

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –JANUARY 27, 2014

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

PRESENT: Chairman William D. Buckley; Selectmen Dino B. DeBartolomeis and Brian W. Murray, Esq.; Town Administrator Richard A. Villani; and Minutes Recorder Jean M. DeTore.

1. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the minutes of January 6, 2014 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - Chairman Buckley welcomed Scout Leader Kenneth Rosa of Boy Scout Troop 4 and several Scouts who were in attendance as part of a requirement towards their Communication and Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.
4. A hearing was held on the application of 99 West, Inc. d/b/a 99 Restaurant, 196B East Main Street seeking a change of manager from John Wright to James Conway Felder. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the change of Manager, UNANIMOUS.
5. Melissa Alves Tomas, Community Development Director, met with the Board for the third and final meeting prior to the February 14, 2014 application deadline for the FY14 Community Development Block Grant. She stated that the purpose of tonight's Public Hearing was to seek the Selectmen's approval of the revised Community Development Strategy that reflects input of the two previous meetings, including the affirmed target area(s) and updated project list. Mr. Murray suggested updating page three (3) and other relevant pages of the FY14 Community Development Strategy to concur with the Town Planner's memo dated December 19, 2013 to reflect that in addition to the acquired 42.2 acre "Consigli" parcel that adjacent to the "Consigli parcel there are seven other town-owned parcels that when combined total some 200.11 acres (including the "Louisa Lake" and "Town Forest" parcels). Mr. DeBartolomeis suggested that page three (3) include \$1.8M which was appropriated at the October 2012 Special Town Meeting for the Milford Pond Restoration under Open Space and Recreation. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To Adopt the revised FY 14 Community Development Strategy, UNANIMOUS.
Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To authorize the Community Development Office to continue efforts to secure funds for infrastructure improvements on Water Street and the continuation of the Housing Rehabilitation Program, UNANIMOUS.

6. Town Engineer Vonnie Reis, Police Chief O'Loughlin and Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli were present to discuss the various intersection improvements and recommendations made in the 2013 TetraTech report that was prepared for Foxwoods Massachusetts. Ms. Reis stated that at the Board's request, she met with the Police Chief and Highway Surveyor to review and discuss the various intersection improvements and recommendations. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the board to have the Town Engineer update the board as the recommended improvements are implemented for the specific locations discussed in number (1) of the memo dated January 22, 2014 and in addition, provide cost estimates on the remainder of items recommended for a future meeting.

Mr. Buckley suggested reviewing the traffic situation on East Main Street in the vicinity of Appleton, Whispering Pine, Adams and Wildwood to see if there was anything that could be implemented for easier access from those streets onto East Main Street. Also suggested was the possibility of removing the "No Turn on Red Sign" coming onto East Main Street from Beach Street to ease the traffic flow.

Mr. DeBartolomeis reviewed correspondence from Representative John V. Fernandes and Senator Richard T. Moore requesting that the MassDOT Highway Division immediately investigate the intersection of Green Street and Cape Road (Route 140) on the Milford/Hopedale line which falls under the control of the state and has been the site of numerous accidents, including a recent fatality involving a person being transported in an ambulance, as well as another accident involving a police cruiser late last year. Chief O'Loughlin noted that he has compiled the accident data to assist with an investigation.

7. Town Engineer Vonnie Reis presented interior paint samples for approval regarding the Town Hall Window Renovation Project and the renovated windows. After reviewing the samples: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the recommendations as noted in the memo from Town Engineer dated January 24, 2014, UNANIMOUS.

8. Kyle Romano, Executive Director of the Blaire House along with James M. Boudreau, Construction Manager, ELC Construction, were present to request renaming a portion of Cemetery Street to Lighthouse Way as they are in the process of expanding and building a three story assisted living center to be located on Cemetery Street. Mr. Romano stated that he discussed his request with officials from the Police and Fire Departments and they have no issue with the name change and voiced the same concerns about safety with the duplicate street names.

Mr. Murray stated that in his opinion "Lighthouse Way" was not suitable to the history of that area of town. It was the consensus of the board to request that the Historical Commission review this matter and provide suggestions for street names either with historical significance or in honor of a notable Milford family or individual i.e. Seena Heller. Mr. Buckley requested that the Town Planner provide information relative to the possible duplication of other street names.

