federal safety agencies and the nation's railroads to launch the ***See Tracks? Think Train!*** campaign aimed at raising awareness about risky pedestrian and driver behavior around railroad tracks.

#### **A person or vehicle is struck by a train roughly once every three hours.**

Preliminary Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) data show:

- **270** people were killed or injured at railroad grade crossings, up 16 percent from 232 in 2013.
- **915** pedestrians were killed or injured while walking on or near railroad tracks in 2014, up 6 percent from 863 in 2013.
- Learn more about grade crossing or trespassing [statistics in your state](#).

**From those trespassing on railroad tracks for a shortcut or recreation, to drivers trying to beat the train at a grade crossing, people don't realize important facts about safe behavior around railroad tracks:**

- A typical freight train can take more than a mile to stop, even when emergency brakes are applied - the distance of 18 football fields!
- It's never safe to stop closer than 15 feet from rails, and a train is at least three feet wider than tracks on both sides. 95 percent of all rail-related deaths involve drivers trying to beat a train, or people trespassing on railroad tracks.
- More than 50 percent of people injured or killed while trespassing on railroad tracks have drugs or alcohol in their system.
- Railroad tracks are private property, and walking on them is trespassing - it's illegal and dangerous; you risk being ticketed and fined, seriously injured or killed.
- Links to more resources: [driving safety tips](#), [pedestrian safety tips](#), and [passenger rail safety tips](#).

**The campaign includes PSA (public service announcement) elements that reinforce to the public that when you match yourself or your vehicle up against a train, "It's No Contest."**

- The attention-grabbing video PSAs clearly illustrate that your car is no match for a train at a crossing, underscoring the need for driver caution.
- The campaign includes bilingual PSAs that will air on TV and radio, and print ads to be displayed on highway billboards and other areas to attract attention.
- Campaign partners include the [Federal Railroad Administration](#), [Federal Highway Administration](#), and [Federal Transit Administration](#).
- For downloadable creative elements, including infographics, PSAs, posters and more, visit [www.seetracksthink.org](http://www.seetracksthink.org).

Education and outreach is key to saving lives, and the ***See Tracks? Think Train!*** PSA will be supplemented with ongoing education efforts of Operation Lifesaver's 50-state network of volunteers who work with the public through events at schools, with law enforcement, first responders, professional drivers and community organizations. For more information about Operation Lifesaver, visit [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org).

**SeeTracksThinkTrain.org**

# Freight Rail & Preserving the Environment

Preserving the natural environment and taking steps to mitigate the effects of climate change is a responsibility railroads take seriously. As a backbone of the U.S. economy for the last two centuries, freight railroads have evolved to provide efficient and advanced transportation solutions to American businesses and consumers. Today's railroads continue to modernize their operations to meet tomorrow's challenges, including improvements that increase efficiency and benefit the environment.

**Less Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** Greenhouse gas emissions are directly related to fuel consumption. Freight railroads account for just 0.6% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, according to EPA data, and just 2.1% of transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.

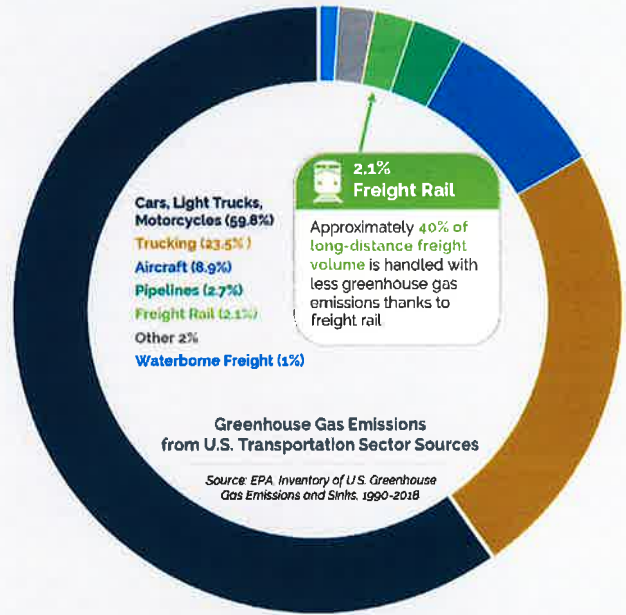
**More Fuel Efficient:** Freight rail is ahead of other land modes of surface transportation when it comes to limiting its carbon footprint. U.S. freight railroads, on average, move one ton of freight more than 470 miles per gallon of fuel.

