

Town of Milton
BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING
November 16, 2020

ATTENDANCE:

Members: Andrew Rawson (Chair), Claudine Burnham, Matt Morrill

Staff: Ernest Creveling, Town Administrator, Brian Boyers, Patrick Smith

Public: Virginia Long, Steve Panish, Chief Richard Krauss

Andrew Rawson, Chair, opened the public session at 6:00PM.

1.) Pledge of Allegiance: Andrew Rawson, Chair, led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.) Public Comments: See comments from Virginia Long under Old Business below.

3.) Public Hearings:

Hearing #1: The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 43:2. The purpose was to consider proposed amendments to the specific Town Ordinances. Chief Richard Krauss presented the changes to the following ordinances for board vote:

a.) Closing of Town Parks & Recreation Areas:

Chief Krauss explained this ordinance is for town parks controlled by BOS only, including forest lands. Changes included corrections to RSA #'s, updated format (to ensure uniform formats), and wording for penalties.

Mr. Morrill made a motion to approve changes to this ordinance. Ms. Burnham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

b.) One Way Road Ordinance:

Further explanation of the changes to this ordinance included specifying this is for School Street, applying same format as others, correcting the RSA #.

Mr. Morrill made a motion to approve changes to this ordinance. Ms. Burnham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

c.) Parking in Lined Spots Ordinance:

This ordinance added Main Street and Jug Hill Road, both located in Milton Mills, corrected RSA #, corrected both the formatting and the fine.

Mr. Morrill made a motion to approve changes to this ordinance. Ms. Burnham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

39 d.) **Posting School Zone Speed Ordinance:**

40 The updates to this ordinance included format corrections, adding the RSA into the
41 ordinance, and the exact locations of the school zones and the specific times involved.
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43 Mr. Morrill made a motion to approve changes to this ordinance. Ms. Burnham
44 seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.
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46 e.) **Snow Removal Policy Ordinance:**

47 Chief Krauss explained this updated ordinance now includes policy regarding disposal of
48 snow onto public ways. This act will now be considered a violation of the ordinance.
49 Updated formats and explanations of associated fines are also included.
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51 Mr. Rawson made a motion to approve changes to this ordinance. Ms. Burnham
52 seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.
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54 f.) **Bridge Jumping Ordinance:**

55 The format was updated, along with updating violations and adding a fine statement.
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57 Mr. Rawson made a motion to approve changes to this ordinance. Ms. Burnham
58 seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.
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60 **Hearing #2:** This hearing was held to receive public input on a proposed amendment to the Fee
61 Schedule at the Solid Waste Facility and Transfer Station. Mr. Patrick Smith provided history
62 and information to the proposed changes.
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64 The fee rates increased 3.5% in January of 2020 with another proposed 3.5% increase to occur
65 in January of 2021. Mr. Smith explained that upon reviewing the current fee schedule and the
66 proposed increase in January, these rates will not be enough to cover the associated tipping
67 rates and that it is costing more to get rid of tonnage. Mr. Smith then reviewed the rate sheet,
68 comparing current rates with the proposed increases. Some fees will remain the same while
69 others will increase. There will be no fees for residential trash or recyclables.
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71 Ms. Burnham questioned when would the new fee schedule go into effect? Mr. Smith would
72 like the board to vote to have the changes take effect immediately. Mr. Rawson expressed his
73 concern that especially during tough times like this year, it's very difficult to raise rates.
74 However, he also understands the increased costs to the town. Mr. Smith, also concerned
75 explained that the only reason for this rate increase is because of the increased cost to the
76 town to get rid of stuff.
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78 Mr. Morrill made a motion to approve the updated fee schedule to the Transfer Station,
79 effective immediately. Ms. Burnham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor;
80 the motion passed.
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83 **4.) NEW BUSINESS – Discussions & Possible Actions:**

84 Brian Boyers was in attendance to discuss the Building permit fees. Mr. Boyers explained these
85 rates have not been raised since 2008. To get further insight, Mr. Boyers looked at surrounding
86 towns and compared Milton's building permit rates to both Wakefield and Farmington. He is
87 requesting the board approve the new rates to bring Milton in line with other communities.

