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## MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – February 7, 2022

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00 PM

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

1. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of January 24, 2022 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 31, 2022 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Invitation to Speak – Jamie Wheelock asked the Board to request the Water Commissioners record their meetings on Milford TV as they are doing important work. He also recommended the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Meeting be held in person. Mr. O’Loughlin said he spoke with a Water Commissioner and expressed his recommendation to have them hold their meetings on Milford TV. He also said he is in favor of having Town Meeting in person. Mr. Mazzuchelli asked if the Water Commission meetings can be held temporarily in Room 3.
5. The Board continued the Hearing on an application submitted by Canaan Realty 2, LLC of 204 East Main Street, seeking to amend its license pursuant to MGL Chapter 148, section 13 to store flammables, combustibles or explosives. The amendment is to store 25,000 gallons of flammable liquids and 5,000 gallons of combustible liquids at its gas station and convenience store business. Halim Choubah, Engineer was present on behalf of the applicant. The Fire Chief approved this amendment. Mr. Choubah stated he attended a Zoom meeting with Health Director Jackie Murphy, the Town Administrator and Mr. and Mrs. Tham to review the application. He said his client will be constructing a gas station with five (5) pumps and a convenience store. All Plans have been submitted and approved by the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission. They have complied with all local, State and Environmental regulations. Mr. O’Loughlin said he read the Health Director’s report and she stated the applicant has “met every standard required by law.” It is safe within required standards. Mr. Walsh read Dr. Murphy’s report. Mrs. Alyssa Tham of 10 Venice Street thanked the Select Board and Mr. Choubah for listening to their concerns. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Fire

Chief recommendation and approve the amendment to store 25,000 gallons of flammable liquids and 5,000 gallons of combustible liquids at its gas station and convenience store business. UNANIMOUS.

6. The Board reviewed a petition from Massachusetts Electric Company requesting permission to locate manholes, wires, and ducts, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across Senate Road. They will be replacing Direct buried electric cables with cable in conduit using directional drill method. Al Galvin, Engineer for the project was present (via zoom) on behalf of National Grid. He informed the Board they are replacing faulty underground cables with more stable conduits. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the request to replace Direct buried electric cables with cable in conduit using directional drill method. UNANIMOUS.
7. The Board reviewed an application from Extreme Nutrition of 132 Main Street seeking a new Common Victualler License. The Manager will be Maria Caguana. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the common victualler license. UNANIMOUS.
8. The Board reviewed an application from Nutriforia of 91 Medway Road, Suite 10B seeking a new Common Victualler License. The Manager will be Julien McNeary. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mazzuchelli: To approve the common victualler license subject to a final inspection by the Fire Department prior to opening. UNANIMOUS.
9. Town Administrator Rick Villani was present to discuss the use of ARPA funds for Premium Pay and for Water Department Capital Projects. The Board tabled the discussion regarding Premium Pay as Finance Director Zach Taylor was unable to be at the meeting. Water Department Manager David Condrey was present to discuss three (3) proposed Capital Projects. The Projects are the Congress Street Booster Pump Station Replacement, Dilla Street Wellfield Replacement and Water Main Replacement on Myrtle, Poplar and Exchange Streets. These Projects are eligible to be paid from ARPA funding. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To expend the total sum of \$3,322,120.00 in ARPA funds to complete the Congress Street Booster Pump Station Replacement (\$1,101,800.00), Dilla Street Wellfield Replacement (\$1497,300.00) and Water Main Replacement on Myrtle, Poplar and Exchange Streets (\$723,000.00). UNANIMOUS.
10. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – February 7, 2022
  - A. Milford Youth Commission Update – I am informed the Youth Center was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Milford Cultural Council to purchase STEAM (Science and Technology, interpreted through Engineering and the Arts, all based in Mathematical elements) curriculum and supplies. This will be used to offer more educational

