

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –MARCH 24, 2014

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

6:15PM

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 go into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining issues for Laborers' International Union, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Murray stated that he will not be participating in executive session due to a conflict of interest. Chairman Buckley stated that the board will return to open session at 7:00PM.

2. At 7:00PM Chairman Buckley resumed open session.

At 7:01PM Mr. Murray re-joined the meeting.

3. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.

4. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the minutes of March 17, 2014 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.

5. John Pilla, Veterans Agent was present to introduce Leo Agnew, Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Agnew gave a brief history of the organization and the origin of design for the Purple Heart. He and several of his colleagues presented the Board with a Certificate of Acknowledgment that the Town of Milford is being designated as a Town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be known as a Purple Heart community honoring all who made the ultimate sacrifice and shed their blood defending our country in all wars and honoring August Seventh as Purple Heart Day. Senator Richard T. Moore and Representative John V. Fernandes presented Citations to the Board. Mr. Pilla acknowledged Purple Heart recipients Joseph Shuras, Ralph Steeves and Pat Santucci. He also noted that invitations were sent to Al Lanzetta, Peter Veilleux and Joseph Manella.

At 7:12PM Chairman Buckley called for a brief recess to allow for a group picture.

At 7:17PM The meeting resumed.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - Chairman Buckley recognized Jamie Wheelock, a resident of Milford, allowing him to voice his concerns regarding the town seeking to preserve in perpetuity the 200.11 acres in question for passive recreations purchase by placing a Conservation Restriction on the property that would run to the Trustees of Reservations.

Mr. Wheelock raised several questions as follows: What other town Boards are in agreement with the proposed article and if the entire 200 acres had to be placed under the conservation restriction.

7. Mr. James Felder, Manager of 99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub was present requesting an Entertainment license for Monday through Friday from 4:00PM to 11:00PM and Saturdays 12:00Noon to 11:30PM. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the request, UNANIMOUS.

8. Police Chief Thomas J. O'Loughlin was present to review Speed Sign Determinations from MASSDOT. After a brief discussion: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the recommendations of the Police Chief to remove the existing speed limit signs as cited in his reports dated March 12 and March 18, 2014 and rely upon the statutory speed limit of 30 mph, UNANIMOUS.

Chief O'Loughlin stated that he would coordinate efforts with Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli for the removal of the signs.

Chief O'OLoughlin stated that he along with Town Engineer Vonnie Reis and Highway Surveyor Scott Crisafulli met with MASSDOT representatives regarding the intersection of Route 140 and Green Street and as a result MASSDOT agreed to:

1. Increase the size of the Stop Sign
2. Reposition the Stop Sign closer to the intersection
3. Paint a Stop Line at the Stop Sign
4. Place new warning signs on both sides of the street showing a Stop Sign ahead
5. Paint a double solid center line on Green Street
6. Have the local businesses cut or clear shrubs and trees that impact on line of sight.

He also noted that MASSDOT will check the speed limit signage against the Special Speed Regulation and make any necessary changes regarding East Main Street.

9. Vonnie M. Reis, P.E. Town Engineer updated the board on the status of the Milford Pond Project. She stated that the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently working with the Town of Milford on the design, bidding, and construction of the Milford Pond Aquatic Restoration Project. Ms. Reis provided a map of the area and stated that the Army Corps of Engineers now has a plan to dredge a portion of the pond creating an island from the peat and planting Cedars. Tom Jenkins, GZA Consultant is in the process of filing the necessary permit applications. She further noted that in accordance with our cost sharing agreement, USACE is responsible for \$3.315 million of project cost and the Town of Milford is responsible for \$1.8 million of project cost which was appropriated at Special Town Meeting in October 2012 under Article 14.

Also, to date the Town of Milford has provided \$301,000 in cash and \$6,914.68 in in-kind services towards our cost share. The remaining share for the Town is approximately \$1.49 million. The USACE has requested that the Town provide a payment of \$1.414 million to go towards the bidding and construction phase of the project. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To submit a check in the amount of \$1.414million to USACE based on the recommendation of the Town Engineer, UNANIMOUS.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Local Aid Resolution – Senator Moore and Representative Fernandes have informed us that a Local Aid Resolution was filed by the Senate president and Speaker which guarantees at least a \$125 million increase in Chapter 70 Funding and Unrestricted General Government Aid. Under the Resolution Milford would see an increase of \$73,338.00 in UGGA and a \$565,047.00 increase in Chapter 70 Funding.
2. Telephone System – The new telephone system at Town Hall will be delayed in the installation due to an issue with telephone lines outside of Town Hall. I will keep the Board apprised.

11. After reviewing the Job Description, Advertising as well as a Timeline for the appointment of a new IT Director provided by Town Administrator Villani: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the recommendations provided by the Town Administrator to post for the IT Director position, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the request to proclaim Louisa Lake “Off Limits” for fishing on April 18, 2014, the day before WMRC’s annual fishing derby of April 19, 2014, and to notify the Police Department as well, UNANIMOUS.

13. After reviewing correspondence from Susan Clark, Director of Council on Aging: Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To appoint Johnna O’Loughlin as the Senior Center Program Coordinator, UNANIMOUS.

14. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To nominate Rochelle Thompson as Inspector of Animals, with the term to expire April 30, 2015, UNANIMOUS.

15. The board reviewed correspondence from Susan Clark, Director of Council on Aging listing the activities at the Senior Center for the past six months which includes the Ruth Anne Bleakney dedication to be held on April 17, 2014 at 10:00AM with the unveiling of a sign and a plaque to be hung in honor of Ruth Anne’s commitment and service to the seniors.

16. Mr. Murray requested that copies of the articles from the Municipal Advocate referring to Marlborough Economic Development Corporation Works to “Expand the Pie” and All Economies are local: A jobs and growth strategy for Cities and Towns be provided to the members of both the IDC and the Planning Board. He suggested that the board may wish to consider establishing a separate Downtown Development Committee to generate ideas.

17. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE --None

18. Mr. DeBartolomeis moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To adjourn the Selectmen’s meeting at 8:11PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman Buckley, Selectmen DeBartolomeis and Murray vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Employment Contracts for the Fire Chief and Town Treasurer, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Jean M. DeTore
Minutes Recorder

William D. Buckley, Chairman

Dino B. DeBartolomeis

Brian W. Murray, Esq.