

Town of Milton  
Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 3, 2014  
Milton Town Hall  
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Chairman Tom F. Gray, Selectman Robert L. Bridges, Selectman James Michael Beaulieu, Town Administrator Elizabeth Dionne.

**Public in attendance:** Nick Marique, Betsy Baker, Les Elder, Laurie Palmeira, Gail Pennell, Pat Smith, Larry Brown, Bob Carrier, Brian Boyers, Steve Panish, Charles Ek.

T. Gray moved at 5:30pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,a&c. Motion seconded by B. Bridges. Motion carried.

T. Gray moved at 6:03pm to exit nonpublic and resume this discussion later in the meeting. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

Chairman Gray called the open session meeting to order at 6:03pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Acknowledgements were read.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Building Permits:** Brian Boyers, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the Board with a revised Major Building Permit Application, Minor Building Permit Application, and a Permission to Alter Plans & Scope of Active/Issued Permit. These three will replace the current forms. Legal review still pending.

B. Bridges moved to approve the Major Building Permit Application, Minor Building Permit Application, Permission to Alter Plans & Scope of Active/Issued Permit. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

**Transfer Station Weight Scale:** Pat Smith, Public Works Director, presented the Board with a packet on the proposed mechanical weight scale and information on a \$5,000.00 grant that was awarded towards the price of the scale. The scale will assist in creating accurate weight and fees of refuse and items being dropped off. The recommended quote on the scale is "Fairbanks Scales" out of Bellingham, Massachusetts, for \$57,533.00. The grant is from "America the Beautiful" which deals with Recycling Equipment. Current balance in Transfer Station Revolving Account is \$175,886.13.

B. Bridges moved to approve the Fairbanks quote at \$57,533.00; accept the \$5,000.00 grant from "American the Beautiful" to be placed towards the quote price; and take the balance of funds needed for the scale out of the Transfer Station Revolving Fund. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

**Library Mooseplate Grant for Handicap Ramp:** Laurie Palmeira, Library Trustee, presented the Board with a document on a Mooseplate Grant they would like to pursue to promote the Library and hopefully replace the handicap ramp or be used for matching LCHIP funds in the future. If this grant is approved, work on the handicap ramp would begin August 2014.

M. Beaulieu moved to approve the proposal to apply for a Mooseplate Grant for the Library.

Motion seconded by B. Bridges. Motion carried.

**Library Fire Escape:** M. Beaulieu addressed a memo from Fire Captain Inspector Robin Weeks in which requirements have increased for the fire escape such as a tread to prevent slipping and a blinder over the top and sides for those afraid of heights. Because of these requirements the current bid of \$7,000.00 from Milton Fabrication must be increased by \$1,000.00 to cover the tread. Request the Board rescind the previous 2/3/14 approval of the \$7,000.00 bid in order that Milton Fabrication may submit a new bid with greater detail.

B. Bridges moved to rescind earlier bid contract with Milton Fabrication. Motion seconded by T. Gray. Motion carried. M. Beaulieu abstained.

**Conservation Commission Appointment:** Steve Panish, Conservation Commission Member, introduced Charlie Ek of 195 Evergreen Valley Road. Discussion on which vacant position to appoint Mr. Ek into as there are differing expiration dates. Mike McDonnell's position expires March 2014 and at which time he may be appointed again with all other appointments made for a three year term. Emery Booska's appointment expires March 2016.

B. Bridges moved to appoint Mr. Ek into Mike McDonnell's old position until March 11, 2014. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

#### **MINUTES:**

**February 19, 2014.** B. Bridges moved to approve. Motion seconded by B. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

**February 19, 2014 Nonpublic first session.** B. Bridges moved to approve and seal indefinitely. Motion carried by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

**February 19, 2014 Nonpublic second session.** B. Bridges moved to approve and seal indefinitely. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:** E. Dionne reported on the following items.

**Strafford Regional Planning Commission Outreach Program:** Tentative date for holding the program is April 28, 2014 at 5pm. Consensus agreement on that date.

**Employee Handbook:** Currently working on the Employee Handbook. Questions are developing out of the creation of the Handbook on certain policies. Once the Handbook is in a final draft format, a list of questions will be distributed for decisions by the Board.

**Elm Street Tower - SBA Communications:** SBA Communications, leasee of the Elm Street tower, is required to have a \$30,000.00 bond on the tower per the Town. SBA is changing insurance companies on the bond from Travelers Surety to RLI Insurance. In order to complete this, approval is needed by the Board for a replacement bond with the new insurance company. Nothing else will change.

B. Bridges moved to approve the new bond. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

**Farmington Sewer Department:** The Town of Farmington Sewer Department wanted the Board to know that they will be allowing private septic haulers who pick up Milton sewage to

drop off at their facility in the near future. This would allow the haulers not to travel so far to drop off and may create a price reduction for the Milton residents. Although no permission is needed from the Milton Board of Selectmen, as a courtesy the Town of Farmington Sewer Department wanted to let the Board know of their decision to allow this. Consensus by the Board was in full agreement and hoped there may be a lower price for the Milton residents.

### **SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS:**

**Milton Auto Works:** M. Beaulieu inquired into a letter received from the State regarding Milton Auto Works at 1385 White Mountain Highway. E. Dionne explained it's either to run or renew a new or used car dealership or start or renew inspections. It's been forwarded to Brian Boyers, Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board to handle.

**Michael Bernier:** B. Bridges addressed Facebook postings by Mr. Bernier in which he states he will be teaching surfing lessons at the town beach, charging a fee, having clients sign a waiver, and will be contacting Karen Brown (Recreation Director). B. Bridges (also a Recreation Commissioner) advised no one has contacted the Recreation Commission and no one is allowed to run a private business on Town property.

**Pizza Nook:** Angelo, the son of the Pizza Nook owners is doing a little better in the hospital from his brain injury. A benefit dance was held this past Saturday night at the Moose Club and it was a huge success.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Misc:** Larry Brown addressed issues previously mentioned. Could the Town negotiate with the cell tower company to eliminate dead spots; Regarding a wind turbine, the fall zone is controlled but nothing else; Will the Transfer Station weight scale be tare free and how will non-chargables be handled if mixed into the back of a truck with chargeables; Wendy Beckworth with tremendous architectural skills has offered her assistance regarding the handicap ramp; the name "clicker" as a tool was used in the 1950's to teach animals to do certain things; Lizzie Bordon was acquitted in her murder trial and her records are still sealed to this date by "sealing indefinitely", something to think about when you seal nonpublic sessions.

**Budget Committee Recording Clerk:** Bob Carrier advised he was notified by the Budget Committee Recording Clerk that she was let go via email. BOS advised the BC Chairman was notified previously and the Recording Clerk was sent a detailed letter, not an email, explaining the cut-backs the Board is doing, one of which was the BC Recording Clerk.

**Transfer Station:** Steve Panish asked why a scale needed to be installed at the Transfer Station and what was the payback period. BOS advised to better determine accurate amounts to charge the customers instead of an eyeballed guesstimate. This will benefit the customers and the Town. Most municipalities have some sort of a scale. The cost will not be paid for by taxpayer money, but by user fees previously collected.

**Nonpublic Session:** T. Gray moved at 7:06pm to enter into nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3,II,c. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

T. Gray moved at 7:38pm to exit nonpublic session. Motion seconded by B. Bridges. Motion carried.

T. Gray moved to seal the nonpublic minutes for 12 months. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

T. Gray moved at 7:42pm to adjourn. Motion seconded by M. Beaulieu. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. Dionne, Town Administrator

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Chairman Tom F. Gray

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Robert L. Bridges

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James Michael Beaulieu