programming that uses the sciences, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics during after school and summer camp programming. I am also pleased to report MYC staff distributed over \$10,000 worth of donated gifts to over 130 youth and their families this Holiday season. I want to especially thank Board members Jay Vaz, who helped pick up gifts and distribute them, Ariea Bryan who helped organize gifts for volunteers and kids, and to John and Darlene Dulude who helped organize and wrap gifts over two days. Businesses and individuals sponsored youth and/or held collections for the center included the United Way of Tri-County, Amazon.com, Waters Corporation, Goldfish Swim School – Milford, Infinite Pawz-ibilities Dog Training, The Perfect Blend, West Street AutoBody, the Fauth Family, Beth Fraunfelter, Patty Tamagni, Laura Krovocheck, Erika Robertson, Diane Potter, Carli Winterton, Mel Burns, Helene Ciccone and Carrie McGrath. Finally, I want to acknowledge donations to the Youth Center from Karen Kelly- \$200.00, Paul & Samantha Ippolitti - \$100.00 and Alison Cluster- \$100.00.

- B. Milford Youth Center – I would also like to thank State Representative Brian W. Murray for securing a funding earmark in the State budget that provides \$50,000 to be expended for programs, services or renovations at the Milford Youth Center.
  - C. The Milford Cultural Council – The Milford Cultural Council recently awarded over \$20,000 in grants to 22 applicants for projects and events in the Arts, Humanities, and Sciences. Several of the grants were awarded for events held this past December, but most of the grants provide funding for projects and events taking place this year. These grants will help fund multiple musical performances, two town parades, initiatives at the Youth Center and Milford High School providing opportunities for STEM learning, public art initiatives in town parks, art instruction and exhibition, a lecture and poster exhibit at the town library, discounted or free admission to the Discovery Museum, and more. I want to thank Gerri Eddins, as Chair, for her leadership as well as the members of the Council in bringing back the Cultural Council as a vital resource in Town.
  - D. Governor Baker’s Budget Proposal – Governor Baker released his Preliminary Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2023. His budget increases Milford’s Unrestricted General Government Aid by \$90,637.00 from FY22 for a total amount of \$3,447,554.00 and increases Chapter 70 Funding by \$6,966,801.00 from FY 22 for a total amount of \$39,413,472.00. As you know these numbers do not necessarily reflect a finalized, maximum ceiling as the House and Senate will be filing competing budgets.
11. The Board received an update from Selectmen Tom O’Loughlin and Town Administrator Villani regarding Amazon. Mr. O’Loughlin informed the Board the meetings are going very well and we will now meet just once per month. Either he or the Town Administrator are in contact with Amazon daily if needed. Also, the Hopedale Police Chief will now be attending the meetings.

12. Mr. Mazzuchelli requested the Board discuss Bylaw Article 32 – Police Chief Selection Bylaw at a future meeting. Mr. O’Loughlin requested the Board discuss a report regarding the Sewer department as well as whether the Water Commissioners should be elected or appointed at a future meeting.
13. The Board authorized the Town Administrator to approve Requests for One Day Licenses, Parade Permits and Permits to Obstruct as well as other routine resident requests without Select Board vote and to then report the approvals to the Board at a subsequent Select Board regular open meeting.
14. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To accept with regret, a letter of resignation form Molly Auger from the Cultural Council. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To reappoint Michael Visconti and Gerri Edins to the Council. UNANIMOUS.
15. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To accept a donation of a gift of \$550.00 to the Milford Youth Center in Memory of former Youth Commission member Ron Taylor. UNANIMOUS.
16. The Board reviewed a Memo from Michael Giampietro, Chair of the Milford Conservation Commission requesting the Board VOTE to include four (4) Articles on the May 23, 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Articles seek to transfer jurisdiction of eight (8) Town owned parcels to the Conservation Commission. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To place the Articles on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Meeting Warrant for discussion. UNANIMOUS.
17. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:56 PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Select Board members Michael K. Walsh, Thomas J. O’Loughlin and Paul A. Mazzuchelli all vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to meet with the Town Counsel to discuss the Milford Firefighters Collective Bargaining Agreement and to receive a Woodland School Building Committee Litigation Update.

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Richard A. Villani  
Minutes Recorder

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Michael K. Walsh, Chairman

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Thomas J. O’Loughlin

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Paul A. Mazzuchelli