

Town of Milton
Board of Selectman Meeting
Monday July 6, 2015
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance: Chairman Tom Gray, Mike Beaulieu, Andrew Rawson, Elizabeth Dionne, Town Administrator **Also in Attendance:** Toni McLellan, Recording Clerk

Public in Attendance: Butch Nason, Bob Carrier, Richard Krauss, Lynette McDougall, Thomas McDougall, Kathy Wallingford, Nick Marique, Larry Brown, Betsy Baker, Joe Kenney

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:06pm and welcomed everyone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acknowledgements

Passing's

Diane Maurice
Robbie Parsons
Jessica McCassie

Chairman Gray thanked Robbie Parsons for all he has done for the town as Milton Economic Director, Planning Board member, and in many other capacities.

A moment of silence was observed to honor the deceased and their families.

Birthday's

David Skelly - Fire Department
Peter Maimes – Fire Department
Thomas Gray – Board of Selectman
Ruth Gutman - Library
Kim Ladisheff – Bookkeeper
Jerry Randall – Fire Department
Christopher Liberi – Fire Department
Bryant Shipman – Fire Department
Brian T. Leahy – Police Department

Chairman Gray thanked the employees for their service to the Town, and the people of Milton, and wished them a very happy birthday.

New Business

Discussion on Parcel of Unnumbered Land on Map 14 and 18 – This is a landlocked and unbuildable parcel that Ari Goldenberg is interested in purchasing. K. Wallingford stated that the land is a triangular, land-locked parcel. There are two abutters, A. Goldenberg and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF). The parcel cannot be accessed from the highway. K. Wallingford confirmed that the town owns the parcel. The parcel was part of the original 140 acres known as the “Town Poor Farm.” The BOS has a packet with the offer from A. Goldenberg. Abutter’s will be notified to determine interest, if any, in purchasing the parcel. E. Dionne will report back at the next BOS meeting whether there is interest from the other abutter in purchasing the parcel.

Fire Chief Marique Re: Ambulance Billing Changes -

1) Opt out of the current Anthem Contract and Do Not Sign the Current Proposed Anthem Contract. It was determined that there is no benefit to having a contract with Anthem. The Department will opt out of the contract instead of signing the renewal. Chief Marique crafted a letter to this effect.

2) Sign New Contract with Comstart - Chief Marique met with the Fire Departments for Barrington, Frisbie and Farmington to discuss bundle billing. The new contract has slightly different wording. E. Dionne will sign the document.

3) Contract with MaineCare - Chief Marique suggested that the town sign a contract with MaineCare, which would allow the Fire Department to collect from ambulance rides. The amount the Fire Department has lost in terms of costs for ambulance rides has been significant.

4) Update Billing Schedule to Reflect 2015 Common Rate - Chief Marique is suggesting an increase that is consistent with Alton, Farmington, and Lebanon. He is suggesting the proposed rate of \$1,137.00 for BLS Emergency transport, \$1,893.00 for ALS1 Emergency transport and \$2,932.00 for ALS 2 Emergency. He showed the difference between what is billed and what is collected. He will sign the contract for the rate change.

5) Update the Billing and Collecting Process that Comstar uses - Comstar has one billing sheet for residents and one for non-residents. Chief Marique is suggesting a single sheet/one price for residents and non-residents alike.

6) Review Collection Letter Sent by Comstart – A letter is sent to the client after the initial billing has not received a response.

7) Review Historical Collection Percentage and Current and Projected Expenses

8) Discuss an Outline to be Utilized by the Fire Chief and Town Administrator – This is to determine action once Comstar has exhausted all collection capabilities.

Chief Marique reported that the town of Lebanon, ME Fire Department has resolved their issues and been able to cover their calls since the first of the year. He would like to waive the \$2,000.00 bill, as well as the 2 bills for Lebanon from December, 2014.

L. Brown wondered if the town acquires additional parcels for a Town Forest, would the road names be added to the “Casey Road Town Forest Committee”.

Town Clerk Re: Motor Vehicle Transaction – The Town Clerk is requesting a refund for Paul Steer for vehicle registration. P. Steer made out the check for registration to the Paul Steer Revocable Living Trust. P. Steer wanted the registration under his name so he re-registered the vehicle and paid again and now owed \$148.00. A. Rawson made a motion to refund Paul Steer in the amount of \$148.00. M. Beaulieu seconded. Motion carried. Chairman Gray signed the document.

Stone Hill Municipal Solutions Re: Contract Renewal – E. Dionne reported that everything remains the same with the contract and it is an annual contract. M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the contract as written. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

James R. St. Jean Re: Auctioneers Contract - There are sixteen parcels of land that the town is putting up for bid. There will be notifications in local papers letting the public know of the parcels up for bid. Chairman Gray read the letter detailing the parameters of the contract with James R. St. Jean Auctioneers. M. Beaulieu made a motion to accept the contract as written and to have the Town Administrator sign the document. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

June 18, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes - M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the minutes as written and to release them to the public. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

June 18, 2015 – Nonpublic Special Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the nonpublic minutes as written (with the amendment of adding “nonpublic” to the title of the minutes), and to release them to the public. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried. (E. Dionne will add the amendment to the minutes)

June 22, 2015 – Regular Meeting Minutes– M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the minutes as written and to release them to the public. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

June 22, 2015 – Nonpublic Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the nonpublic minutes as written and to seal paragraphs 1 and 2 indefinitely and release the remainder of the minutes to the public. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

June 24, 2015 – Special Meeting Minutes – M. Beaulieu made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes as written and to release them to the public. A. Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Expenditure Reports

Nothing new to report

Administrator Comments

E. Dionne – Re: Workers Comp is with Timex - The town received 2 surplus refunds (one from 2013 and one from 2014) which were put towards the town bill. The total refund is \$12,666.65. The monthly payments for the town will be lowered for the remainder of the year.

