
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – February 22, 2021
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

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

1. Chairman Kingkade requested a moment of silence in memory of the passing former firefighter and longtime member of the Board of Assessors, Joseph Niro.
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 February 8, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 12, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 8, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
6. Invitation to Speak – NONE.
7. The Board reviewed an application from San Bartolo, Inc. d/b/a Taqueira La Estrella of 134 South Main Street for an All-Alcoholic Beverage and Common Victualler License. Attorney Suzette Ferreira was present on behalf of San Bartolo, Inc.d/b/a Taqueira La Estrella. Attorney Ferreira informed the Board the new manager will be Eusebio Ruelas. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the request for an All-Alcoholic Beverage and Common Victualler License. UNANIMOUS.
8. The Board reviewed an application from TGI Friday's, Inc. d/b/a TGI Friday's of 240 Fortune Boulevard for approval for a Change of Manager. The new manager will be David Rahall. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the request for the Change of Manager. UNANIMOUS.

9. Finance Director, Zach Taylor, was before the Board to provide a Financial Update as well as a Recommendation for a Wage Increase for all Article 3 Elected Officials. He informed the Board that the Snow and Ice Budget is in deficit and requested the Board's permission to continue to deficit spend. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve the Finance Director's request to continue to deficit spend in the snow and ice budget. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Taylor next recommended the Board approve a 2 and ½ increase in salary for All Elected Officials under Article 3. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To approve a 2 and ½ wage increase for all Article 3 elected officials. UNANIMOUS. Mr. Taylor advised the Board the Preliminary Budget "looks good." The hope is to use 4.5 million in excess levy capacity, \$1.5 million for capital projects and transfer \$750,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. He told the Board the Select Board budgets will be ready for them to review at their March 22nd meeting. He also said the Police, Fire, Sewer and Highway contracts will be expiring.

10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – February 22, 2021

- A. Chapter 90 Local Transportation Aid Funding- We have been notified by MassDOT that pending final passage of the Bond Authorization by the Legislature, Milford's Chapter 90 apportionment will be \$819,813.00. This is an increase of \$3,097.00 from last year. Chapter 90 entitles cities and towns to receive reimbursements on approved projects such as highway construction and improvement projects. The funding is based on a predetermined formula which includes factors such as population, road miles and employment.
- B. Massachusetts Military Support Foundation- Senator Ryan Fattman has informed me that the Massachusetts Military Support Foundation is graciously providing brand new winter jackets for any veteran who wants or needs one. All they have to do is go to the link Coats4Vets MA Legislature-Formstack and fill out the form. There is a spot on the form to indicate that the veteran is from Senator Fattman's district. His office will be helping to coordinate distribution if needed.
- a. Program for Seniors for Ride to Vaccination Sites - Police Chief James Falvey and Senior Center Director Sue Clark are pleased to announce that the Milford Police Department and the Milford Senior Center will be starting a new pilot program offering free rides to and from vaccination appointments for Milford residents 75 years and older on a limited daily basis to vaccine locations both in town and out of town. Milford currently has two vaccination sites in town and a few in nearby towns including: Hopkinton, Uxbridge and Foxborough. Please note we will be following all health and safety protocols during this program. We ask that masks will be worn at all times during the ride to and from the appointment. Cruisers are equipped with barriers already to help protect residents and officers. Vehicles will be disinfected before and after each ride. Members of the same household with appointments that are near the same time at the same location will be able to ride together. The

officers will wait for residents at the appointment location in order to bring them home afterwards. Residents will need to set up their own appointment before requesting a ride and have confirmation. Unfortunately, the Milford Police Department is unable to assist residents with setting up their appointments. If residents need assistance in setting up their appointments the Milford Senior Center has offered to help. Please give them a call at 508-473-8334. Those with any questions about the ride service may contact the police department directly anytime.

- 11.** Mr. O'Loughlin provided an update on communications with Amazon. He informed the Board that we had two new complaints regarding Route 140, which is not under Town control, and Vine Street. Signs are being made to indicate NO Amazon Tractor Trailer Trucks on certain side streets. Also, Amazon is working with a National GPS vendor to reprogram the truck routes to eliminate traffic on specific roadways. There was a noise complaint from a resident on Howard Street, which Amazon resolved. He also spoke with the Town Planner and Town Engineer and learned there is an existing Plan to redesign the island at Depot Street and South Main Street. The property owner participated in the Plan also. The Town Administrator informed the Board that he spoke with a resident whose wall was damaged by an Amazon vehicle. He advised the Board that he spoke with Amazon Risk Manager Lane Powers and was told by Mr. Powers that Amazon will repair the wall.
- 12.** The Board reviewed a Memo from Town Treasurer, Chris Pilla, informing the Board of the sale of property located on South Cedar Street for \$5,100.00 to Mr. Fernando Goncalves.
- 13.** Chairman Kingcade read a Memo from Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, informing the Board that the Snow and Ice Budget is in deficit.
- 14.** Chairman Kingcade read a letter from Joseph Arcudi, member of the Board of Assessors, informing the Board there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessors due to the passing of Joseph Niro. He also read a Memo from the Town Administrator outlining the process to fill the vacancy. Mr. Walsh moved to schedule a joint meeting between the Select Board and Board of Assessors for March 8, 2021 to appoint a new Assessor. Mr. O'Loughlin stated he reviewed the Statute and found the timing "troubling." He stated Mr. Kingcade will be leaving the Board and current Assessor Josh Lioce has an opponent in the April 16th Town election. He is opposed to scheduling the meeting and said it can wait. He further stated all votes from the Board of Assessors' meeting have been unanimous. Mr. Kingcade seconded the motion by Mr. Walsh. IT IS A VOTE. (2 to 1). Mr. O'Loughlin opposed.
- 15.** The Board reviewed a letter from Assessor/Administrator Jennifer Sclar seeking to hire outside legal services to represent the Board of Assessors for three (3) appeals before the

Appellate Tax Board. The members decided to place the matter on the March 8th Agenda and to have the Town Administrator check with Town Counsel Boddy and ask if he is in approval with hiring outside counsel. Mr. O'Loughlin said he is opposed to hiring outside counsel.

16. The Board accepted with regret the letter of resignation from Vincent J. Cifizzari resigning from the War Memorial Revitalization Committee. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To accept the resignation of Vincent J. Cifizzari from the War Memorial Revitalization Committee. UNANIMOUS.

17. Mr. O'Loughlin stated he received an email from Brian Cole that there is a bill in the Massachusetts Legislature to approve mail in voting in the local Town election. Mr. Kingkade requested the matter be included on the March 8th Select Board Agenda.

18. Mr. O'Loughlin informed the Board that Gerald Moody, Special Counsel to the Zoning Board of Appeals, presently reviewing the Stone Ridge II 40B Proposal, requested he assist the Zoning Board regarding the issue of the close proximity of the range to the proposed development.

19. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NONE.

20. Mr. Walsh moved, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 7:44 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 discuss a Union Grievance and receive Union updates from Attorney Patrick Holland, discuss a new contract for the Tax Collector and discuss strategy for litigation that is demonstrably likely, where such discussions in open session may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

William E. Kingkade, Jr. Chairman

Michael K. Walsh

Thomas J. O'Loughlin