
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – December 6, 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. New State Senator, Becca Rausch and State Representative Brian Murray were present to meet with the Board. Representative Murray introduced Senator Rausch and stated that, due to redistricting, Senator Rausch will now be representing Milford in the Senate. He said Senator Rausch worked in both the Patrick and Baker Administrations. She was Senate Vice Chair on the Committee for State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Senator Rausch said she is looking forward to working with Town Officials and the Board to provide municipal services and to support the Town at the State level. She has worked on three bills in the Senate to assist Towns and Cities in dealing with the issues for Towns and Cities during the Pandemic. She also worked on developing a program to provide counseling and support services to young people dealing with Opioid issues. She visited Milford and attended both the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast and the Santa Parade. Mr. O’Loughlin welcomed Senator Rausch and told her Milford is a diverse community, but we do work together and he is looking forward to working with her. Mr. Mazzuchelli thanked her for her work in dealing with the pandemic. Mr. Walsh said Milford is a unique community and we strive to “get everyone to work together”. All of the Select Board members thanked former Senator Ryan Fattman for his work for the Town. State Representative Murray said he is no longer representing Precinct 1 in Medway. He said the Legislature did pass a Federal ARPA bill. He also said there is another round of bills being discussed in Federal money for road infrastructure.
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 22, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 22, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. Invitation to Speak – Vincent Cifizarri was present and asked the Board to take the flag at Calzone Park down as it is not lit up at night. Jamie Wheelock was present and said the

Planning Board is understaffed and he recommended the Board consider hiring an Assistant Town Planner.

6. Building Commissioner John Erickson was present and asked the Board to consider appointing a second permanent part-time Local Inspector at 19 hours per week to the Building Department. He also recommended the Board appoint Robert Speroni as permanent part-time Local Inspector with a 20 hour work week schedule at his current hourly rate of \$50.43. Mr. O'Loughlin said John is "doing a great job" and he would "follow his judgment". Mr. Mazzuchelli said permits have increased in number and "experienced inspectors are crucial." Mr. Walsh said "there are many Projects going on." Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint Robert Speroni as permanent part-time Local Inspector as of January 1, 2022 with a 20 hour work week schedule at his current hourly rate of \$50.43. UNANIMOUS.
7. Human Resources Director, Kristin Melpignano, will be present to review revised Job Descriptions with the Board. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the job descriptions for the following positions: Town Planner, Assistant Town Planner, Information Technology Manager, Technology Support technician, Network Administrator and Highway Supervisor. UNANIMOUS.
8. Town Administrator Rick Villani recommended the Board appoint KD Benefits to be the Town's broker for all lines of coverage. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint KD Benefits to be the Town's broker for all lines of coverage on an at will basis. UNANIMOUS.
9. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – December 6, 2021**
 - A. Christmas Wreaths/Evergreen Wreaths/Garden Club – I want to thank the Milford Firefighters, Highway Employees and Facilities Director Carlos Benjamin for putting up the Christmas Wreaths. I also want to thank John Morin, Coordinator of the Evergreen Center for their donation of two (2) beautiful wreaths that were hung on the front of Town Hall. Finally, I want to thank Judy Thomas of the Garden Club for her work in placing plants and flowers on the front of Town Hall and on various Islands in Milford.
 - B. Milford Water Company Acquisition – I am pleased to report the Town has officially purchased the Milford Water company. The closing occurred on Friday. All employees have been on boarded as Town employees. David Condrey will remain as the Manager. I want to recognize Finance Director, Zach Taylor, Treasurer Chris Pilla and Attorney

Gerry Moody as well as outside counsel Jed Nosal and his staff for their invaluable work over 7 years to complete this purchase.

- C. Liquor License Quota - As the Board knows, the quota or number of alcoholic beverages licenses a city or town can issue is based on the population of the community as determined by the most recent Federal Census. Based on the new census just completed, Milford has been granted one additional All Alcohol Beverages License, on Premises. In addition, a second All Alcohol and Beverages License, on Premises, will now be available as one current owner did not renew their license. Should anyone be interested in applying for one of these two (2) available licenses, the first step is to file an application with required forms online with the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). If there are any questions or anyone needs assistance, then please call the Town Administrator's Office at (508) 643-2303. If applications are received, the Select Board can then schedule a Hearing to review any applications filed and make a determination as to whether or not to issue any new licenses. The Board has discretion to issue any new licenses based on the "best interests" of the Town.

10. Mr. O'Loughlin encouraged people to apply for the two available liquor licenses. Mr. Mazzuchelli said the purchase of the Water Company was an "historic purchase." Mr. Walsh thanked everyone who worked on the acquisition of the Water Company.
11. Mr. O'Loughlin informed the Board that we had an additional complaint regarding Amazon vehicles using Beach Street after 10 PM at night. Amazon has established a claim telephone number for any property owner whose property is damaged by an Amazon vehicle. Also, Amazon has a Kindness Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00. They asked the Board for recommendations as to organizations who could benefit from this Grant which is to be used to help those who need food, are homeless and to promote health and well-being.
12. The Board reviewed an email from Scott Crisafulli, a Trustee of the Vernon Grove Cemetery, informing the Board there is a vacancy on the Trustees of the Vernon Grove Cemetery, due to the resignation of Scott Vecchiolla. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To accept the resignation. UNANIMOUS. The Board also reviewed a Memo from the Town Administrator outlining the process to fill the vacancy. The Board agreed to announce the vacancy at their next meeting.
13. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To accept the resignation of Teresa Graceffa as a member of the Commission on Disability. UNANIMOUS.

14. CORRESPONDENCE – NONE.

15. Mr. Walsh thanked the Fire Department members for their efforts in putting on the Santa Parade.

16. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 8:01 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 receive Attorney/Client and Expert/Client communication of legal advice regarding reasonably anticipated litigation or legal issues the disclosure of which would compromise the Town’s position and to meet with Town Counsel regarding his resignation as Labor Counsel.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

Thomas J. O’Loughlin

Paul A. Mazzuchelli