Re: Resignation – Robin Weeks – R. Weeks has tendered her resignation. Her last day of employment will be July 18th, 2015. The vacancy is being advertised.

Re: Map 45 Lot 70 - Farmington Road – Town owned parcel that Chuck Therriault would like to purchase. E. Dionne has not been able to reach Jim Sessler. The cost for the title search is a minimum of \$500.00. If issues arise during the research, the cost could increase. E. Dionne will contact C. Therriault to update him.

Selectman Comments

A. Rawson - thanked everyone that took part in the 4th of July parade.

Re: Video Equipment Update - E. Dionne reported that the wiring has been done. The rest of equipment will be installed this week.

Re: Community Build for the Playground – Volunteers are needed for the July 18th and 19th Community Build for the Playground. The town will be saving over \$20,000 in labor by doing the Build. A pre-build meeting will be held tomorrow night at 6pm at the beach. Sixty-five people are needed; only 20 are signed up.

Re: The Library - he reported that the library is looking good.

B. Baker reported that the library is coming along well and the lift has been ordered.

M. Beaulieu - Reported on the Town Forest Committee meeting which was focused on guidance from the Commissioner of Fish and Game. The Commissioner expressed that a good starting point is a wish list for what the Committee would like to see at the parcel. The Commissioner will review that list when completed.

Re: Milton Downtown: He reported that the downtown is beginning to perk up and it has a “heartbeat” again.

Re: Budget Committee - The next meeting is August 8th, 2015.

Chairman Gray – Re: Planning Board Report - There was no meeting this past month. The next meeting is tomorrow.

Re: Metrocast Contract renewal – He asked the BOS to review the contract. E. Dionne sent out the contract to all Department Heads.

Re: The Proposed Exit 17 Project - He asked that the BOS read the minutes (in the BOS packets) carefully and to make certain everything is in order if things are to proceed.

Re: Scholarship Fund - Last meeting Chairman Gray suggested that Milton provide a scholarship Fund. However, he has since found out that it is illegal to expend taxpayer's money for private use.

Re: The Townhouse – He stated that Primex should look at the Townhouse in order to determine what is needed to open the doors to the public.

Re: Townhouse Committee Key - He suggested giving a key to the Chair of the Townhouse Committee so that the Town Hall can be accessed for meetings. For the last meeting, Chairman Gray received a call and went to the Town Hall to let the Committee in for a meeting. A discussion followed about who should have keys to the building.

Re: NH Municipal Bridge-Aid Program - He received and read a letter from NH DOT about available assistance for repair of municipal bridges. Chairman Gray is thinking of the townhouse bridge. E. Dionne will set up an information session for a BOS meeting.

Public Comments

Chief Krauss – He reported that the NH legislature passed a law to change municipal vehicle inspections to September. As a result, second inspections will need to be done this year.

L. Brown – reported that he voted against the law and said that the state could've gotten a better deal with an in-house contract (the contract is out of state).

B. Nason – reported that the trees overhanging M. Curriers place are on town property. They are 100' off the road so they do not present a highway issue. He called three places and obtained two estimates for removal. He provided them to the BOS for review.

Councilor Kenney –represents 108 towns and 4 cities; Milton being the southernmost town in his district. There is currently a contract impacting the town of Milton. The Governor has rolled out the renewable energy grants (totaling over \$3 million) encompassing solar, geothermal,

biomass, etc. Milton Solar, LLC has applied for over \$580,000. The proposed solar farm would be at the landfill site. Councilor Kenney is the swing vote on the council. He stated that he was present this evening to inquire if the BOS is supportive of the solar project. The BOS stated that they are behind the project 100%.

L. Brown – spoke in favor of the solar project. He stated solar and alternate energy technologies employ over 250,000 people nationally and that this is equivalent to the coal industry.

L. Brown - stated that the town is in a position of control regarding the Exit 17 parcel and sewer service. He felt that the last thing the town should do is give up ownership.

L. Brown - stated that the scholarship that Chairman Gray suggested at the last BOS meeting could be given through a Community Civic Merit Grant.

L. Brown - stated that a time and task template is needed for the work to be done at the playground (Community Build).

L Brown – showed meeting attendees a library T-shirt for “Friends at Work”. There are 2 dozen and they are available from Friends of the Library for \$25.00.

E. Dionne Re: Letter from a resident on Bolan Road about paving. She stated that the resident is asking for a response from the BOS.

A. Rawson stated that that Bolan Road looks good.

B. Nason reported that grading has been completed for the upper portion of Bolan Road. He reported that it is a 2-day project to grade the road.

The residents have requested that the road be paved. Chairman Gray stated that it is the responsibility of the DPW to determine what can be done, what is a priority, and what the Department can afford. They will schedule such things as their schedule allows.

There is a resident (246 Bolan Road) whose well is currently in the roadway. However, the location is unoccupied, falling apart and the well is not in use. It would need to be filled in order to pave the road. There are also trees that need to be removed. A. Rawson stated that with the new grader, the road can be kept in good condition.

L. Brown inquired about the paving for the basketball court. A. Rawson stated that he has gotten 2 quotes (both approximately \$4,000.00). One quote is from S&S Paving and the other is from Torno.

Chairman Gray closed public comments at 7:34pm.

Adjournment

M. Beaulieu made a motion to adjourn 7:35pm. A Rawson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni McLellan
Recording Clerk

Chairman Tom F. Gray

James Michael Beaulieu

Andrew O. Rawson