

**Town of Milton**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMAN MEETING**  
**March 1, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Staff:** Ernest Creveling, Town Administrator

**Public:** Betsy Baker, Mr. Glover, Dale Sprague, Karen Golab

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:**

Mr. Glover was in attendance to express his concern regarding the current state of non-licensed junkyards in Milton. Mr. Glover has been in regular contact with Brian who has stated there is only one licensed junkyard allowed to operate in Milton. Mr. Glover explained there is a property on Hare Road with junked cars and other items, and significant trash build-up. He stated animals come on to the property and surrounding properties drawn in by the trash. There has been a cease-and-desist order in place for a while. However, Mr. Glover does not feel enough improvements have been made. He understands the Code Enforcer position is currently part-time and wonders if the town now needs a full-time position as he is aware of other residents who have experienced similar issues. Mr. Rawson stated that Brian will continue to look into this and hopefully come to resolution.

**3.) New Business:**

- a.) Re-appointment of Local Government Efficiency Task Force Member Terms through April, 2022: Ms. Karen Golab, Chair LGET Force, was in attendance requesting the task force approved time be extended to April of 2022. Background information: The taskforce committee was setup as a temporary committee in early 2021. However, due to COVID restrictions, the committee was unable to get truly up and running until September, 2021. In the short-term the committee has accomplished a lot including the major endeavor of developing and distributing the recent town survey. This survey project continues with data collection and report development. They would like to see this, and other necessary projects through to completion and request the BOS extend the committee expiration date to April, 2022 and reappoint the current committee members. The BOS recognizes and appreciates all the hard work and contributions for the committee and members.

Mr. Rawson made a motion to extend the committee to April, 2022 and to reappoint all current committee members to April, 2022. Ms. Burnham seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Mr. Rawson then swore in Karen Golab to continue as Chair of the local Government Efficiency Task Force.

43 b.) Appointment of Cemetery Trustee Alternates – One-year Terms

44 The BOS received a request from John Katwick to reappoint Sandy Woods and Kathryn  
45 Ayers for one year terms as Cemetery Trustee Alternates.

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47 Mr. Rawson made a motion to reappoint Sandy Woods for one year term as Cemetery  
48 Trustee Alternate. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

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50 Mr. Rawson made a motion to reappoint Kathryn Ayers for one year term as Cemetery  
51 Trustee Alternate. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

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53 c.) Ratification of Heritage Commission Alternate Member:

54 When appointments were made to this commission, there were more applicants than  
55 spaces. Ms. Ayers was sworn in as an alternate, however, she was never officially  
56 appointed by the board.

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58 Mr. Rawson made a motion to appoint Kathryn Ayers to the Heritage Commission,  
59 retroactive to the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. All were in  
60 favor; the motion passed.

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62 d.) Approval of Contract for Sanders Searches, LLC:

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64 Mr. Rawson made a motion to approve the continuation of the contract for Sanders  
65 Searches, LLC. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

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67 e.) Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit:

68 Mr. Dale Sprague was in attendance to present on Milton's participation. Mr. Sprague had  
69 already provided memos and information to the BOS prior to this meeting. Milton and 12  
70 other communities had received invite to participate in voluntary opt-in to permit from EPA.  
71 There are benefit to opting-in at the start. Biggest benefit is to delay large amounts of  
72 money being spent on waste-water upgrades/operations by at least two years. Previously  
73 the EPA did not collect preliminary report data. When Milton complained, they agreed to  
74 give the next two years to collect and report on data. After two years, if opting in to this  
75 plan, will allow the town to maintain status quo. EPA has acknowledged most nitrogen is  
76 coming from sources other than waste-water facilities. This opt-in would allow Milton and  
77 other communities to look at alternate nitrogen sources. Mr. Sprague believes it is in the  
78 town's best interest to opt-in at the start. The letter of intent must be submitted by April  
79 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Morrill questioned if there are any downsides to participating. Mr. Sprague  
80 believes at the end of the two year term, Milton would be assigned a higher number of  
81 nitrogen which would cost more money. Mr. Rawson asked what are the costs to opt-in?  
82 There are no upfront monetary costs to opting in. The cost is associated with time involved  
83 for someone to collect data for the next two years. This will allow the town to also explore  
84 additional options for the next several years. The BOS is on board with moving this forward.

