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## **MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – May 10, 2021**

**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. The Board presented Citations to Justin Braza, Thomas Morelli, Joel Ross, David Pacella, Paul Mahoney, Jeremy J. Neves and Jake A. Mandile who attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Also present was Scout Leader Joseph Mahoney.
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 April 26, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
4. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the Executive Session Minutes of April 26, 2021 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
5. Invitation to Speak – NONE.
6. Attorney Ernest Pettinari, Owners Ian and Adrienne Hunter were present on behalf of DeGee, LLC d/b/a Restaurant 89 of 89 Main Street seeking a transfer of an All-Alcoholic Beverage and Common Victualler License. The new manager will be Ian Hunter. All paperwork was in order. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve the transfer of the All-Alcoholic Beverage and Common Victualler license. UNANIMOUS.
7. Brendan Rickert, Lauren Wilton and Brian Cole were present to discuss locating a Dog Park in Milford. The Board also reviewed a Memo from Town Planner Larry Dunkin advising the need to amend the existing Dog Control Law to permit the use as well as potential locations for the dog park. Brendan said a survey indicated residents felt they do not have a place to exercise their dogs. A dog park will be a minimal expense to the Town. He has reviewed his proposal with Town Counsel, Director of Public Health and the Parks Director. He asked the Board for the next steps for having a dog park. Lauren said the Stanton Foundation offers grants from \$10,000.00 to \$200,000.00 with a 10% match from the Town. She recommended forming an Ad Hoc Committee to help initiate the grant process. Brain said this is a great opportunity to “pull the Community together”. Mr. Mazzuchelli

said this is a good idea. He suggested the Committee include the Parks Commissioner and a member of the Youth Sports Commission. He believes there will be a need for protocols for handling dog fights and the need for rabies vaccines. Mr. O'Loughlin stated this is a great idea and we should include Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, Town Engineer Mike Dean and Parks Director Jim Asam on the Committee. He suggested possibly locating the dog park at Fiske Mill Road. Resident Denise Simoneau said she owns two dogs and is excited about having a dog park in Milford. Mr. Walsh said a dog park will be positive for the Community and he supports it. The Board agreed to have the Town Administrator coordinate a meeting with the Highway Surveyor, Parks Director, Town Engineer and Animal Control Officer and then attend a future meeting to report to the Board and have Committee members appointed.

8. Human Resources Director, Kristin Melpignano, IT Director, Chris George and Town Counsel Charles Boddy were present to review five (5) new policies with the Board. They are a Whistleblower Policy, Technology Acceptance Use Policy, Social Media Policy, Remote Work/Telecommuting Policy and a Fragrance Free Workplace policy. Mr. Mazzuchelli asked if these policies included the School and Kristin said they do not. He suggested a first reading and then come back to the Board for a second reading. He asked if we will educate employees on the policies and Kristin said we would meet with them prior to implementing the policies. He is concerned about randomly requesting an employee's emails or phone and wants steps in place so this would not happen. Town Counsel Boddy reminded the Board that every email or document is a public record. IT Director George said IT monitors all systems and records archived. A request for employee emails or phone records can only be made for cause by the Town Administrator, Town Counsel or HR Director. Mr. Walsh said we need to do a second review of the policies at a future meeting.

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – April 26, 2021

- A. New Recruit Firefighters – I have been informed by Fire Chief Mark Nelson that three (3) new recruit firefighters reported for their first day of duty on May 4, 2021. They are Michael Rooney, Brian Keefe and James Lovely are assigned to weekdays for training. They are scheduled to attend the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy at the end of July until October. The recruits are Milford residents with various skills and life experiences. We hope to present the men at a future Select Board meeting.
- B. Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant- We have received notice from the Department of Environmental Protection that Milford has been awarded a Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Municipal Grant. The Town of Milford will receive access to a MassDEP-funded program for the transportation and recycling of residential mattresses and up to \$7,500 for a container for the collection of mattresses.

The total value of this grant is estimated at \$23,396.67. The more mattresses recycled, the more value your community will realize.

- C. Representative Brian Murray Earmark for Youth Center – I have been informed by Representative Brian Murray that the House of Representatives finished their budget. He was able to secure a funding earmark for line item in the budget for “not less than \$50,000 to be expended for programs, services or renovations at the Milford Youth Center. The budget process will now head to the Senate and then eventually Conference Committee. Representative Murray indicated he will do everything he can to ensure that this funding remains in the final budget.

10. Mr. O’Loughlin provided an update on communications with Amazon. He informed the Board that we will be working with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to try to minimize noise levels on National Street. We are still receiving complaints regarding trucks on Beach Street, but we believe the number of trucks has decreased. The Board asked the Town Administrator to invite Amazon representatives to a future meeting.
11. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To accept the letter from Harold Rhodes resigning from the Personnel Board. UNANIMOUS.
12. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint current alternate member James Dorval as a fulltime member of the Personnel Board. UNANIMOUS.
13. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint Brian Long as the alternate member to the Personnel Board. UNANIMOUS.
14. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To accept the letter from Joseph C. Lutfy resigning from the Draper Park Revitalization Committee. UNANIMOUS.
15. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To approve a request from Ryan and Alyssa Henry of 55 Purchase Street for a Permit to Obstruct to place a dumpster on Vicki Lane and to place safety cones as needed. UNANIMOUS.
16. The Board reviewed a Memo from the Town Administrator recommending the appointment of Ronald Speroni as a Temporary Local Building Inspector and as an alternate Building Commissioner. Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To appoint Ronald Speroni as a Temporary Local Building Inspector and as an alternate Building Commissioner at Level 2, Grade 8 with a starting hourly salary of \$49.20 per hour. UNANIMOUS.

**17.** The Board reviewed a Memo from Senior Center Director, Sue Clark, providing a plan to reopen the Senior Center in a limited capacity.

**18. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE – NONE.**

**19.** Mr. O’Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Mazzuchelli: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 8:48 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 Attorney Jed Nosal to receive an Update on the Purchase of the Water Company.

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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