

**TOWN MEETING STUDY AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
(TMSIC)**

**TOWN HALL  
52 MAIN STREET  
MILFORD, MA 01757**

Meeting Minutes

A Pre-Town Meeting Forum sponsored by the Town Meeting Study and Improvement Committee was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, in the Upper Hall of the Town Hall. The forum began at 7:15 p.m.

Though no attendance was taken, nine members of the Committee were present: Renaldo A. DeLuzio (Chairman), Michelangelo Bon Tempo (Clerk), Charles M. Clark, Sr., Susan Marie Hastert, Richard A. Heller, Bartholomew R. Lawless (Vice-chairman), Kathryn L. Mastroianni, Jose M. Morais and Steven J. Trettel. One Participating Applicant to the Committee was present B. Gregory Johnson. Seventy members of the public were present.

A. In his introduction, Mr. DeLuzio, Chairman of the Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee charged with organizing the forum, noted that the order of articles being addressed is the agenda number item and not the article number; and that the budget is being introduced at this forum format.

Chairman DeLuzio reiterated the primary purpose of the forum: to allow Town Meeting members to ask questions of Article sponsors, which is not so easy to do at Town Meeting. He also reminded members not to advocate for or against an article at the forum. The remainder of the ground rules were briefly explained.

Chairman DeLuzio extended the Committee's appreciation to Atty. Richard A. Villani, Town Administrator, and the various department personnel for their cooperation and attendance in support of the forum.

Chairman DeLuzio reminded those in attendance to fill out and return the pink questionnaire at the end of the evening.

Chairman DeLuzio turned the proceedings over to Atty. Michael J. Norferi, Town Moderator.

B. Atty. Noferi, acting as Chair, called upon the presenter of the first agenda item, Article 11, to come forward.

C. Ten articles from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant were addressed.

1. Article 11, on increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen from three to five members and sponsored by Michael Soares et al, was presented by Mr. Soares.

Questions were asked by the following individuals: Kathryn L. Mastroianni (Precinct 3), Thomas Earl Russ (Precinct 2) and Christine Crean (Precinct 6).

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2. Article 18, on authorizing the Board of Selectmen to seek special legislation to provide for November annual Town elections and sponsored by Bryan Cole et al, was presented by Mr. Cole. Amy Hennessey Neves, Town Clerk, provided clarification on the logistics of having ballots for both state and town elections on the same day.

Questions were asked by the following individuals: Richard A. Heller (Precinct 1), George S. Swymer, Sr. (Precinct 7), Donna L. Niro (Precinct 8), Ms. Mastroianni (Precinct 3), Andrew E. Johanson (Precinct 4), Mrs. Crean (Precinct 6), Brendan J. Rickert (Precinct 6), Ryan Newfell (Precinct 2) and Charles M. Clark, Sr. (Precinct 1).

3. Article 13, on a sum of money to be added to those sums previously appropriated to be utilized for the legal, engineering or other expert consulting services necessary to effectuate the final acquisition, and transfer, of the Milford Water Company and its assets to the Town of Milford and sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, was presented by Zachary Taylor, Finance Director.

Questions were asked by the following individuals: Mrs. Crean (Precinct 6) and Bryan Cole (Precinct 8).

4. Article 12, on accepting the provisions of Section 9D ½ of Chapter 32B of the General Laws by which acceptance the Town will be authorized to contribute the same percentage toward a surviving spouse's health insurance as was paid prior to the death of an employee or retiree and sponsored by the Board of Selectmen/Insurance Advisory Committee, was presented by Kelly Capece, Benefits Coordinator.

Questions were asked by the following individuals: Mr. Swymer (Precinct 7), Mr. Clark (Precinct 1) and Dr. Heller (Precinct 1).

5. Article 15, on a sum of money to be utilized under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen for police chief services pending the filling of the vacancy in the office of Police Chief and sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, was presented by Mr. Taylor, Finance Director.

An explanation was given as to why the article was being passed over.

No questions were asked.

6. Article 21, on amending Section 3.9 Sign Regulations of the Zoning Bylaw relating to projecting signs and sponsored by the Planning Board, was presented by Larry L. Dunkin, Town Planner.

No questions were asked.

7. Article 16, on a sum of money to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Police Chief Selection Committee for general expenses and sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, was presented by Atty. Villani, Town Administrator.

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Questions were asked by the following individuals: Mrs. Crean (Precinct 6) and Ms. Mastroianni (Precinct 3).

8. Article 14, on seeking special legislation to amend Chapter 76 of the Acts of 1982 so as to eliminate the requirement for the Milford Geriatric Authority to make payments to the Town of Milford “in lieu of taxes” and sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, was presented by Mr. Taylor, Finance Director.

No questions were asked.

9. Article 19, on petitioning the Legislature for special legislation to provide for the grant of an additional license for the sale of malt beverages and wine to be consumed on the premises, was presented by Atty. Patrick G. Holland, representing Mahsa Ghavamian, owner of Canvas n Cup, LLC.

Questions were asked by the following individuals: Ms. Mastroianni (Precinct 3), William J. Hennessey (Precinct 4) and Mr. Cole (Precinct 8).

10. Article 4, on raising and appropriating such sum or sums of money to defray expenses for the financial year beginning July 1, 2019 and sponsored by the Board of Selectmen, was presented by Mr. Taylor, Finance Director.

Questions were asked by the following individuals: Mr. Swymer (Precinct 7).

William J. Touhey, Jr., Fire Chief spoke on the increase to the Fire Department’s budget. No questions were asked.

Dr. Kevin McIntyre, Superintendent, and Kathleen Perry, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Human Resources, of the Milford Public Schools addressed the school budget.

Questions were asked by the following individuals: Ms. Mastroianni (Precinct 3), Mrs. Niro (Precinct 8), Mr. Rickert (Precinct 6), Beverly A. Swymer (Precinct 7); Mrs. Crean (Precinct 6), Mr. Swymer (Precinct 7), Jose Manuel Costa (Precinct 2), Jeffrey J. Niro (Precinct 8), and Mr. Russ (Precinct 2).

Evelyn D. Bon Tempo (Precinct 4) thanked Dr. McIntyre and Ms. Perry for their presentation on the school budget.

Atty. Noferi declared that the time limit imposed on the forum (90 minutes) did not permit presentation of Article 8 (to adopt a new Article 40 of the General By-Laws, Tax Title Payment Agreements, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 60, Section 62A) and Article 20 (to rescind the acceptance of General Laws Chapter 90, Section 22B, Subsections (b) through (k) concerning the non-criminal penalties and disposition of abandoned motor vehicles as adopted by Article 4 at the Special Town Meeting of March 5, 1990).

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Atty. Noferi reminded the audience to fill out and return the pink questionnaire, and asked Chairman DeLuzio to give his closing comments.

In closing, Chairman DeLuzio thanked everyone for coming and encouraged their attendance at the upcoming Town Meeting on Monday May 20, 2019.

The forum concluded at 9:35 p.m.

Michelangelo Bon Tempo  
Clerk

Approved  
6/17/2019