**Sustainable Choice:** AAR analysis of federal data finds: If 25% of the truck traffic moving at least 750 miles went by rail instead, annual greenhouse gas emissions would fall by approximately 13.1 million tons; If 50% of the truck traffic moving at least 750 miles went by rail instead, greenhouse gas emissions would fall by approximately 26.2 million tons.

**Holistic Approach:** From advanced locomotive technology to zero-emission cranes, freight railroads leverage technology in all aspects of their operations to limit their impact on the environment. In 2019 alone, U.S. freight railroads consumed 656 million fewer gallons of fuel and emitted 7.3 million fewer tons of carbon dioxide than they would have if their fuel efficiency had remained constant since 2000.

**Reducing Highway Congestion & Pollution:** Railroads help reduce the huge economic costs of highway congestion. According to the Texas Transportation Institute's 2019 Urban Mobility Report, highway congestion cost Americans \$166 billion in wasted time (8.8 billion hours) and wasted fuel (3.3 billion gallons) in 2017. Lost productivity, cargo delays and other costs add tens of billions of dollars to this tab.

A single freight train, though, can replace several hundred trucks, freeing up space on the highway for other motorists. Shifting freight from trucks to rail also reduces highway wear and tear and the pressure to build costly new highways. On average, railroads are three to four times more fuel efficient than trucks. That means moving freight by rail instead of truck lowers greenhouse gas emissions by up to 75%, on average.



## Innovative Engineering & Technology Fuels Green Operations

- **Highly advanced computer software systems** calculate the most fuel-efficient speed for a train on a given route; determine the most efficient spacing and timing of trains on a railroad's system; and monitor locomotive performance to ensure peak efficiency.
- **New, more efficient locomotives** use hundreds of sensors to produce data that help railroads prioritize maintenance, minimize the impact of poor locomotive performance and emit less emissions.
- **Anti-idling technologies** such as stop-start systems that shut down a locomotive when it is not in use and restart it when needed. Distributed power (positioning locomotives in the middle of trains) helps reduce the total horsepower required for train movements.
- **Enhanced operating practices** and rail car components minimize fuel usage by improving aerodynamics and reducing overall weight, friction between wheels and rail, and total horsepower required for moving the train.
- **Zero-emission cranes** transfer goods between ships, trucks and trains in ports and rail facilities. The electric cranes recharge their own batteries each time they lower a load.
- **Improved railcar design**, specialized railcars and other factors have helped increase the amount of freight railroads carry, with an average train in 2019 hauling 3,667 tons, up from 2,923 tons in 2000.

# IF YOUR CAR WAS **STUCK** ON TRAIN TRACKS...

**WOULD YOU KNOW  
WHAT TO DO?**

- 1. GET OUT  
OF YOUR CAR!**
- 2. CALL THE #  
ON THE  
BLUE SIGN.**

**VISIT [oli.org](http://oli.org) FOR  
MORE SAFETY TIPS**



**REPORT EMERGENCY  
OR PROBLEM  
TO 1-800-555-5555  
CROSSING 836 597 H**



# ★ THE MOST LOPSIDED CLASH IN HISTORY. ★



## MAN

**175 LBS.**  
OF PURE, HUMAN  
FLESH AND BLOOD

# VS

## TRAIN

**6,000 TONS**  
OF SOLID BUILT  
AMERICAN STEEL



## IT'S NO CONTEST.

Every day, people tempt  
fate and die trespassing  
on railroad tracks.



SeeTracksThinkTrain.org



# ★ ★ THE MATCHUP ★ ★ THAT DOESN'T ADD UP.

**CAR**

**1½ TONS**  
OF STEEL, PLASTIC,  
RUBBER & GLASS

**VS**

**TRAIN**

**6,000 TONS**  
OF SOLID BUILT  
AMERICAN STEEL



**IT'S NO CONTEST.**

Every day, people are  
injured or killed trying  
to beat a train.



[SeeTracksThinkTrain.org](http://SeeTracksThinkTrain.org)

# THE DEADLY DANGER OF DISTRACTION.



## MAN

**175 LBS.**  
OF PURE, HUMAN  
FLESH AND BLOOD

# VS

## TRAIN

**80 TONS**  
OF SOLID BUILT  
AMERICAN STEEL



## IT'S NO CONTEST.

Every day, people tempt  
fate and are injured or killed  
around transit tracks.



