

**Town of Milton
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting
Monday, February 03, 2014
Milton Town Hall
Meeting Minutes**

In attendance: Chairman Tom Gray, Robert Bridges, James Michael Beaulieu, Elizabeth Dionne Town Administrator and Kimberly Ladisheff Recording Clerk.

Public in attendance: Kathy Wallingford, Michelle Beauchamp, Larry Brown, John Katwick, Bob Carrier, Cynthia Copeland, Shayna Sylvia and Thomas McDougall.

Chairman Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited. He then acknowledged the employees with birthdays in February and there was a moment of silence for 2 residents who passed.

New Business

Assessing Department re: revaluation bid openings – There were 2 bids received. One from Cross Country Appraisal LLC out of Concord NH for \$130,000. The other bid was from Corcoran Consulting Associates out of Wolfeboro Falls NH for the amount of \$77,500. Kathy Wallingford, Assessing Clerk stated she would go over the bids with the Assessor. Tom asked Kathy to come back with a recommendation.

Cynthia Copeland & Shayna Sylvia re: SRPC – Shayna is coordinating an outreach program. They are proposing a meeting in which they reach out to boards, committees and residents with questions about the town. The theme is "What interests Milton?" At the meeting, each participant would have a handheld clicker. A question is asked and the participants hits a button with their answer. They explained this helps to understand the community better and gives a perspective of what the people want. The BOS will get input from the boards and committees and will schedule something after 2nd session town meeting.

Sign control ordinance approval – Tom had a concern with Section VII (f) Agricultural and small scale/low impact wood products. He feels the portion that states "wood products such as firewood" should be taken out. His opinion is if someone wants to place signs for the sale of firewood they should get BOS approval. Previously there have been signs placed all over town and it was overwhelming. This is what prompted this sign ordinance to begin with. The board decided to look into the RSA this refers to and table until the next meeting.

Michelle Beauchamp – wanted to see what the board's interest was in having Farmington employees cover for holidays, vacations, etc. The previous discussion on this was there was a concern about the insurance. Elizabeth will talk with Primex again and they will have Farmington Town Clerk, Kathy Seavers come to the next meeting.

John Katwick - has acknowledgement from LCHIP. To get approval for the grant for the restoration of the Townhouse, Tom's signature was needed and Michelle B. notarized it.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION by Bob to accept the January 22, 2014 minutes as written. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.
MOTION by Bob to accept the January 22, 2014 nonpublic minutes and not divulge for one year.
Seconded by Mike. Motion carried

2.3.14 BOS

MOTION by Bob to accept the January 27, 2014 special meeting minutes. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Administrative Comments

Auditors - Board needs to set up a workshop with auditors in regards to the 2012 audit. They will be starting the next audit in April. Elizabeth will set up a special meeting before April.

Recommendations for warrant articles – Article 7 was changed at deliberative session by the budget committee to not recommend 5-1. Based on the outcome of the deliberative session, Tom motioned to recommend Article 7. Seconded by Bob. Motion carried 3-0. Elizabeth then asked the Board to take a look at the explanations of the warrant articles and see if there is anything they would like changed or added.

Selectmen's Comments

Bob Bridges – discussed the number of town reports that have been ordered in the past and mentioned not ordering so many this year because so many go to waste.

Also, in reference to an email he received from the TA, Bob asked if this was coming from Doug Shute as an individual or as a budget committee member. Doug had been in to talk with the TA and stated he would be checking with the state on 3 things. 1) Can the highway block grant money be used for the Townhouse bridge 2) Can the town legally pay any nonprofit organization with tax money and 3) if town budget is voted down it means the people voted no and no means no, can the police wage article still be paid out if it passed even though the town budget was voted down because no means no. Larry Brown stated that was Doug speaking for himself. There was no motion to ask those questions by the budget committee.

Mike Beaulieu – asked about using debit cards at the Transfer Station. TA explained the Treasurer has been researching this. They wouldn't need a phone line, banks now say you can use a smart phone with a gadget to swipe cards. They are looking into this for the Transfer Station, Town beach and the Tax Collectors office.

Tom Gray – wanted to thank Mike for doing a great job at Saturday's deliberative session especially since it was his first time.

Public Comments

Bob Carrier – stated the Town's website was very good as far as the warrant articles being posted. He said everything was right there and you didn't have to search for it. What he would like to see are the encumbrances but the information that is there is very helpful.

Larry Brown – mentioned the discussions showing up on social media and one of those discussions was regarding why the town did not audit its expenses. He wanted it to be known about the comment from the TA that she had brought to the attention of the BOS that the audit people would be holding a workshop to go over the audit as well as review the responsibilities of the town's affairs.

Other Business

Library quotes – town only received 1 quote. Tom opened the quote from Eric Leblanc in the amount of \$7400. Mike explained Eric will also be working with whoever is putting the fire escape on. A quote from Milton Fabrication was received for the fire escape in the amount of \$7,000. Mike stated due diligence was put forth to try and get more bids as requested.

2.3.14 BOS

MOTION by Bob to accept the 2 bids, one for the construction of the egress by Eric Leblanc in the amount of \$7,400 and one for the fire escape from Milton Fabrication in the amount of \$7,000. Seconded by Tom. Mike abstained. Motion carried.

Chairman Gray moved at 7:20pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,(c). Motion seconded by Bob. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Ladisheff
Recording Secretary

Chairman Tom Gray

Robert Bridges

James Michael Beaulieu