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86 Mr. Rawson made a motion to approve the opting-in and to allow Mr. Creveling to be the  
87 signatory of the general permit. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. All were in favor; the  
88 motion passed.

Inter-municipality Agreement: Background information – The three larger communities, Rochester, Somersworth, have gotten together to focus on larger issues of collecting data, tracking pollution, crunch numbers, etc. which effect those towns and surrounding communities. They are working collectively, sharing resources and are asking other communities to join in agreement. The benefit of participating is to gain resources and expertise from the larger communities. Mr. Sprague recommends a short-term opt-in (2-4 years). He explained the three directors would be from the 3 main towns with alternates from smaller communities. The cost to Milton would be significant smaller expenditure approximately \$2,000 per year. While there is some vagueness in the permit, he does recommend at least a one year term and would like Mr. Creveling to further discuss with them. Mr. Creveling believes this would bring consistency in the methodology by having communities working together.

Mr. Rawson made a motion to agree to participate in one-year agreement and authorize Mr. Creveling as signatory. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

#### 4.) Old Business:

Update – Town Hall Operations: Mr. Creveling gave a review of the appointment-only schedule of town hall. So far it seems to be going very well, with no received complaints. This revised schedule has greatly helped operations. Mr. Rawson heard a minor issue with getting a permit for the transfer station and the inconvenience of having to go to the town hall. Mr. Rawson indicated this will be reviewed in one month. Both Ms. Burnham and Mr. Morrill reiterated they have received no complaints.

#### 5.) Other Business That May Come Before the Board:

##### Tax Deeded Properties:

254 Governors Road: Mr. Creveling recommends putting this property to auction or silent bid process. He also recommended that since the 2019 auction went really well, maybe this is an opportunity to do that again. It would be good to have these town-owned properties back on the tax roll.

Mr. Morrill received a request from Tate Construction. This is regarding a request from exemption to town ordinance 00-01 Access of Property During time of Road Closings, specifically 76 Picket Hill Road. This exemption has been granted for the past several years and they would like to continue that exemption.

Mr. Morrill made a motion to extend the exemption. Mr. Rawson seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

#### 6.) Approval of Minutes:

##### Non-Public Meeting:

-2/3/2021: Mr. Rawson made motion to accept meeting minutes as written. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept 2/3/2021 Non-Public meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.

**Public Meeting:**

**-2/3/2021:** Mr. Rawson made motion to accept meeting minutes as written. Mr. Morrill seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to accept **2/3/2021** Public meeting minutes as written. The motion passed.

**7.) Public Comments Pertaining to Topics Discussed:**

There were none.

**8.) Expenditure Report:**

Mr. Creveling explained the expenditure report is only showing what expenses have occurred.

**9.) Town Administrator:**

Just a reminder the vote is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>. He will be getting signage posted. He will also make sure there are parking signs specifically posted at the building for handicapped spaces. Mr. Rawson questioned the status of the electric signs. Mr. Creveling indicated there has been a delay in delivery.

**10.) Selectmen Comments:**


Ms. Burnham: Elections on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 8AM-7PM. The homeschoolers bake sale will take place.

Mr. Morrill: None

Mr. Rawson: Elections on March 9<sup>th</sup>, the elections are very important and encourage all residents to participate.

**11.) Adjournment:**

The public meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

BOARD MEMBER	PARTICIPATION			APPROVED ON <u>03/15/2021</u>			
	Physically Present	Attending Remotely	Absent	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	Signatures
Andrew Rawson, Chair	✓			✓			
Matthew Morrill, Vice Chair	✓			✓			
Claudine Burnham	✓			✓			