[SeeTracksThinkTrain.org](http://SeeTracksThinkTrain.org)





**Every day, people are injured or killed trying to beat a train.**



See [TracksThinkTrain.org](http://TracksThinkTrain.org)





# ★ ★ THE MATCHUP ★ ★ THAT DOESN'T ADD UP.

**BUS**  
**16 TONS**  
CARRYING OUR MOST  
PRECIOUS CARGO,  
OUR CHILDREN

**VS**

**TRAIN**  
**6,000 TONS**  
OF SOLID BUILT  
AMERICAN STEEL



**IT'S NO CONTEST.**

Each day, at every crossing,  
school bus drivers must  
protect our children.



[SeeTracksThinkTrain.org](http://SeeTracksThinkTrain.org)



# LA PELEA MÁS DESIGUAL EN LA HISTORIA

## HOMBRE VS TREN

175 LIBRAS  
DE CARNE Y HUESO

6,000 TONELADAS  
DE ACERO



### DERROTA SEGURA.

Todos los días hay quienes  
fientan su suerte y mueren  
arrollados por trenes.



SeeTracksThinkTrain.org





# UNA PELEA SIN SENTIDO



## AUTO

TONELADA Y MEDIA  
DE ACERO, PLÁSTICO,  
GOMA Y VIDRIO.

## VS

## TREN

6,000 TONELADAS  
DE ACERO



## DERROTA SEGURA.

Todos los días hay quienes  
buscan ganarle a un tren y  
resultan muertos o heridos.



[SeeTracksThinkTrain.org](http://SeeTracksThinkTrain.org)

# EL MORTAL PELIGRO DE LA DISTRACCIÓN



## HOMBRE VS TREN

**175 LIBRAS**  
DE CARNE Y HUESO

**80 TONELADAS**  
DE ACERO



**DERROTA SEGURA.**

Todos los días se  
registran muertos o  
heridos en carrileras.



ASSOCIATION OF  
AMERICAN RAILROADS



[SeeTracksThinkTrain.org](http://SeeTracksThinkTrain.org)



# ★ ★ UNA PELEA SIN SENTIDO ★ ★

CAMIÓN  
ESCOLAR

16 TONELADAS  
CON NUESTRO BIEN  
MÁS PRECIADO;  
NUESTROS HIJOS

VS

TREN

6,000 TONELADAS  
DE ACERO



## DERROTA SEGURA.

Cada día, en cada cruce,  
los conductores deben  
proteger a nuestros hijos.



SeeTracksThinkTrain.org

★ ★ ★ **UNA PELEA** ★ ★ ★  
**SIN SENTIDO**

# 40 TONELADAS



# 6,000 TONELADAS DE ACERO



# DERROTA SEGURA.

**Todos los días hay quienes  
buscan ganarle a un tren y  
resultan muertos o heridos.**



See [TracksThinkTrain.org](http://TracksThinkTrain.org)





# SHORT LINE AND REGIONAL RAILROAD 101

SHORT LINE AND REGIONAL FREIGHT RAIL OFFERS TREMENDOUS PUBLIC BENEFITS PARTICULARLY FOR AREAS OF THE COUNTRY NOT SERVED BY LARGE FREIGHT RAILROADS

Short line freight railroads are small, hometown businesses directly tied to their local economies. They connect the communities they serve to the national rail network, provide local jobs, and help more than 10,000 shippers reach domestic and international markets. Their success is driven by team work, a focus on safety, flexibility and seeking growth opportunities one carload at a time with current and new customers.

## SHORT LINES ADDRESS FOUR CHALLENGING PUBLIC ISSUES

### GROWING JOBS

**478,000**

jobs at customer locations across the country that require short line services driving

**\$26 BILLION**

in labor income and

**\$56 BILLION**

in economic value-add\*

- Short lines provide an economic alternative to other transportation modes, allowing shippers to compete effectively in the domestic and global economies.
- For many shippers in rural areas and small towns, a short line railroad provides the only connection to the national freight rail network.



### PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Freight rail is a sustainable, environmentally-friendly mode of transportation.

**ONE TON**



of freight moved

**479**

miles by rail uses only



**GALLON**

of diesel fuel

Moving freight by rail reduces highway congestion, and lowers fuel burned by vehicles going nowhere.

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency data show freight railroads account for only 0.6% of total U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and only 2.0% of transportation-related sources (trucking, shipping, air, etc.).



