
MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – July 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 moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the Regular Session Minutes of June 26, 2023 as submitted. UNANIMOUS.
3. Police Chief James Falvey was present to review a new Policy regarding All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV). He informed the Board the Police Department has two (2) smaller ATV vehicles. Twenty (20) Officers have been trained in the operation of the vehicles and have been supplied the proper safety equipment. Mr. O'Loughlin said having proper safety equipment is important. Mr. Walsh said the Report is well done and the Policy is a benefit to the Community. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adopt the ATV Policy submitted by the Police Chief. UNANIMOUS. Chief Falvey also introduced new Police Officer Brendan Campbell who joined the Department on April 24, 2023. He is thirty-three years old and has ten years prior law enforcement experience.
4. The Board reviewed a Memo from the Town Administrator regarding the filling of two vacancies on the Trustees of the Vernon Grove Cemetery. As there were no applications or Letters of Interest filed by any individuals to fill the vacancies, the Board did not discuss the matter.
5. Reno DeLuzio was present to request the Board approve the inclusion of the Milford section of the Upper Charles Trail (UCT), part of the Massachusetts DCR trail system, in the newly re-configured East Coast Greenway Trail spine route. This Initiative seeks to join 3000 miles of the trail from Maine to Florida. Milford will add 2.3 miles of the Trail to the System. The only cost to the Town is to provide and install sign posts. Reno presented a letter for the Board to sign approving the inclusion of Milford's part of the Trail. Mr. O'Loughlin suggested Town Counsel review the letter before it is sent to the Manager of the East Coast Greenway Alliance. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To approve the letter contingent upon review and approval by Town Counsel. UNANIMOUS.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – July 10, 2023

A. Pavilion at Louisa Lake – The Lions Club pavilion at Louisa Lake has reached substantial completion. A big thanks goes out to Lions Len Morcone, Liz Mainini, the Milford Parks Department, Highway Department, Braza Construction and all the club members that helped assist in this great community project. It was truly a great collaboration between the Town, local businesses and Club. If you get a chance, you should go down and have a look. The Club plans a dedication in September.

B. Godfrey Brook Well – David Condrey, Water Department manager has informed me that after being offline since 2016 due to excessive iron and manganese levels, we are finally pumping 160GPM into the system at Godfrey Brook, we will stay at this rate through next week and then start to add wells and flow gradually after that. The new state of the art BIO Filtration treatment plant will provide a MassDEP approved rate of 550GPM or 800,000 gals per day once in full operation. The plant is equipped with a backup generator large enough to run the plant and wellfield increase of power outages. With the new plant going online it will help to improve overall water quality and flows throughout the system.

C. Retirement Becky Alger – The Assessor's Office and I would like to acknowledge the retirement of Rebecca Alger, Milford's first in house Data Lister. She worked in this position for 12 years and developed a systematic inspection schedule, excelling in identifying and correcting data townwide. She was an important member of the Town's first Task Force. Her passion and dedication to fair and consistent property assessments was unwavering. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.

D. Fireworks – I want to thank Fire Chief Mark Nelson, Police Chief James Falvey, Facilities Director Carlos Benjamin for their efforts in making the Fireworks a successful and enjoyable event. A special thanks to the members of the Milford Lions Club for providing food and beverages as well as music for this special family event.

7. The Board reviewed a Memo from the Town Administrator with a recommendation for the appointment of Adriana Robaina to the position of Human Resources Director at Grade 13/Step 1 under Article 2 with a starting salary of \$108,763.00. She will begin working on July 31, 2023. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Adriana Robaina to the position of Human Resources Director at Grade 13/Step 1 under Article 2 with a starting salary of \$108,763.00 with a start date of July 31, 2023. UNANIMOUS.

- 8 Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To accept a Gift Acceptance Form for a Gift from Kathleen DiBari in the amount of \$100.00 to the Milford Fire Department. UNANIMOUS.
- 9 The Board reviewed a letter from the Metrowest Regional Transit Authority (MWRTA) requesting the Board certify the name and contact information of the Town's representative to the Authority as well as a designee to act for him on the Advisory Board. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To appoint Select Board member Michael K. Walsh as the Town's representative to the MWRTA and to appoint Assistant Town Administrator/Economic Development Director John Charbonneau as his designee. UNANIMOUS.
- 10 The Board reviewed an email from Deputy Chief Robbie Tusino recommending the installation of four way Stop Signs at the intersection of South Main Street and Fruit Street. Deputy Chief Tusino met with resident John Barrows who requested four-way traffic lights at this intersection. Mr. O'Loughlin said there have been serious accidents at this intersection and recommended installing flashing solar stop signs. He also suggested installing a warning of the upcoming Stop Sign just past Pinz as there is a bend in the roadway in that area. Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To install four way Stop Signs at the intersection of South Main Street and Fruit Street and also installing a warning of the Stop Sign just past Pinz. UNANIMOUS.
- 11 Mr. O'Loughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Walsh: To adjourn the Select Board meeting at 6:36 PM, UNANIMOUS.

Richard A. Villani
Minutes Recorder

Paul A. Mazzuchelli, Chair

Michael K. Walsh

Thomas J. O'Loughlin, Esq.