

MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION –JUNE 2, 2014

ROOM 03 – TOWN HALL

7:00PM

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

1. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To sign the warrant, UNANIMOUS.
2. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the minutes of May 12, 2014 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
3. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - None
4. A Public Hearing was held at the request of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. regarding Plan #15825182 for Veterans Memorial Drive requesting the relocation of guy pole 7-84 Veterans Memorial Drive approximately 10' north to accommodate future bike path. Mike Fraser representing National Grid was present. Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the above Plan #15825182 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
5. A Public Hearing was held at the request of National Grid regarding Plan #16822927 for Purchase Street requesting the relocation of existing Pole 53 approximately 10' North and installing new anchor per the request of the customer at 138 Purchase Street to allow for removal of tree guy wire. Mike Fraser representing National Grid was present. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the above Plan #16822927 as submitted, UNANIMOUS.
6. Police Chief Thomas J. O'Loughlin; Jose Goncalves, President; Anna Pires, Secretary/Treasurer, Bento Alves, Vice President and Vitorino DaSilva member of the Portuguese Club; met with the Board to review the procedures that will be followed at the July 19 and 20, 2014 Portuguese Picnic. Chief O'Loughlin stated that he had met with the officers of the Portuguese Club after last year's picnic to address any issues of concern. He noted that Police coverage will be similar to the past with officers on motorcycles patrolling the outlying streets and that the noise level of music (entertainment) will be strictly monitored. He further stated that additional staffing has been requested from the Massachusetts State Police. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the One-Day All Alcoholic License (2), Saturday, July 19th 12:00Noon to 1:00AM and Sunday, July 20th 12:00 Noon to 11:00PM, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Live Entertainment License for July 19th from 8:00PM – 12:15AM and July 20th from 7:00PM-10:45PM, UNANIMOUS. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the Parade

Permit for July 20, 2014, UNANIMOUS. (NB: All in accordance with the stipulations provided by the Police Chief).

7. A Public Hearing was held at the request of Robert DeDominick, Powerless, Inc. d/b/a The Tradesman, 284 West Street, seeking an amendment to his Common Victualler All Alcoholic license, an alteration of premises. Atty. Joseph Lasorsa, representing Mr. DeDominick, provided photographs showing that the project as 80% completed. The proposed amendment seeks to alter the premises to include an outside deck, 31 feet long, 22 inches wide attached to the building, with handicap legal entrance ramp in addition to a 12 x 31 open roof covering on the building side with 10 x 31 feet open air towards parking lot/ramp side. Access from entrance ramp and door to existing building with non-functional bar cornered at existing building outside walls primarily used for sitting and lounging and will be used on certain occasions stocking all bar items temporarily as needed. Bar will contain no more than five seats on either side. Three lighted ceiling fans installed in roofed half, non roofed half lit by parking lot flood light. Chairman DeBartolomeis suggested that Mr. DeDominick contact Mr. Michael Nicholson, Chairman of the Commission on Disability to make sure that all requirements have been met. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request for alteration of premises, UNANIMOUS.

#### 8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Budgets – All Budgets under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen are on target.
2. Windows – All of the nineteen (19) of the windows on the second floor of Town Hall have been restored and reinstalled except for the large Palladian window on the north face of the building. The two (2) oculus windows, the rectangular windows and the smaller Palladian window in the attic level have also been restored and reinstalled. The contractor has now begun restoring the windows on the first floor. To date, the windows in the Tax Collector's Office have been restored and reinstalled. The windows in the Selectmen's Office have been removed and are being restored at the Contractor's work shop. We are still on schedule to complete the installation by the end of June.
3. FY 2015 Local Aid Estimates Based on Senate Final Budget – The estimates for Chapter 70 Aid is \$20,022,624.00 and the estimate for Unrestricted General Government Aid is \$2,717,877.00. These are the same figures as passed in the House. As we know these estimates are subject to change as the state budget process progresses.
4. Worcester Sheriff Community Service Program – Worcester County Sheriff Lewis G. Evangelidis sent individuals in the Community Service Program to work in Milford four (4) days from May 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th. They spread mulch at the Town Hall and Senior Center. They also cleared weeds and then spread mulch at the Police Station. We do anticipate scheduling time in the future to use the Program to clean Town owned Parking Lots. I also met with the Sheriff and we discussed possible additional future projects. We appreciate and thank Sheriff Evangelidas and the workers for their assistance to the Town.

5. Welcome Fire Chief William H. Touhey – We have scheduled a reception for the new Fire Chief at Town Hall on Friday, June 6, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. We invite everyone to come to Town Hall to officially welcome the Chief. We will also be thanking retired Chief John Touhey for his many years of dedicated service to the Town. Coffee and pastries will be served.
6. Questions for the Board- I would like to remind the public that should anyone be unable to attend a Selectmen Meeting and have questions for the Board please feel free to contact me.
7. Double Poles – There is another Progress Report from National Grid indicating that (7) poles have been removed from April 11<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup>. From April 2013 to date one hundred poles (100) have been removed. There are sixty-six (66) remaining. I want to thank Bob Russell from National Grid for his continued effort working on this matter.
8. Route 16 Roadway Improvements – Highway Surveyor, Scott Crisafulli, and former Town Engineer, Mike Santora met with MassDOT officials last year seeking funding for the Route 16 Improvement Project that includes improvements to the Route 140 Intersection near Milford Hospital. We are seeking \$2.8 million from the Federal Transportation Program (TIP). This would include turning lanes, painting new lines, installing new sidewalks and handicap ramps. This is a difficult intersection and needs to be done. The hope is for the project to be awarded in 2017.
9. Mass Bay Commuter Railroad-Vegetation Control Program – In your Informational Correspondence is a letter from TEC Associates advising us that right of way services for the railroad will be performed by Keolis Commuter Services, Inc. This right of way runs from Cedar Street South to the Hopedale Town line just before Howard Street. This is to ensure the railway remains safe and running smoothly and includes removing debris, clearing drainage trenches, trimming trees and clearing gravel. Town Engineer will review the Yearly Operational Plan with the Conservation Commission and if need be will request changes to the Plan.

