

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – November 5, 2018

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman Michael K. Walsh; Selectmen William D. Buckley and William E. Kingkade, Jr; and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the Minutes of October 22, 2018 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. A Public Hearing was held for the determination regarding the allocation of the percentage of the tax levy. Board of Assessor Chairman Joseph F. Niro and Member Joseph F. Arcudi were present along with Liz Sher, Assistant Assessor, and Assessor/Administrator Jennifer Sclar who gave the FY19 property classification presentation.

Mr. Buckley moved seconded by Mr. Walsh: To maintain the dual tax rate and set the rate at 1.58
To not grant a Residential exception for properties that are the principal residence of the owner
To not grant a small commercial exemption
To not grant an open space discount, UNANIMOUS.

4. Human Resources Director Maureen Giffin and Senior Center Director Sue Clark were present to make a recommendation for a part time clerk/receptionist at the Senior Center. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to appoint Frances Letzia to the position to start on November 13th at Level 1, Step 1 under Article 2 at an hourly rate of \$17.36. UNANIMOUS.

5. Library Director Susan Edmonds was present to update the Board on activities happening at the Library which included hosting over 1400 meetings, a knitting club, English as a second language classes and Citizenship classes. She also spoke about the cooperative sharing with other libraries and public access to internet use at the Library. Senator Ryan Fattman, Representative Brian Murray and Chairman Walsh then each presented Sue with a Citation in recognition of her being named President of the New England Library Association.

6. Town Counsel Charles Boddy, Jr. was present to discuss the Downton Façade Program. He informed the board that an Information Statement, Application and Evaluation Form have been prepared to implement the Program. Town Administrator Villani stated he has been in contact with the State and the Town will be receiving the State contract to sign for the \$150,000.00 earmark and we would be receiving one half of the earmark amount in the near future. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to support the recommendations of Town Counsel for the 75/25 Downtown Façade Program. UNANIMOUS.

7. Mr. Kingkade requested the Board reschedule the appointment of a new member to the Conservation Commission until the next Board meeting.

8. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To approve the request from the Milford Youth Football & Cheer for a Permit To Obstruct for November 18, 2018 from 7:00AM to 5:00PM, November 21, 2018 from 3:00PM to 9PM, November 23rd and 24th, 2018 from 7AM to 9PM, November 25, 2018 from 7AM to 5PM and November 26th through November 30th, 2018 from 3PM to 9PM. UNANIMOUS.

9. Town Administrator Villani provided the results of the request for quotes for replacement of the Purchase Street School roof. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept the recommendation of Town Administrator Villani to award the contract to Yupa's Construction Inc., 34 South Bow Street, Milford in the amount of \$21,900.00. UNANIMOUS.

10. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade: To accept the gift of \$1,000.00 from Vermont Mutual Insurance Group Charitable Giving Fund and Ms. Susan L. Chicoine to the Milford Youth Center. UNANIMOUS.

11. The Board reviewed a letter from Epsilon Associates, Inc. regarding the rehabilitation of the roadway on Route 16, from Route 109 to Beaver Street, a MassDOT project. The Board requested that any comments made by Department heads be provided to them.

12. INVITATION TO SPEAK

Chairman Walsh informed those in attendance of Guidelines to be followed for the Invitation to Speak segment of the meeting.

Michael Johnson stated that the March 26th letter which was sent to the Police Chief was leaked and he knows who leaked it. He said the allegations in the letter were not proven and there has been no investigation. He asked the Board to show proof of the allegations. He said he was extremely disappointed.

Selectman Kingkade read a prepared Statement which he requested be included in the minutes.

The Board recessed the meeting at 8:14 PM.

The Board resumed the meeting in Open Session at 8:21 PM.

Nick Taddeo said he agreed with Selectman Kingkade that any opinion targeting a spouse, child or family member is unacceptable.

Chairman Walsh stated he would entertain a motion to rescind the vote not to renew the Police Chief contract and to resume negotiations with Chief O'Loughlin. He said the Board should reassess where they are and sit down with the Chief and work things out.

13. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT November 5, 2018

1. Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid Funding for FY 2019- We have been informed by Governor Baker that the Legislature has approved his supplemental budget for an additional \$40 million in Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid Funding for Fiscal Year 2019, which represents a 20% increase over the usual funding amount. Milford's Chapter 90 apportionment for FY 19 will be \$986,257.00.
2. Milford TV New Projector in Room 3 – I want to thank Rob O'Keefe and Milford TV for donating and installing a new projector and a new camera controller for the robotic cameras in Room 3. They will also be placing three (3) new microphone stands in Room 3. They will also provide all maintenance for this new equipment.
3. Milford Youth Center – I am informed by Jen Ward, Youth Center Director, that their Telethon held on September 15, 2018 raised \$8,000.00 for the Youth Center. They want to extend their sincere thanks to all the individuals and organizations who donated their services, products and time to make this event a huge success.

14. **INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

15. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:32 PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Michael K. Walsh; Selectmen William D. Buckley and William E. Kingkade, Jr. all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to Discuss with Counsel Police Chief Contract Negotiations and Potential Litigation. Chairman Walsh announced the Board will be returning to Open Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:05 PM.

16. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to initiate the Article 32 Police Chief Selection Bylaw. Two in favor. One opposed. (Mr. Walsh in opposition). IT IS A VOTE.

17. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Kingkade to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 9:06 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

William D. Buckley

William E. Kingkade, Jr.