

MILFORD FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 10, 2018

PRESENT: Chris Morin (Chair), Aldo Cecchi, Al Correia, Bob DeVita, Jerry Hiatt, Andy Lizotte, Joyce Lavigne, Charles Miklosovich, Mike Nicholson, Jeff Niro, and Mike Schiavi.

Members not present: Phil Ciaramicoli, Mike Soares, John Tennaro and Vincenzo Valastro.

Also present: Paul Abbondanza, Financial Analyst

Meeting called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Chuck Miklosovich moved to approve the Amended 9-19-18 Minutes, seconded by Jerry Hiatt, all in favor.

Al Correia moved to approve the 9-26-18 Minutes, seconded by Mike Nicholson, all in favor. Aldo Cecchi abstained.

Downtown Revitalization Committee: Ron Pagnini reported that they are working to improve the Downtown District by identifying improvement opportunities. The property runs from the Sacred Heart Church through Main Street down to the Sorrento Room on Central Street. They have established a draft of a long range plan; they identified opportunity for property acquisition on Central Street and razed two buildings with the lot being graded and seeded. The Rotary Club has donated an estimated \$8000. Financing will include consulting work, methods for grant acquisitions and offering tax breaks for private investors. Weeding in the downtown area will be taken care of by the Highway Department. The #1 objective is to vitalize the downtown area.

Aldo Cecchi left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

School Committee – Superintendent Kevin McIntyre reported that he wants to have a meeting with the Long Range Facility Commission and the Finance Committee. Kathy Perry reported that the Special Ed children's funding has been increased. Milford's Chapter 70 Allocation in the past 10 years has increased \$10,824,417 at 43.7%. Local contributions over the past 10 years have increased \$1,218,821 at 5.3%. Disadvantaged populations are increasing. Milford is spending \$14,192.69 per pupil. Milford is spending 11.4% less per student than the state average or \$1,822.21 per student. Greg Consigli reported that on School Choice the majority of the children come in from Hopedale. Superintendent McIntyre reported that growth is going up at the High School and that they are meeting targets in some of the schools. Superintendent McIntyre agreed to provide the committee with detailed information and analysis pertaining to School Choice. In addition, he agreed to provide the source of the information, if it is available, through a web site.

Chuck Miklosovich moved to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Niro, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Minutes recorded by Diana Hearn

Documents reviewed:

Milford Downtown Revitalization Committee Annual Report 2018

Milford School Budget 2018-2019