Chairman DeBartolomeis suggested the following:

Request that Town Engineer Vonnie Reis Contact MassDOT to make them aware that when the improvements were made to Main Street, the steel plates for the handicap accessibility are already worn, they need to be replaced and the chirping noise for the light signals are not aligned properly.

Mr. Murray requested seeking clarification of the double pole report from National Grid specifically the continuity in the number of poles removed month to month.

Mr. Buckley requested the following:

- status report and timeline for the completion of the Town Hall Window project
- Corrective Action Plan from the Town Accountant in reference to the Auditor's Management Letter.

-Suggested that Town Engineer Vonnie Reis seek input from the state for the possible relocation and decrease in size for the sign posted for the direction of 495 since it obstructs Oliva's Market and several businesses located on East Main Street.

9. Town Administrator Richard A. Villani reviewed correspondence outlining the status of the appointment of an Information Technology Director. He stated that although the Board previously voted on May 12, 2014 to appoint Alan Graham to the position of Information Technology Director, he informed him on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 that he had accepted another employment opportunity. After meeting with Robert Tremblay, School Superintendent, Christopher Morin and Carlos Lizarralde, members of the Technology Task Force Committee, the members recommend that Mr. Paul Blivess would be a strong candidate for the position. After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckley moved, seconded by Mr. Murray: To approve the recommendation of Mr. Villani to appoint Paul Blivess to the position of Director of Technology and to be placed at Grade 6/Step 5 with a starting salary of \$89,652.00 beginning on June 9, 2014, UNANIMOUS.

10. Chairman DeBartolomeis updated the board on his conversation with Robert Tremblay, Superintendent of Schools regarding establishing a committee to discuss the future use of Middle School East. Any committee should consider the following:

- A. Sale of the Building to both public or private profit making businesses or nonprofit organizations
- B. Rental or lease of the building to both public or private profit making businesses or nonprofit organizations
- C. Mixed use of the building
- D. Office Complex
- E. Elderly Housing
- F. Use of the building by the Town for office space.

He further noted that Superintendent Tremblay would be receiving input from the School Committee. After the School Committee meeting, Superintendent Tremblay and he would provide an update and a recommendation for committee membership for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

11. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept the \$2,500.00 gift from Benjamin Moore & Company to be deposited in the Milford Fire Department Gift Account, UNANIMOUS.

12. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept the \$2,500.00 gift from Benjamin Moore & Company to be deposited in the Milford Police Department Gift Account, UNANIMOUS.

13. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve a One-Day All Alcoholic Beverage License for Café Sorrento, 143 Central Street, Sunday, June 22, 2014 1:00PM – 6:00PM, UNANIMOUS.

14. After reviewing correspondence from Town Engineer Vonnie Reis regarding a request for “No Parking” signs on both sides of Pine Island Road: Mr. Murray moved seconded by Mr. Buckley: To approve the request to post “No Parking” signs on both sides of Pine Island Road north of Tina Road as recommended by Town Engineer, UNANIMOUS

15. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To accept the \$567.00 gift from Harold and Marcia Rhodes to be used to purchase a Bronze Plaque to be permanently attached to the steel railing on the Accessible Platform at Louisa Lake, UNANIMOUS.

16. Town Administrator Villani reviewed the process outlined in correspondence from Town Engineer Vonnie Reis regarding the position of Clerk for the Planning and Engineering Office: Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To appoint Maria Morais to the position at \$20.21 per hour beginning on June 9, 2014, UNANIMOUS.

17. Chairman DeBartolomeis requested:

-Town Engineer seek input from MassDOT relative to initiating the process to post speed signs on route 109.

-Town Administrator Villani meet with Department Heads relative to ways to establish tighter security measures at Town Hall so that employees can feel safe while servicing the public.

18. INFORMATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Milford Finance Committee, re: Minutes of May 2, 2014
2. National Grid, re: Double Pole Progress Report
3. TECAssociates, re: Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad 2014 Vegetation Control Program
4. Police Chief, re: Alcohol Compliance Checks
5. CHA Consulting, Inc., re: Roadway Improvements on Route 16 (Main Street)

Chairman DeBartolomeis also recommended sending letters to the establishments that were found to be in compliance after the Alcohol Compliance Check recently conducted by the Police Department.

19. Mr. Murray moved, seconded by Mr. Buckley: To adjourn the Selectmen’s meeting at 7:57PM, UNANIMOUS. ROLL CALL VOTE: Chairman DeBartolomeis and Selectmen Murray and Buckley vote in the affirmative to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate proposals, UNANIMOUS.

Respectfully submitted:

MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Jean M. DeTore  
Minutes Recorder

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Dino B. DeBartolomeis, Chairman

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Brian W. Murray, Esq.

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William D. Buckley