9. Atty. Ernest P. Pettinari was present to seek approval to place an article on the February 10, 2014 Special Town Meeting for a proposed Boundary Line Agreement between the Town of Milford and Houton, LLC and Canyons, LLC. Atty. Pettinari stated that the boundary between the property of 9-25 Main Street and 33 Sumner Street share a common boundary. The boundary between those properties was formed by the southerly shoreline of Cedar Swamp Pond, prior to its relocation and alteration in the early twentieth century. He further stated that when the Pond was relocated, the boundary line was established by occupation and use between the parties, but the boundary line was never formally defined and/or located on any plan of record. The lot line can be established by a boundary line agreement between the respective property owners. Because one of the abutting property owners in this instance is the Town of Milford, such a boundary line agreement will require the vote of the Town Meeting.

Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To place the article as submitted on the February 10, 2014 Special Town Meeting warrant, UNANIMOUS.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Governor Patrick's Budget Proposal – On Wednesday, January 22, 2014 Governor Patrick released his Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2015. His budget level funds Unrestricted General Government Aid and calls for an increase of \$565,047.00 in Chapter 70 Funding. As you know these numbers do not necessarily reflect a finalized, maximum ceiling as the House and Senate will be filing competing budgets.

1. Net Metering Credits – I want to inform the Board that we are now receiving the net metering credits being reflected on our National Grid Invoices. In the next few months I should be able to quantify the exact dollar amounts in savings for the Town and will report to the Board. First year savings project to be approximately \$104,000.00.
2. Transportation Bond Bill – In your Informational Correspondence packet there is a letter from State Representative Fernandes indicating he will be sponsoring state transportation requests as amendments into the Transportation Bond Bill. The Town Engineer, Town Planner and Highway Surveyor have clarified the following projects for inclusion:
 - A. Veterans Memorial Drive – Phase I (Beach Street to Central Street)
 - B. Route 16/Main Street Construction (Water Street to the Hopedale Town Line)
 - C. Dilla Street Bridge Improvements
 - D. Route 109/East Main Street Intersection Improvements.

11. Town Administrator Villani updated the board on the following Capital Projects:

1. Re-Shingling of Town Hall

\$184,383.42 Total Appropriation

\$117,804.39 Total Expenditures

\$ 66,579.03 Balance

2. Police Roof

\$385,000.00 Total Appropriation

\$357,496.40 Total Expenditures

\$ 27,503.60 Balance

After reviewing correspondence regarding the Five Year/Ten-year Capital Project Plan Chairman Buckley suggested adding a placeholder for IT and Godfrey Brook.

12. After a brief discussion regarding the Woodland School Building Project: Mr. Murray suggested scheduling a Special Meeting to discuss the affordability of this Project. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To schedule a Special Meeting for Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00PM to discuss the affordability of the Woodland School Building Project and invite the members of the Financial Team, Members of the Woodland School Building Committee and the Executive Finance Committee members, UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To accept the \$100.00 gift from Henry and Gail Letourneau to be deposited in the Milford Fire Department Gift Account, UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To accept the \$2,399.62 gift from Harold S. and Marcia A. Rhodes to be used for the purchase of a Hearing Loop System at the Ruth Anne Bleakney Senior Center Reception Desk, UNANIMOUS.

15. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To appoint Daniel Awuku-Asante as a regular member of the Milford Personnel Board with a term to expire June 30, 2017, UNANIMOUS.

16. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To appoint Peter Scandone and Robert Mitchell to the Industrial Development Commission, UNANIMOUS.

17. After reviewing correspondence from Town Planner regarding the possibility of establishing permanent protection for the 200+ acres in the vicinity of the Consigli property on Dilla Street, it was the consensus of the board to establish a working group consisting of the Town Administrator, Town Counsel, Town Planner, Conservation Commission Chairman and Upper Charles Trail Committee Chairman.

18. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Massachusetts & Northern New England Laborers' District Council, Notice of Intent to Negotiate
2. Representative John V. Fernandes, re: Transportation Bond Bill
3. Liquor License Quota Information
4. Federal Emergency Management Agency, re: Special Flood Hazard Area
5. Department of Housing & Community Development, re: FY2012 (CDBG) Monitoring Notification Town of Milford Community Development Fund Grant #28
6. Larry L. Dunkin, AICP Town Planner, re: MAPC/CTPS Traffic Analysis Route 140/South Main Traffic Signal
7. Finance Committee Minutes: October 9, 2013
8. Schedule of Board Meetings

19. Mr. DeBartolomeis noted that Milford Special Olympics coach Jennifer Walsh was named the Special Olympics North America Coach of the Year and also was asked to attend the State of the Union address in Washington D.C.. It was the consensus of the Board to invite her to a future meeting to award her a citation.

20. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To adjourn the Selectmen's meeting at 9:00PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Buckley, Selectmen DeBartolomeis and Murray vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss a Memorandum of Agreement for the Town Hall Clerical Union Contract, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

Dino B. DeBartolomeis

Brian W. Murray, Esq.