

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen Meeting  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Milton Town Hall

**Board of Selectmen Attendance:** Chairman Ryan Thibeault, Vice Chair Erin Hutchings, Andy Rawson, Town Administrator Ernie Creveling excused, Recording Clerk; Danielle Marique

**Public Attendance:** Andy Lucier, Tim Long, John Katwick, Tom McDougall, Lynette McDougall, Betsy Baker, Larry Brown, Allen Bourbeau.

**Meeting call to order**

R Thibeault welcomed all in attendance reciting the pledge.

**Public Comment:**

L. Brown: Expressed gratitude towards the Budget Committee for their efforts on the proposed 2020 budget.

**New Business:**

**1. Adjustment of 2020 Selectmen's Meeting Schedule**

R. Thibeault stated the meeting schedule is in need of adjustment due to 2020 federal holidays. It was suggested by Administrator Creveling in memo form to adjust the scheduled January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting to Wednesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm to discuss warrant articles and board of selectmen recommendations. Discussions of adjusting February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm tentatively until further review at the next meeting.

**2. Renewal of Town Planner Contract**

R. Thibeault stated the board previously approved the Town Planner Contract, however, document signing was still needed.

*Motion:* R. Thibeault moved to approve and sign the 2020 Town Planner contract agreement. E. Hutchings seconded 3-0.

**3. Presentation of Petition for Pole and conduit License Amendments**

E. Hutchings and R. Thibeault read into the minutes the proposed petition for pole and conduit license amendments. Appendix A

*Motion:* R. Thibeault moved to direct Administrator Creveling to notify all utilities and to schedule the required public hearing. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

**4. Town Report Dedication Nomination**

R. Thibeault stated Victor Joos and John Katwick were the two nominations for the 2019 Annual Town Report.

*Motion:* R. Thibeault moved to dedicate the 2019 Annual Town Report to John Katwick. A. Rawson seconded. 3-0

**5. Employee Retention Plan Progress Review**

R. Thibeault stated this discussion would be tabled and thanked the group who have worked on this assignment.

**6. Fire Department Vehicle Surplus Discussion**

N. Marique stated there are two vehicles that are in need of disposing from his department. Offered a suggestion to put the old ladder truck under sealed bid and to accept all bid offers with his decision to approve or deny any bids. Requested the Crown Victoria to be utilized for training purposes prior to salvage yard dismissal.

**7. Berry Road & Jug Hill Road Through Trucking Discussion**

Town Administrator Creveling stated in memo form that discussions with the Police and Fire Chief as well as Director of Public Works indicated that neither of the officers have received a formal complaint, on to the attention to the town administrator and there is believed to be increased truck traffic on the two roads. Chief Krauss will be reviewing further and traffic counts will be discussed with Strafford Regional Planning. A. Lucier stated concerns with Town roads being used and damaged due to heavy trucking due to Acton Maine enforcing a through trucking policy on their roads in turn forcing traffic volume on Milton Mills roads. R. Thibeault explained continued review would be performed.

**Old Business:**

**8. Solar Garden Ratification Discussion**

R. Thibeault expressed concerns with the details of the projection rates and has requested clarity on the details. E. Hutchings stated the proposed warrant article will continue as planned.

**9. Heritage Commission Discussion**

R. Thibeault reiterated literature regarding what a heritage commission is and the scope of the commission, Appendix B details full explanation disclosed. A. Rawson expressed a heritage commission is a great asset to the Town. R. Thibeault proposed the following warrant article; ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to: A. Establish a Heritage Commission (the "Commission"), under the authority of RSA Ch. 673:1 II, for the proper recognition, use and protection of community historic resources as defined in RSA Ch. 674:44-a. B. Authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members and two citizens as alternate members, who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their office by the Town Clerk, to such a Commission, pursuant to the provisions of RSA Ch. 673:4-a and with terms pursuant to the provisions of RSA Ch. 673:5. The Commission shall exercise such powers as are set forth at RSA Ch. 674:44-b I and II and RSA Ch. 674:44-c and RSA Ch. 674:44-d, and shall file an annual report of their activities with the Town.

***Motion:** R. Thibeault moved to approve the heritage commission warrant article as written. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0.*

## 10. Town Warrant Article Review

D. Marique stated the board would be discussing their formal recommendations of warrant articles on the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, meeting. A. Rawson stated currently if all warrant articles passed at town vote the tax rate would raise approximately \$1.00/thousand.

## 11. Budget Hearing and Town Meeting Dates

R. Thibeault stated the Budget Committee will be holding their Public Hearing Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00am with a snow date of Tuesday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 6:00pm. Deliberative session will be Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 beginning at 9:00am.

## Other Business:

- **Sanders Search Contract Renewal**-Town Clerk/Tax Collector requested the acceptance and signing of the annual Sanders Search contract agreement for 2020.  
*Motion:* R. Thibeault moved to approve the 2020 Sanders Search contract agreement. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0
- **Economic Development Committee Resignations**- E. Hutchings stated the Economic Development Committee received resignation letters from Les Elder and Chris Penta for both of their remaining terms.  
*Motion:* E. Hutchings moved to accept the resignation of Les Elder and Chris Penta from the Economic Development Committee. R. Thibeault seconded. 3-0

## Meeting Minutes

E. Hutchings moved to approve the December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. R. Thibeault seconded. 3-0.

R. Thibeault moved to approve the December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. A. Rawson seconded. 3-0.

## Public Comments:

**J. Katwick:** expressed gratitude for the 2019 Town Report dedication as well as the heritage commission decisioning.

**L. Brown:** Stated commission is designed to outline and show what Milton has and its history.

**T. McDougall:** Requested the warrant articles presented to the Budget Committee prior to their meeting January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**L. McDougall:** Questioned what the Economic Development Committee does for those interested who are not aware. E. Hutchings stated the EDC is partly responsible for direction and planning for Milton and its future.

## Expenditure Report

None

**Selectmen Comments**

**A. Rawson:** Wished all a happy New Year.

**E. Hutchings:** Stated the annual Winter Carnival will be held March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with a theme being Miltons Ice Age with focus being on ice harvesting and related topics as well as the antique snowmobile club will be present. Thanked the Locke and Main families for their help and dedication. Shared the Holiday Gift Program served 27 families totaling 69 children.

**R. Thibeault:** None

R. Thibeault moved to adjourn. E. Hutchings seconded. 3-0

Respectfully submitted;  
Recording Clerk,  
Danielle Marique

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Chairman Ryan Thibeault

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Erin Hutchings

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Andy Rawson