
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – September 28, 2020
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman William E. Kingkade, Jr. and Selectmen Michael K. Walsh, Selectman Thomas J. O’Loughlin and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

Also present: Town Counsel Charles D. Boddy, Town Treasurer Chris Pilla and IT Director, Chris George.

1. The Board presented a Citation to Grant Vereker, age 9, who was present with his father John and mother Hannah. Grant made pot holders and sold them to friends and family. He raised \$1,200 through sales and donations. Grant then purchased \$600 worth of gift cards at both Depot Street Tavern and Pepperoncinis. He will be donating the Gift Cards to the Police and Fire Departments.
2. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O’Loughlin: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of September 14, 2020 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Invitation to Speak – NONE.
5. Mr. Walsh left the meeting at 7:11 PM stating he had a conflict with this Agenda item and recused himself. Attorney Joseph Antonellis, Rob Woodland and Courtney Sudack from Tetrattech and John Nenart from Route 85 Realty Corporation were present on behalf of Route 85 Realty Corporation who petitioned the Board of Selectmen to amend the Traffic Rules and Orders to revert the one-way portion of Beaver Street to two-way traffic flow except for the northerly 550 feet of Beaver Street. They also seek to amend the Traffic Rules and Orders to allow the unsignalized intersection at Birch Street and Beaver Street to be modified to include a southbound Beaver Street approach, a 450 feet right turn lane on the eastbound Birch Street approach, and installation of an all-way stop control to include 3 stop signs, lane and stop bar striping, and advance warning signs. The Planning Board is in support of the amendments. They have filed site plans for “495 Transportation Depot” at 21 Beaver Street and 26 Beaver Street. Attorney Antonellis outlined their proposal and informed the Board the Planning Board is in support of the amendments. He said Amazon will be locating two (2) Transportation Terminals at 21 and 26 Beaver Street. Rob Woodward said a two-way Beaver Street will allow a direct path for the Amazon vehicles to

the terminal without travelling on Route 109. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: That the Traffic Rules and Orders be amended to revert the one-way portion of Beaver Street to two-way traffic between Medway Street and Birch Street, except for the northerly 550' +/- thereof, as described in the September 21, 2020 letter from Tetra Tech. 2 to 0 VOTE. Mr. Walsh abstained. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: That the Traffic Rules and Orders be amended to provide for the following as described, as described in the September 21, 2020 letter from Tetra Tech: a) The installation of "all-way stop" traffic control at the intersection of Birch and Beaver Street, and b) The installation of a not greater than 450 feet, nor less 400 feet, right turn lane on the Birch Street approach to Beaver Street. 2 to 0 VOTE. Mr. Walsh abstained. Mr. Walsh returned to the meeting at 7:36 PM.

6. Milford Community Media Center, Inc. President and Board Chairman, Andy Starkis, Board Member Josh Ingemi, Director Liz Harkins and Daniel Harlow were present to provide a formal report to the Board as required under the provisions of Milford TV's Agreement with the Town. Dan informed the Board he is creating technology to provide closed captioning for live cable events. Liz said Milford TV has achieved the goals set for the year. Josh stated they are operating within budget and are investing in technology and staffing.
7. Town Treasurer Chris Pilla and Town Counsel were present to review the Request for Quotes received for a licensed auctioneering service to auction off four Town owned parcels. Town Counsel advised the Board that the Zeikos Group presented the lowest Buyer's Premium. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To award the licensed auctioneering service contract to the Zeikos Group. UNANIMOUS.
8. Town Treasurer Chris Pilla and Town Counsel Charles Boddy were present to update the Board on the Land Court case regarding the property at 15 Draper Park. They appeared in the Land Court on September 17th as the current owner moved to vacate the judgment on the property. The owner made payment to the Town in full in the amount \$56,251.02. The property has been redeemed and is back on the Town Tax Roll. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the acceptance of the payment in full from the owner. UNANIMOUS.
9. Town Administrator, Richard A. Villani, Town Counsel Charles Boddy, and IT Chris George were present to recommend to the Board using three locations, namely the Upper Town Hall, Youth Center and Senior Center for the Special Town Meeting and to reschedule the meeting to November 9th and 10th. They also discussed doing a hybrid Town Meeting using in person and remote participation. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: In light of the current state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I move, pursuant to the executive authority granted to the Board of Selectmen by the General Court, that: The Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 26, 2020, shall, instead be

scheduled for 7:00p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020 and Tuesday November 10, 2020. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: In light of the current state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I move, pursuant to the executive authority granted to the Board of Selectmen by the General Court, that: The Special Town Meeting scheduled for 7:00p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020 and Tuesday November 10, 2020 be held simultaneously at three physical locations for those members of Town Meeting who wish to participate in-person. Those locations shall be: Upper Town Hall, The Milford Youth Center, The Milford Senior Center. UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. Kingkade said he received phone calls from residents on St. John Street concerned about motorists using the street as a "cut thru" street. They requested a "Slow Children" sign or a Stop sign. He asked the Town Administrator to request the Police Chief to review the matter.
11. Mr. Kingkade said he received a complaint that there was a large gathering of over 100 people at the "bubble" building parking lot on Sumner Street. He asked the Town Administrator to request the Police Chief and the Director of Public Health to review the matter.

12. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A. Adding Veteran Names to Draper Park/Wall of Heroes- I was asked to find out the process to add Veterans' names to the Draper Monument and the Wall of Heroes. Veteran's Agent John Pilla advised me the criteria is: (1) The veteran must have entered the service from Milford, (2) The veteran had to have served during a war period as declared by the Federal Government and (3) the Veteran must have received an Honorable Discharge. John is currently working on verifying the names of Dianantino M. Lopes and Walter Franklin Howe to be added to the Draper Memorial and Wall of heroes. Once verified, as they were both "killed in action", each will be honored by a separate granite marker on the wall which is a black polished piece with their name and appropriate data.
- B. Green Stormwater Infrastructure at Town Park- Town Engineer, Mike Dean has informed me the Town has received an "Action Grant" under the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program in which the Town of Milford is a certified MVP community. This is for a drainage project at the Town Park. The total amount is \$419,123.00 which will be divided into TWO FISCAL YEARS... FY 2021 the amount of the grant is \$103,270.00. The Town will be required to match 26% which equals \$36,600.00, for a total project cost of \$139,870.00 (we could probably take this from the existing stormwater account. The second fiscal year, FY 2022, the Grant amount is \$315,853.00. The Town will be required to match 28% match will be

\$127,200.00 for a total project cost of \$443,053.00. I want to thank Mike for his hard work in securing this Grant.

- C. Flu Clinic- Director of Public Health, Jackie Murphy, informed me the Board of Health is holding two (2) drive thru Flu Vaccine Clinics at the Milford High School on Wednesday, October 7th. The morning clinic is from 9 AM to 11 AM and the afternoon clinic is from 3 PM to 5 PM. She strongly recommends that people preregister. The link to register can be found on the Town of Milford website. By preregistering, you will sign up for a time slot and complete consent forms before attending the clinic. This will speed up the process. One signup spot and form are needed for each individual flu shot. Please enter the drive thru flu shot clinic on West Fountain Street and exit onto Highland Street. Anyone with questions should contact the Milford Board of Health.

13. Mr. Walsh stated would like an update on the status of the issue of people not walking their bikes in the area of the Sacred Heart Church.
14. Mr. O'Loughlin asked the Board to request the Police Chief provide a License Establishment Activity Report from January 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.
15. Mr. O'Loughlin stated that his step daughter is engaged to Jason Vaz, the person to be recommended for a Building Custodian position. He called the Ethics Board and was advised he can participate in the appointment. Town Administrator Villani provided a recommendation for the appointment of Jason Vaz as a Building Custodian. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To appoint Jason Vaz as a Building Custodian at Level I, Step I under Article 2 with a starting salary of \$17.79 per hour. UNANIMOUS.
16. Town Administrator Villani was to provide a recommendation for the appointment of a new Human Resources Director. Mr. O'Loughlin said he would like to table the appointment to the next meeting. He would like to get copies of all Resumes submitted and do a spreadsheet comparing the candidates. Mr. Kingkade and Mr. Walsh agreed.
17. Mr. Villani reviewed his recommendations as the Dog Hearing Officer, on the Budin v. Leveille Dog Complaint Hearing reading the following:

It is the recommendation of this Hearing Officer as follows:

1. Zorro shall be confined to the premises of Sara and Matt Leveille, either securely confined indoors or outdoors in a securely enclosed fenced in area.

2. When Zorro is trained and able to be removed from the Leveille premises, he shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain or other tethering device having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding three (3) feet in length.
3. Zorro shall not be allowed outside either on or off of the Leveille property without being on a leash.
4. If Sara and Matt Leveille are found in violation of this order, Zorro shall be subject to seizure and impoundment by the Milford Police Department and/or Animal Control Department and further Sara and Matt Leveille would be ordered to immediately surrender to the Milford Town Clerk the license and tag in their possession and be prohibited from licensing a dog within the Commonwealth for five (5) years.
5. This finding shall be reported to the Milford Town Clerk in accordance with G.L. ch. 140 sec. 157(h).

18. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To accept the resignation of Frank R. Andreotti, Jr. as a member of the War Memorial Renovation Committee. UNANIMOUS.

19. Peter Scandone, Chairman of the War Memorial Renovation Committee sent a request to appoint Vincent Cifizzari and Ronald E. Howland to the Committee. Mr. O'Loughlin requested the Board not make the appointments until the Board responds to a letter from Dr. Richard Heller questioning the appointment of non-Milford residents to Boards and Committees.

20. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To accept the retirement of Karen Jackson as the Clerk for the Planning Board. UNANIMOUS.

21. LCT Construction Services, Inc. of 4 Evergreen Lane, Suite F, Hopedale filed an application for a Permit to Obstruct to install siding at the building on 80-82 Main Street from October 2nd through October 6, 2020. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the Permit to Obstruct. UNANIMOUS.

22. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To accept the resignation of Rochelle Thomson as Animal Control Officer and Municipal Animal Inspector. UNANIMOUS.

23. The Board reviewed a request from Norfolk County Agricultural High School for CARES funding from the Town of Milford. Milford has ten (10) students at the school. Mr. Walsh

moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve funding not to exceed \$2,600 to cover the cost of Chromebooks for the ten Milford students. UNANIMOUS.

- 24.** Mr. O'Loughlin informed the Board the Italian American Vets is donating 600 pounds of aluminum to benefit the Shriners Hospital and invited the Board members to a ceremony at the Italian American Veterans building at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

25. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NONE

- 26.** Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 8:35 PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman William E. Kingkade, Jr., Selectmen Michael K. Walsh and Thomas J. O'Loughlin all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to meet with Town Counsel regarding Collective Bargaining for the Sewer Department.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William E. Kingkade, Jr. Chairman

Michael K. Walsh

Thomas J. O'Loughlin