**75%**

reduction in greenhouse gases vs. trucks

### IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

- Short Lines annually invest 25-33% of revenues in upgrading rails and bridges to modern standards, ensuring that railroads are the safest form of surface transportation.
- Short line railroads keep 31.8 million heavy trucks off local roads, and away from the motoring public.

**50 PERCENT REDUCTION**

in train derailments since 2005, when the Short Line Tax Credit (45G) went into effect allowing for more than \$5B in industry infrastructure investments to date, according to Federal Railroad Administration data.

### SAVING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Short line railroads are privately owned, investing up to

**33%**

of annual revenues in infrastructure, vs. relying on public funds to support infrastructure.

**Moving more freight by rail** lowers the cost of heavy truck damage by

**\$1.5 BILLION**

annually on the nation's beleaguered highway system, lessening the cost burden to the taxpayer.



# SHORT LINE AND REGIONAL RAILROAD 101

## THE SHORT LINE CONNECTION: A CRITICAL PIECE OF THE U.S. FREIGHT RAIL SYSTEM

Comprised of 600 small business railroads, the short line rail industry was created by entrepreneurs who took large financial risks to save marginal or money-losing Class I railroad branch lines from abandonment.

**First & Last mile of service**  
for 1 in 5 cars moving throughout the system each year.

**47,500**  
route miles  
are  
operated by  
short lines

**29%**  
of the freight  
rail network  
in the U.S.

**10,000+**  
customers  
are  
served by  
short lines



Short lines provide 100% of rail service in some states, AND more than 25% in 36 states.

For large areas of rural and small-town America, the short line rail industry provides the only way shippers can be directly connected to the national economy, while ensuring business and employment stay local. Short lines serve every industry, but are particularly critical for manufacturing, agriculture, and energy.



## SHORT LINE FREIGHT RAIL IS ESSENTIAL IN PROVIDING SERVICE TO MORE THAN 10,000 SHIPPERS

*"The railroad provides access to additional markets, reduces cost, reduces highway investment and repair and improves prices farmers receive. Access to efficient and responsive rail service is essential for the economic well-being of agricultural and rural areas."*

Jim Magnusen, General Manager, Key Cooperative

*"Wheeler Lumber supplies bridge timbers to the short line railroads. It takes many years of planning to rehab or construct a bridge. Without the permanency of the short line credit, railroads cannot invest in projects with the uncertainty of available funding."*

David Koch II, Sales Manager, Wheeler Lumber

*"We work in economic development and short lines are vital to the success of our manufacturing sector's future."*

Mark Nolte, President, Iowa City Area Development (ICAD)

## TOP LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- **Short Line Tax Credit (45G) Permanency** - Certainty in tax policy spurs more investment in infrastructure – particularly for multi-year projects. 45G has driven more than \$5B in private infrastructure investment since 2005. In the 116th Congress, the BRACE Act, which would make 45G permanent, garnered over 300 cosponsors in the House and 63 in the Senate.
- **No Increases to Truck Size and Weight (TSW) limits** - Increases and exceptions to current federal law resulting in a shift from freight rail to truck transportation would be harmful to everyday drivers, the environment and the public infrastructure paid for with taxpayer dollars. We oppose any legislation that increases current limits.
- **Transportation Grant Programs** - Increase funding and avoid big, new set-asides for the CRISI rail infrastructure grant program, ensuring that small business freight rail projects can compete on an even playing field. Congress should also ensure short line railroad projects can access funding through programs like INFRA and BUILD by maintaining eligibility for smaller projects, projects in rural areas and projects that can reduce freight congestion and pollution.
- **Short Line Safety Institute (SLSI)** - Continue federal support for the SLSI. The SLSI helps build a stronger, more sustainable safety culture through safety culture assessments, training and education - including the safe transportation of energy products and hazardous materials, outreach activities, and research.
- **No Crew Size Mandate** - Safety is our top priority, but there is no safety data to support the need for a crew size mandate, which could impede development and adoption of new safety technologies. Crew sizes have always been and should continue to be handled as part of collective bargaining agreements and not a one-size-fits-all federal mandate.