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89 Mr. Morrill made a motion to approve the new rate schedule for Building permit fees, effective
90 January 1, 2021. Ms. Burnham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the
91 motion passed.

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93 **5.) OLD BUSINESS:**

94 a.) **Conservation Commission** – Ms. Virginia Long, Representative of the Casey Road
95 Sub Committee, as part of the Conservation Commission, was in attendance to request
96 the board rescind their previous approval of prohibiting hunting on the Casey Road
97 land and to instead have a Warrant Article crafted to bring to the town for their vote.

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99 Background information: At a previous BOS meeting, the board voted to approve
100 prohibited activities at Casey Road, including hunting. The commission had received
101 pushback from commission members. Ms. Long had a discussion with school officials
102 specifically around hosting field trips from the school. School officials explained their
103 policy is to curtail those field trips during hunting season.

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105 Chief Krauss stated he is not in favor of hunting restrictions on public lands unless there
106 are specific reasons presented. Hunting has been allowed on these lands for years. He
107 also agreed the best way to move forward is to bring this to the town as a Warrant
108 Article.

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110 Mr. Rawson made a motion to rescind a previously voted-upon motion of no hunting
111 on Casey Road public lands. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. The vote was
112 unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

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114 Mr. Rawson then made a motion to permit hunting on Casey Road. Mr. Morrill
115 seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

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117 Mr. Rawson thanked Ms. Long expressing his appreciation for all that she has done for
118 Casey Road, the Conservation Commission and her time and effort given to the town of
119 Milton.

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121 b.) **565 White Mountain Highway:** Renovations are currently underway. The certified
122 court document was received. Once the funds are received, the town will record the
123 deed. Mr. Morrill questioned if the town is still paying for the required fencing around
124 the property? Going forward, since the fencing can now be removed, the property
125 owner now assumes all payments for the fencing.

c.) **79 Charles Street:** Mr. Creveling recommends this property is good to go to sealed bids procedures.

Mr. Rawson made a motion to move forward with the Town Administrator to move 79 Charles Street out to sealed bids. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

d.) **18 Allen Hastings Way:** This property is set to go with however the town wants to proceed.

e.) **254 Governors Road:** Mr. Creveling is still researching this property.

Mr. Morrill questioned the status of the Ding-a-Ling. Mr. Creveling will be following-up with an appointment to meet with the owners and Brian Boyers.

6.) Other Business to Come Before the Board:

Chief Krauss discussed the purchase of tasers for the police department. Upon further review, he had recommended the immediate replacement of tasers instead of waiting. Malfunctions have started to occur and since the monies are in the current budget, he believed it was time to move forward with this purchase. The board had previously approved moving forward with this purchase as well and believes it is vital to keep our officers safe.

7.) Approval of Minutes:

11/9/2020 Public:

Mr. Rawson made motion to accept meeting minutes with approved changes. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept 11/9/2020 Public meeting minutes with approved changes. The motion passed.

11/9/2020 Non-Public:

Mr. Rawson made motion to accept meeting minutes with minor changes. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept 11/9/2020 Non-Public meeting minutes with minor changes. The motion passed.

8.) Expenditure Report:

There were no comments or questions regarding the expenditure report.

9.) Town Administrator:

Mr. Creveling explained the upon his research, the term of Sarah Rogers, Recreation Commission, would expire March, 2023.

Mr. Rawson made a motion to accept the letter from Ms. Rogers and her request to remain on the Recreation Commission. Ms. Burnham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed.

170 **10.) Selectmen Comments:**

171 Ms. Burnham: No comments

172 Mr. Morrill: No comments


173 Mr. Rawson: No comments

175 **10.) Adjournment:**

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177 Mr. Rawson motioned to adjourn the public meeting. Mr. Morrill seconded the
178 motion. The vote was unanimous in favor; the motion passed. The public meeting
179 was adjourned at 6:55PM.
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Respectfully Submitted:

Amy Winslow-Weiss, Recording Secretary

BOARD MEMBER	PARTICIPATION			APPROVED ON <u>December 7, 2020</u>			
	Physically Present	Attending Remotely	Absent	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	Signatures
Andrew Rawson, Chair	✓			✓			
Matthew Morrill, Vice Chair	✓			✓			
Claudine Burnham,	✓			✓			