
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – November 15, 2021
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
7:00 PM

PRESENT: Chairman Michael K. Walsh and Select Board members Thomas J. O’Loughlin and Paul A. Mazzuchelli and Town Administrator Richard A. Villani.

1. The Board presented a Citation to Donald V. Fairbanks, Jr. in recognition of his thirty-six years of service as a Milford Firefighter.
2. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of November 8, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 8, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. Invitation to Speak – Jamie Wheelock spoke on the need to provide diversity on Town Boards and Committees.
6. A Public Hearing was held for the determination of the allocation of the percentage of the tax levy. Board of Assessor Chair Joseph Arcudi and member Josh Lioce were present along with Assessor/Administrator Jennifer Sclar who gave the FY22 property classification presentation. Jen informed the Board that New Growth is down 17.9% from last year. Personal Property additional value is \$25,000.00. There was an 8.2 % increase in taxable value and a 3.6 % increase in the overall levy. Mr. O’Loughlin moved seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To maintain the dual tax rate and set the rate at 1.58 adopting a residential factor of .8550. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O’Loughlin moved seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To not grant a Residential exception for properties that are the principal residence of the owner. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O’Loughlin moved seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To not grant a small commercial exemption. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O’Loughlin moved seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To not grant an open space discount. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O’Loughlin moved seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: That the Board has been made aware of excess levy capacity in the amount of \$4,598,165.16. UNANIMOUS.

7. The Board reviewed an application from Sonesta International Hotels Corporation d/b/a Sonesta Select Boston Milford of 10 Fortune Boulevard for a Change of Manager. The new manager is Casey Williams. All paperwork was in order. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Change of Manager. UNANIMOUS.
8. The Board reviewed an application from TGI Friday's Inc. of 240 Fortune Boulevard for a Change of Manager. The new manager is Crystal Rodriquez. All paperwork was in order. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Change of Manager. UNANIMOUS.
9. The Board reviewed an application from JR's Diner, Inc. for a Change of Hours. They are requesting to open at 5 AM. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Change of Hours. UNANIMOUS.
10. Meghan Hornberger, Chair of the Milford School Committee, members John Erickson and Jen Parsons, Superintendent Dr. Kevin McIntyre and Assistant Superintendent Craig Consigli were present to discuss a recently approved updated 3-year strategic plan for our district and an adopted new concept, the Portrait of a Graduate. Together these documents will drive the vision and strategy for our schools over the next few years. Dr. McIntyre informed the Board that school enrollment has increased by 509 students since August and 68.5% are English Learners. High Needs students comprise 66.7% of the student population. Dr. Consigli reviewed the concepts for the Portrait of a Graduate with the Board. He also reviewed the three-year Strategic Plan which includes Vision, Core Values, Theory of Action, Strategic Objectives and Strategic Initiatives.

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – November 15, 2021

- A. Thanksgiving Eve- A reminder that Town Hall will be closed at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, the day before Thanksgiving. Town Hall will be open normal hours on Friday, November 26, 2021. Town Hall will also be closed on Friday, December 24th, the day before Christmas and Friday December 31st, the day before New Years'.
- B. ADA Ramp at the Senior Center - I am pleased to report we have installed a new ADA Ramp on the North Bow Street side at the Senior Center. Funding was through the ADA monies approved at the Special Town Meeting. I want to thank Facilities Director Carlos Benjamin and Town Engineer Mike Dean for their hard work in overseeing this Project.
- C. Department Office Relocations – Please be advised the Retirement Office has now been relocated to the Senior Center. The telephone number remains (508) 634-2321. The Human Resources Department has been relocated to Room 17 at Town Hall.

- 12.** Mr. O’Loughlin provided an update on the communications with Amazon. Amazon has agreed to contact the resident on Vine Street whose fence and lawn were damaged by an Amazon truck.
- 13.** The Board met with Town Engineer Mike Dean and Town Clerk Amy Neves to review the 2020 Re-Precincting Plan for the Town of Milford. Mike worked with the State to prepare new Legal Descriptions and Maps. Amy informed the Board that the Census increased by 3,300 people. There is a slight shift in each precinct. Residents will be notified of any precinct change. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the 2020 Re-Precincting Plan. UNANIMOUS.
- 14.** Brendan Rickert, Vice Chair of the Youth Commission was present and asked the Board if they could have a dialogue at a future meeting to discuss reducing the membership size of the Commission. He believes it should be reduced to nine (9). He also would like to discuss establishing a non-voting Youth Component of the Commission. Mr. O’Loughlin said it is OK to have a conversation, but the Commission has never had 21 sitting members or even a number close to that. Mr. Mazzuchelli said we need more information as to why there is a need to reduce membership. Mr. Walsh agreed that 21 members is “too many for the membership.” The Board reviewed the Talent Bank Applications to discuss filling a vacancy on the Milford Youth Commission. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint Stacy Darling to the Milford Youth Commission. Mr. Walsh moved to appoint Rosana Blanchard Erickson. There was no second. IT IS A VOTE (2 to 1, Mr. Walsh opposed) to appoint Stacy Darling to the Youth Commission.
- 15.** Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To accept a gift to the Milford Youth Center in the amount of just under \$12,000.00 as a result of a fundraiser held at the Center organized by James Ligor and Rob DeDomenick. UNANIMOUS.
- 16.** Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To authorize Temple Beth Shalom, to place the Menorah in Draper Park for the Hanukah celebration beginning on Sunday evening November 28, 2021 at 6:00 PM. UNANIMOUS.
- 17.** INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NONE.
- 18.** Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 8:28 PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Selectmen Michael K. Walsh, Thomas J. O’Loughlin and Paul A. Mazzuchelli all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to meet with Town Counsel, re: Police Union Contract Negotiations. Mr. O’Loughlin recused himself from the negotiations as his son is a Police Officer.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

Thomas J. O'Loughlin

Paul A. Mazzuchelli