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1-25-21



## **MILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Michael A. Pighetti**  
**Chief of Police**

**250 Main Street \* Milford, MA 01757 \* Tel. (508) 473-1113 \* Fax (508) 634-2346**

TO: Select Board

FROM: Michael A. Pighetti, Chief of Police

DATE: January 11, 2021

RE: Departmental Personnel Changes

As the Department Head and Appointing Authority, I would like to take this opportunity to advise the Board of the changes in personnel that have taken place during calendar year 2020. Six (6) veteran officers retired which created openings that were filled by newly appointed fully trained officers who transferred to Milford from other communities in the Commonwealth. The following are the retirees who we recognize for their years of service to our community:

PAUL CASTIGLIONE  
PAUL PARISI  
DAVID VILLANI

PAUL MOFFI  
JAMES HERON  
DAVID FALVEY

We thank them for their service and wish them good health and happiness in their retirement.

On December 7, 2020, the Police Department proudly appointed six (6) new officers to fill the open positions. It is my honor to officially introduce our new members:

CODY CARNEIRO  
EDWARD POKORNICKI  
FELICIA GONZALEZ

STEPHEN FOSS  
PATRICK CROSSON  
ANTHONY BAVOSI

Upon satisfactory completion of Departmental Field Training requirements, all are now currently assigned to Patrol Services and are working diligently in continuing to help keep our community safe. They are all well trained, well qualified and eagerly serving the Milford community.

One additional officer I would like to introduce is K-9 KODAK. As a result of a generous Grant award, we were able to obtain canine Kodak and create a newly formed K-9 team. Patrol Officer PATRICK MOTUZAS was selected as the K-9 Handler and both he and Kodak underwent an intense 14-week training program at the highly acclaimed Boston Police K-9 Training Academy. The team successfully completed the program on December 24<sup>th</sup> and are now assigned to Patrol Services serving our residents and business owners.

Lastly, in July, the Department happily and proudly welcomed back Patrol Officer JONATHAN BRANCH. Officer Branch safely returned after completing an overseas military deployment serving in the United States Marine Corps. We thank him for his service to his country and his community.

If not for our COVID restrictions, I would have welcomed the opportunity to introduce all of them to you in person, however, it will have to be a future consideration.

I wish to thank the Board for their time and continued support of our Police Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Michael A. Pighetti  
Chief of Police/Appointing Authority

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## **MILFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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TO: Select Board

FROM: Michael A. Pighetti, Chief of Police

DATE: January 14, 2021

RE: Licensed Establishments (October 1 – December 31, 2020)

The following is a compilation of relevant activity from our licensed establishments for the 4th quarter 2020:

### **Applebee's**

October 22, 2020 @ 6:35pm Well Being Check  
Report of male passed out on sidewalk. All checked ok. Services were rendered.

### **Burger King**

November 25, 2020 @ 9:02pm Disturbance  
Customer refusing to leave premises. Subject was issued verbal trespass order.

### **Courtyard Marriott Hotel**

November 9, 2020 @ 11:59am Drugs  
Caller reported to Manager that a guest was dealing drugs. Investigation revealed caller made false complaint. The allegation was unfounded.

November 28, 2020 @ 8:30pm Disturbance  
Intoxicated female fled hotel on foot. After a 2+ hour long search female was found and transported to hospital for treatment. A report was filed.

December 4, 2020 @ 12:57am Well Being Check  
Caller request a check for an overdue female motorist. Female was located in Attleboro, Ma. All Checked ok.

December 13, 2020 @ 3:54am Disturbance  
Employee requests disruptive room guests disturbing other guests be removed from the hotel. Disruptive guests were removed.

December 22, 2020 @ 10:31pm                      Suspicious Activity  
Intoxicated female called family member stating she was in a room with men and did not feel safe. Female was reunited safely with family members.

**Depot Street Tavern**

November 18, 2020 @ 6:29pm                      Harassment  
Caller reports harassment and threats. Officer spoke with caller. Services rendered.

**Domino's Pizza**

October 9, 2020 @ 8:52pm                      Disturbance  
Caller reports manager verbally attacked him. Complaint was a dispute over wait time. All involved were spoken to. Peace was restored.

**Double Tree Hotel**

October 21, 2020 @ 10:03pm                      Medical Emergency  
Report of unconscious male on the ground. Transported to hospital.

October 25, 2020 @ 8:14pm                      Disturbance  
Guest refusing to leave property. PD transported subject to Holliston. Manager issued verbal trespass order.

December 4, 2020 @ 10:36pm                      Unwanted Person  
Employee requesting removal of intoxicated person – not a registered guest. Subject unable to be located.

December 5, 2020 @ 2:24pm                      Unwanted Person  
Subject loitering at front entrance. Spoken to.

**Domino's Pizza**

October 9, 2020 @ 8:52pm                      Disturbance  
Caller reports manager verbally attacked him. Complaint was a dispute over wait time. All involved were spoken to. Peace was restored.

