
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – April 10, 2023
ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL
6:00 PM

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

1. Mr. O’Loughlin opened the meeting for re-organizational purposes. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Paul A. Mazzuchelli as Chairman, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
3. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of March 27, 2023 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 27, 2023 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. The Board opened a Public Hearing regarding the proposed relocation and discontinuance of the public way Old Cedar Street. Town Counsel Brian Murray and Attorney Gerry Moody were present for the Hearing. Attorney Moody advised the Board the land is behind Wendy’s Restaurant. In 2007 BF Goodrich was planning to locate their business on this site. The Select Board and Town Meeting approved the street layout, however, BF Goodrich never opened the business. The new developer is looking to locate a storage facility on the site. Town Engineer, Elizabeth Mainini, told the Board that about three years ago, Wendy’s installed new underground drainage to correct a flooding issue. The drainage is underneath the proposed roadway which will be Town owned. If the Project is finalized, the Town will be required to maintain the roadway as well as the underground drainage. She agrees the Town should discontinue Old Cedar Street, but asked if there was a better option to the Town assuming responsibility for the roadway and underground drainage system. Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, said he agreed the Town should discontinue Old Cedar Street, but if the Town assumes responsibility for the roadway, the Highway Department will have to maintain the drainage system and plow the roadway. He said maintenance will be an issue. Mr. O’Loughlin asked if the Town could just create a right of use of the roadway. Attorney Murray said the Board could vote to rescind the 2007 Town Meeting vote and then see if the Seller and Developer could work out the issue of the road maintenance and underground drainage system maintenance. Attorney Moody said the

Town could layout the roadway as a private way. He suggested continuing the Public Hearing for two weeks. Jaimie Wheelock said the Town is “giving the developer everything he wants and is losing 1.3 acres and the land is the best access to the bike path”. He said they should add 100 parking spaces. Fred Elliott of 5 Elm Street said it is a “disservice to the Town to give up all of Old Cedar Street”. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To continue the Public Hearing until the next Select Board meeting on April 24, 2023 at 6 PM. UNANIMOUS.

6. Parks and Recreation Director James Asam was present to update the Board on the Fino Field Pool Project and other Park initiatives. He said the Cultural Council has provided game tables at Town Park and at Louisa Lake. Playground equipment has been added at Tank Field and Prospect Heights. The Disc Golf Course has been completed at Louisa Lake and the Lions Club has donated a Pavilion to be installed at Louisa Lake. He also said the Grant Application for funds to upgrade Town Park has been completed and submitted. Tom Scarlata, the architect for the Pool Renovation Project, was present and told the Board they are finalizing the site engineering and permitting package and expect to go out to bid in June. The Buildings for the Bike Path and Park support should be completed in September 2024 and the pool itself will generally be completed in late fall of 2024. All buildings and walkways will be ADA accessible.
7. Geara Enterprises, Inc. dba Milford Goodyear Getty of 232 West Street, Milford applied for an Amendment to its Class II License for a Change of Name. All paperwork was in order. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Amendment to its Class II License for a Change of Name. UNANIMOUS.
8. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – April 10, 2023
 - A. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Advisory - On March 29, 2023, Governor Maura Healey signed into law “An Act making appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2023 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects.” An amendment to this Act extends permitting licensees for on-premises consumption to continue with (1) expanded patio service and (2) extends the ability to sell alcoholic beverages for takeaway and delivery:
Patios/Outdoor Expansions: licensees that have been approved for expanded patio/outdoor service may continue their outdoor operations until April 1, 2024. Licensees that seek to continue patio/outdoor service after April 1, 2024, are encouraged to apply in the ordinary course for an alteration of premises with their local licensing authorities. Otherwise, these amended licenses automatically revert to the status prior to the approval of the expansion of outdoor service as of April 1, 2024. Takeaway/delivery of alcohol: establishments licensed for on-premises consumption of alcohol may continue takeaway and delivery sales of alcohol until

April 1, 2024. All alcohol sold for takeaway/delivery must be sold with food and at the same price as alcohol for on-premises consumption.

- B. Stage II Mandatory Water Conservation in Effect - Effective April 24th a Stage II Mandatory Water Conservation level is in effect– meaning that outside water use is permitted between 7PM and 7AM on an ODD / EVEN basis. Those customers with even house numbers may water on even calendar days and those with odd house numbers may use water on odd calendar days. The Department will allow certain exceptions provided you make arrangements with us first. This restriction will run until further notice and should there be any changes in the status of the restriction you will be properly notified at that time.

9. The Board reviewed the May Town Meeting Warrant and decided to hold off on voting on Articles 11 and 12 dealing with the Old Cedar Street relocation.
10. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept with regret the letter from Susan Clark resigning as a member of the Commission on Disability. UNANIMOUS.
11. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve a request from Julie Gonzalez, Chair of the Commission on Disability, to appoint Susan Albanese and David Themo-Liao to the Commission on Disability. UNANIMOUS.
12. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To replace two existing Stop Signs, that are not listed in the Traffic Rules and Regulations, on Overlea Avenue at West Brook Street. UNANIMOUS.
13. The Board reviewed a Memo from the Town Administrator requesting a Compensation Adjustment for Assistant to the Town Administrator, Lena Pires, as well as a Memo requesting a Compensation Adjustment for Administrative Services Coordinator, Elizabeth Fernandes. They also reviewed a Memo from Town Counsel Brian Murray requesting a Compensation Adjustment for Paralegal/Office Manager, Melissa Tomas. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve a Compensation Salary Adjustment for Administrative Assistant to the Select Board Lena Pires, subject to Personnel Board approval, from her Current Grade 4, Step 2 to Grade 4, Step 5 for a new hourly rate of pay of \$33.19 effective July 1, 2023. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve a Compensation Salary Adjustment for Administrative Services Coordinator Elizabeth Fernandes, subject to Personnel Board approval, from her Current Grade 3, Step 9 to Grade 3, Step 10 for a new hourly rate of pay of \$35.01 effective April 10, 2023. UNANIMOUS. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve a Compensation Salary Adjustment for Paralegal/Office Manager Melissa Tomas, subject to

Personnel Board approval, from her current Grade 7, Step 9 to Grade 7 Step 10 for a new yearly salary of \$83,465.00. UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept with regret the resignation of Sandy Caproni as a Member of the Milford Youth Commission. UNANIMOUS.
15. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept with regret the resignation of Rose Mary Natelson as a member of the Milford Upper Charles Trail Committee. UNANIMOUS.
16. The Board reviewed a letter from Myfm Media requesting the Board proclaim Louisa Lake "off limits" for fishing for a period of time preceding their annual Fishing Derby for kids on April 22, 2023. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the request to proclaim Louisa Lake "off limits" for fishing for a period of time preceding their annual Fishing Derby for kids on April 22, 2023. UNANIMOUS.
17. Invitation to Speak – None.
18. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 7:27 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Paul A. Mazzuchelli, Chair

Michael K. Walsh

Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Esq.