**Dunkin Donuts, 350 E. Main St.**

November 14, 2020 @ 8:52am                      Loitering  
Caller reports large group of kids loitering in the parking lot after hours leaving trash. Extra patrols of location were conducted.

**Dunkin Donuts, 146 S. Main St.**

December 4, 2020 @ 11:21pm                      Suspicious Vehicle  
Report of vehicle acting suspiciously in the lot with lights off. All checked ok.

**Dunkin Donuts, 31 Main St.**

October 14, 2020 @ 7:52pm                      Suspicious Activity  
Caller requests log entry regarding a male taking pictures of her kids. Subject was in a black vehicle. No other information available.

November 1, 2020 @ 8:16am

Assault

Numerous calls reporting female entered business and released pepper spray on customers and employees then fled. 10-15 people affected. Victims treated at scene. Suspect was identified and multiple charges were filed.

November 6, 2020 @ 4:33pm

Medical Emergency

Report of female making statements of wanting to harm herself. Subject was transported to hospital for treatment.

December 19, 2020 @ 3:04pm

Well Being Check

Report of two people who appear to be sleeping in a vehicle. All checked ok.

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel**

November 10, 2020 @ 6:44pm

Disturbance

Female reports two males are knocking on her door. Upon investigation it was determined the female had a change of mental status. Subject was transported to hospital for treatment.

**Honey Dew Donuts, 146 S. Main St.**

October 12, 2020 @ 7:24am

Well Being Check

Employee reports a female locked in restroom for extended period of time and will not open the door. Officers able to make contact. Female appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. She was placed in custody and transported to hospital for treatment.

**Kentucky Fried Chicken**

October 30, 2020 @ 9:05pm

Disturbance

Report of four people arguing outside. All parties were spoken to.

December 5, 2020 @ 2:06pm

Disturbance

Report of customer causing a disturbance in the drive-thru. Parties were spoken to.

**McDonald's, 143 Medway Rd.**

November 1, 2020 @ 12:27am

Youth's Disturbing

Patrol Officer observed a group causing a disturbance in the lot. All were removed.

November 5, 2020 @ 9:17pm

Disturbance

Caller reports a group of youths in the lot. Group dispersed prior to police arrival.

November 7, 2020 @ 1:42am

Fireworks Violation

Reported fireworks violation. Individuals were spoken to.

November 11, 2020 @ 8:07pm

Youth's Disturbing

Report of youths causing a disturbance. All were spoken to.

December 30, 2020 @ 9:40pm

Disturbance

Caller reports being in a verbal altercation in the drive-thru. Parties were spoken to.

**McDonald's, 139 S. Main St.**

October 11, 2020 @ 11:11pm

Well Being Check

Report of a male passed out in a vehicle in the drive-thru line. Paramedics determined the male had a medical issue and refused treatment.

December 6, 2020 @ 9:46pm

Medical Emergency

Report of young male unconscious in restroom. Male refused medical treatment.

**Milford Mandarin Restaurant**

October 3, 2020 @ 9:22pm

Medical Emergency

Report of male not feeling well. Male refused medical treatment.

**Pinz**

November 25, 2020 @ 10:27pm

Medical Emergency

Report of a male on the ground vomiting. Subject was placed in custody and transported to hospital for treatment.

December 18, 2020 @ 9:46pm

Well Being Check

Manager states a female in the business is acting odd. Female was placed in custody and transported to hospital for treatment.

**Portuguese Club**

October 26, 2020 @ 6:45pm

Dispute

Multiple callers report loud music in the area. A check of the area revealed no loud music.

**Sky Buffet**

October 25, 2020 @ 6:53pm

Larceny

Report of five males that left business without paying the bill. Unable to locate suspects.

**Southside Bar & Grill**

November 25, 2020 @ 8:56pm

Complaint

Caller reporting occupants not wearing masks and not social distancing. Log entry made.

**Tradesman**

October 25, 2020 @ 4:45pm

Complaint

Caller states there are too many people at the location. Owner was contacted and advised of social distancing. Services rendered.

November 29, 2020 @ 2:50pm

Larceny

Male reporting he believes his golf clubs were stolen from his vehicle while parked in the lot. Report filed.

**Wendy's**

**November 27, 2020 @ 11:02pm**

**Well Being Check**

**Report of male in vehicle passed out. All checked ok.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Michael A. Pighetti  
Chief of Police**

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